

South East area LAC

Parks and Countryside Service

Land area managed 3,934 Hectares

Sites of varying types managed across the city

- City Parks – 13
- District Parks – 20
- Local Parks – 50
- Botanical Gardens – 1
- Local Green Spaces – 342
- Playgrounds – 150
- Nature Conservation Sites – 262
- Woodlands / plantations – 181
- Community Farms
- Allotment Sites – 76
- Closed Burial Grounds – 21

Sports facilities include

- 15 cricket squares
- 4 cricket practice nets
- 140 football pitches
- 48 MUGAs
- 55 tennis courts
- 12 climbing boulders
- 21 bike tracks
- 11 skate parks
- 32 Bowls greens
- 14 Fishing sites
- 1 Pitch n Putt course

Other facilities include

- Boating facility
- By May2023, 14 sites with cafes, kiosks & toilets and more are planned.
- 3 Visitor & Education Centres
- 722 dual waste bins, 144 dog bins



Budget

Revenue Funding

2010/11

£8.5m

2018/19

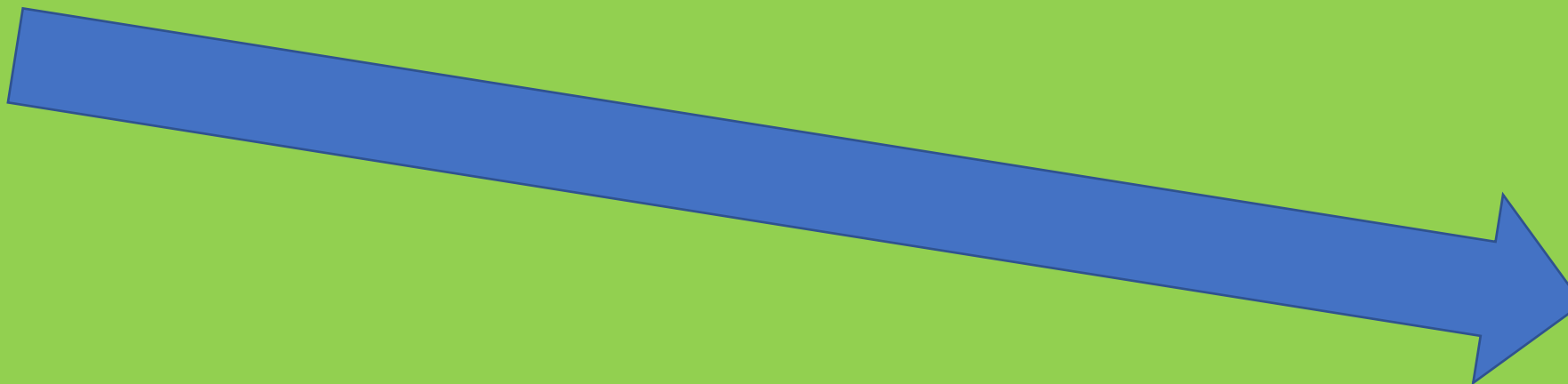
£4.9m

2022/23

£ 3.75m

2023/24

£3.35m



Income
Generation

£5.96m

£7.22m



The affordable management challenge

ASB, floral expectations, facilities management, popularity, diseases (e.g. Ash Die Back), staff & machinery, costly operations, fly tipping)



South East LAC Area Quality & Quality uplift

Sheffield Standard Scores - South East LAC

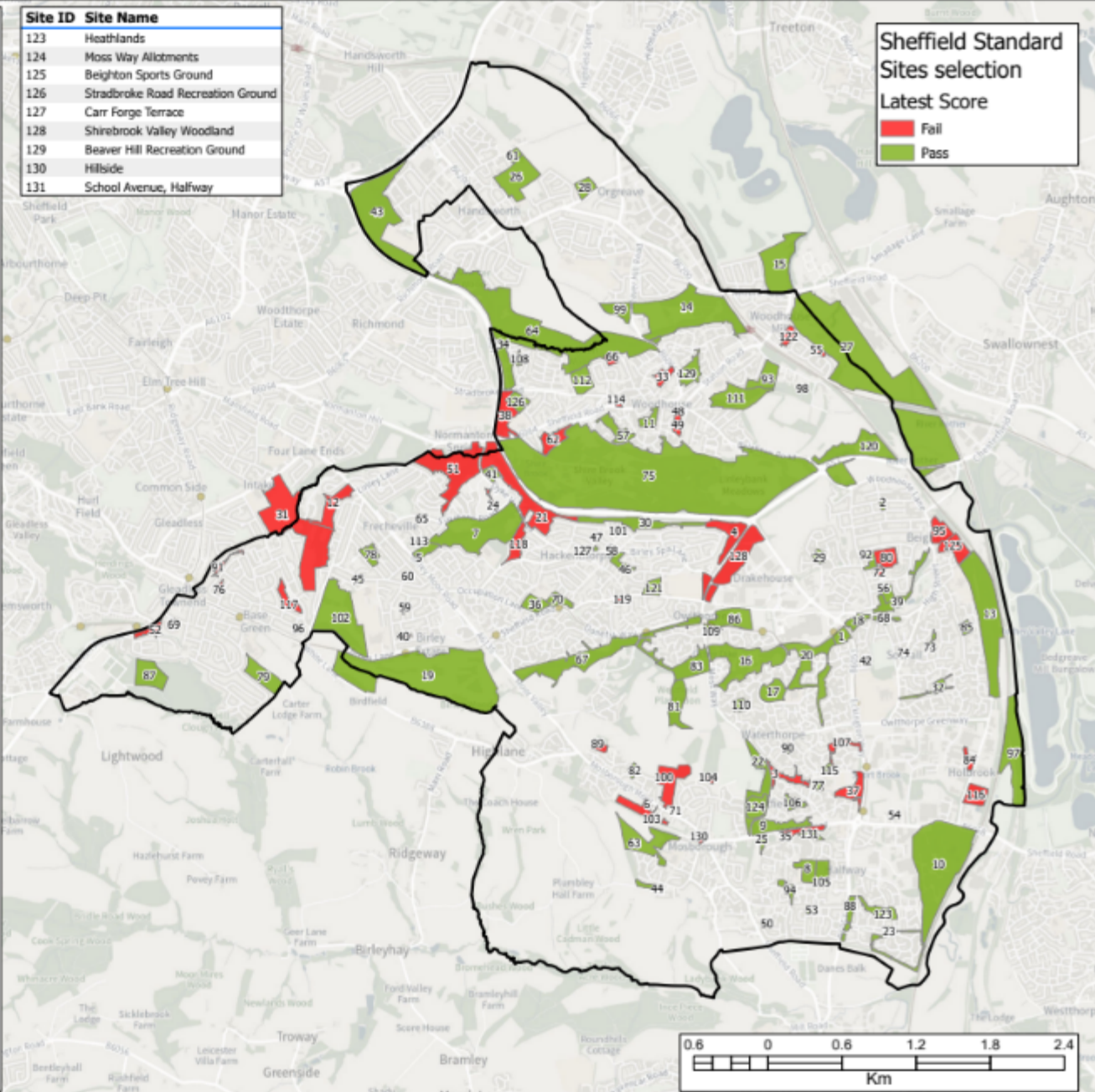
Quality position

- 126 recreational sites
- 67.7% attain the Sheffield Standard
- Green Flag???

Parks with plans for capital improvement:

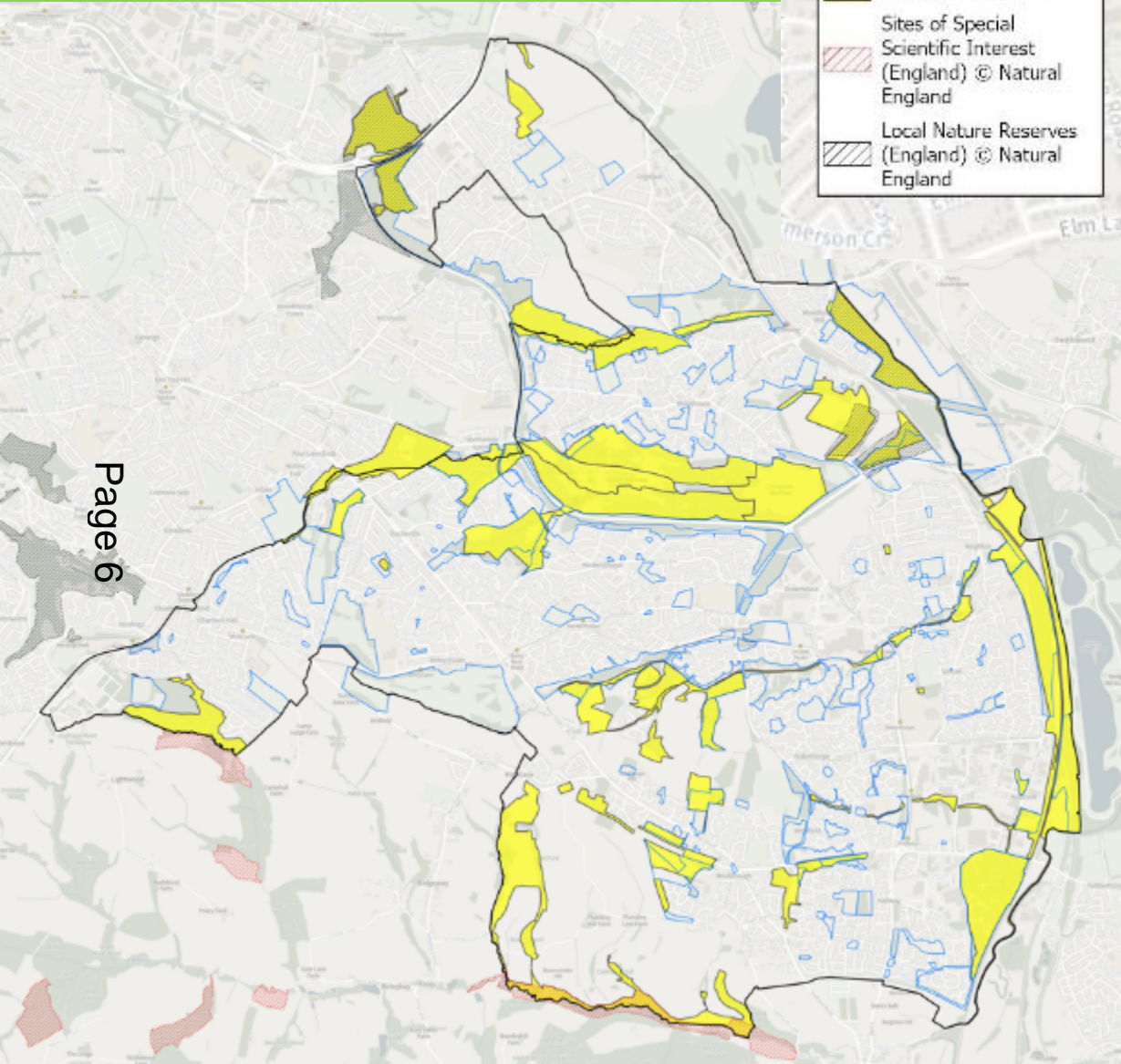
- Birley Spa (SCCT)
- Frecheville Pond
- Thorpe Green
- Owlthorpe Park
- Heathlands Park
- Handsworth Rec
- Shirebrook Valley (Species Recovery Bid)

| Site ID | Site Name | Site ID | Site Name | Site ID | Site Name |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Crystal Peaks Meadow | 62 | Victoria Road Allotments | 123 | Heathlands |
| 2 | Cairns Road | 63 | Bride Stile | 124 | Moss Way Allotments |
| 3 | Cowley Gardens | 64 | Shirtcliffe Brook | 125 | Beighton Sports Ground |
| 4 | Delves Avenue | 65 | Silkstone Place | 126 | Stradbroke Road Recreation Ground |
| 5 | East Glade Way | 66 | Mauncer Drive Pigeon Allotments | 127 | Carr Forge Terrace |
| 6 | Mosborough Moor Open Space | 67 | Ochre Dyke Owlthorpe | 128 | Shirebrook Valley Woodland |
| 7 | Silkstone Ravine | 68 | West Street Open Space | 129 | Beaver Hill Recreation Ground |
| 8 | Halfway Junior School | 69 | Briarfield Crescent | 130 | Hilside |
| 9 | Station Road, Westfield | 70 | Sheffield Road | 131 | School Avenue, Halfway |
| 10 | Holbrook Heath | 71 | Ferncroft Avenue Allotments | | |
| 11 | Tannery Park | 72 | Sothall Green Allotments | | |
| 12 | Frecheville Heath | 73 | Grizedale Avenue | | |
| 13 | Meadowgate Avenue | 74 | Armstead Road | | |
| 14 | Flockton Park | 75 | Shirebrook Valley Nature Reserve | | |
| 15 | Woodhouse Mill Playing Field | 76 | Carson Mount | | |
| 16 | Waterthorpe Park | 77 | Shortbrook Road | | |
| 17 | Thorpe Green | 78 | Frecheville Pond | | |
| 18 | Drake House Lane | 79 | Charnock Park | | |
| 19 | Birley Golf Course | 80 | Reignhead Farm | | |
| 20 | Waterthorpe Open Space | 81 | Westfield Plantation | | |
| 21 | Scowerdons Drive | 82 | Owlthorpe Grove | | |
| 22 | Moss Way Open Space | 83 | Lundwood Open Space | | |
| 23 | Oxclose buffer | 84 | Cow Lane | | |
| 24 | Spa Brook Drive | 85 | Beighton Cemetery | | |
| 25 | Helmsley Avenue | 86 | Ochre Dike Lane Playing Field | | |
| 26 | Handsworth Community Park | 87 | Bowman Drive | | |
| 27 | Woodhouse Washlands LNR | 88 | Heathlands Estate | | |
| 28 | Handsworth Cemetery | 89 | Owlthorpe Lane | | |
| 29 | Springwell Park | 90 | Westland Road | | |
| 30 | Rainbow Avenue | 91 | Lister Crescent | | |
| 31 | Jaunty Park | 92 | Reignhead Farm Allotments | | |
| 32 | Rolling Acres | 93 | Junction Road | | |
| 33 | Revill Lane Open Space | 94 | Auckland Way | | |
| 34 | Stradbroke Road | 95 | Beighton Miners Welfare | | |
| 35 | Station Road Woodland | 96 | Basgreen Road | | |
| 36 | Occupation Lane Open Space | 97 | Holbrook East of railway | | |
| 37 | Rotherham Road North | 98 | Junction Road Allotments | | |
| 38 | Colesley Hill East | 99 | Beaver Drive | | |
| 39 | Ochre Dyke | 100 | High Street Open Space | | |
| 40 | Birley Moor Drive Allotments | 101 | Carr Forge Road | | |
| 41 | Dyke Vale Open Space | 102 | Fox Lane Playing Fields | | |
| 42 | Batesquie | 103 | Moor Crescent Allotments | | |
| 43 | Bowden Housteads Wood South | 104 | Elm Crescent Allotments | | |
| 44 | Plumley Lane Allotments | 105 | Westfield School | | |
| 45 | Hayfield Crescent | 106 | Westfield Southway Open Space | | |
| 46 | Rainbow Park | 107 | Carley Drive | | |
| 47 | Carter Lodge Avenue | 108 | Cardwell Drive Open Space | | |
| 48 | Meeting House Lane Allotments | 109 | Ochre Dike Lane | | |
| 49 | Lamb Croft Municipal Allotments | 110 | Farm Fields Close | | |
| 50 | Hayes Drive | 111 | East Park Fields | | |
| 51 | Wickfield Heath and Plantation | 112 | Woodhouse Cemetery | | |
| 52 | Kew Crescent | 113 | Silkstone Close | | |
| 53 | Hollow Lane Open Space | 114 | Tannery Street | | |
| 54 | South View Allotments | 115 | Westfield Northway | | |
| 55 | John Hibbard Avenue | 116 | Holbrook Marsh | | |
| 56 | Grange Road Open Space | 117 | Jaunty Place | | |
| 57 | Waterslacks Road Open Space | 118 | Birley Spa House | | |
| 58 | Carter Lodge Drive | 119 | Hackenthorpe Village Green | | |
| 59 | Thornbridge Rise | 120 | Beighton Marsh | | |
| 60 | Hazelbadge Crescent | 121 | Church Lane | | |
| 61 | Finchwell Road Allotments | 122 | Soaphouse Lane Allotments | | |



Ecological rich spaces

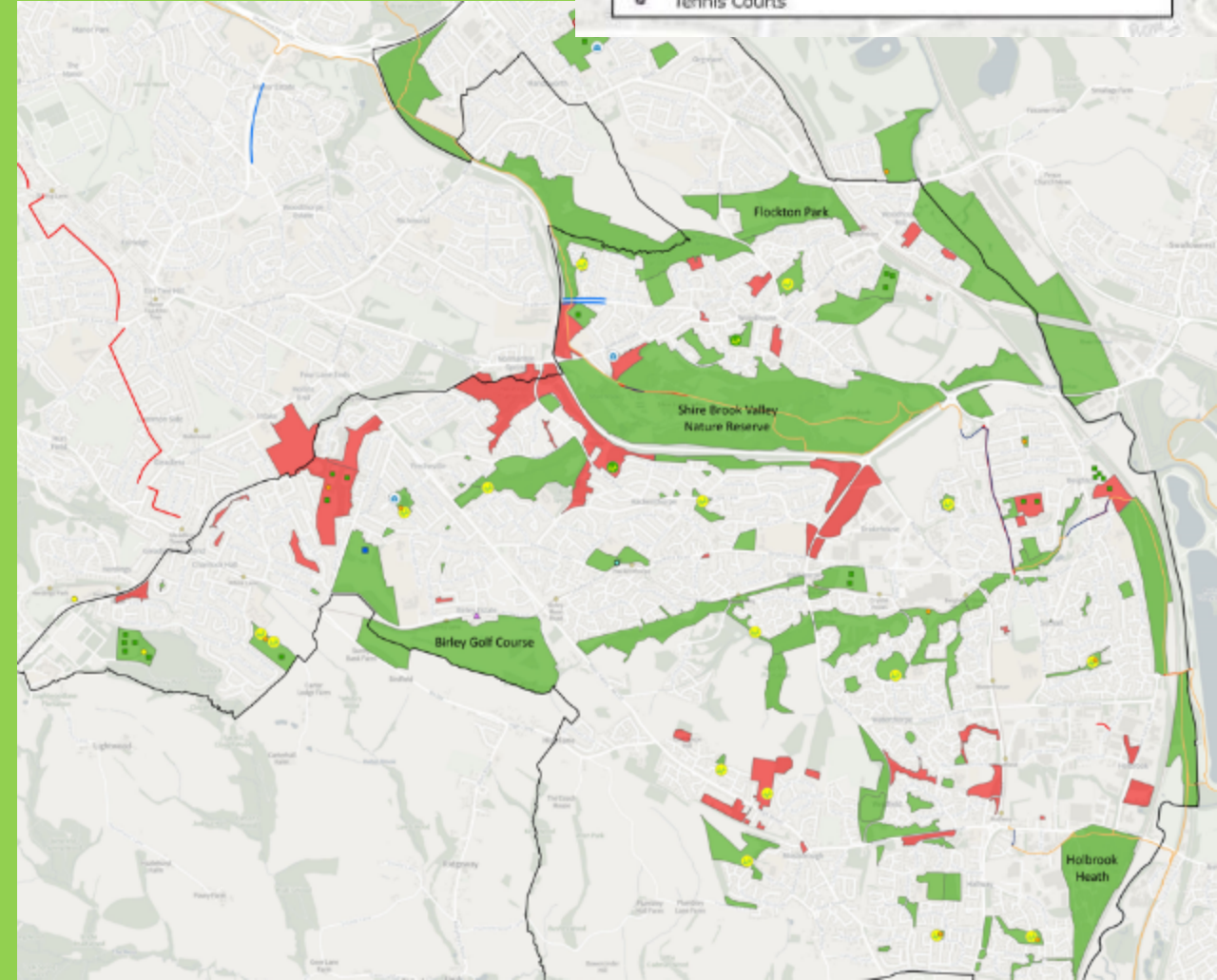
- Sheffield Standard Sites
- Local Wildlife Sites
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (England) © Natural England
- Local Nature Reserves (England) © Natural England



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Recreational Facilities

- Sheffield Standard Sites
- Pass
- Fail
- Bike Track
- Bowling Greens
- Climbing Boulders
- Football Pitches
- MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)
- Tennis Courts
- Skate Park
- Parks Playgrounds
- Green Flag Site
- Cycle Lane
- Official Cycle Lane
- TrafficFree
- On Road
- Cafe
- Playground
- Pavilion



Green Space Ecological Improvements

- Funding for **SCCT's** work with volunteers: access and infrastructure, meadow management, encroaching vegetation and litter clearance
- Working along the S20 corridor with £20k of CIL over the past few years (with the South East Environment Group)
- Community Forestry have hedge planting planned at Linley Bank
- A **Landscape and Ecological Management Plan** for the **Owlthorpe Development site** (associated with the Biodiversity Net Gain BNG) is well progressed. This will require agreement on where the overall land management of this site sits in order for the BNG monies to be spent.
- Delivering a small NLHF bid (30-40K) for part of the former **Owlthorpe** Higher Level Stewardship area.
- Ongoing educational activities delivered by the Rangers (funded by the LAC)
- Community Forestry events and activities on the **Owlthorpe and Beighton Orchards** (funded by the LAC). Will the Beighton Orchard management continue to be funded by the LAC (as it's not a P&C site)



Volunteering P&C led activities

April – September 2023

- Engaged with 186 volunteers
- Total volunteering hours 733

Across various sites including:

- Shire Brook Valley
- Holbrook Marsh
- Shirtclife Wood
- Waterthorpe Park
- Birley Stone
- Birley Spa Woods

Activities undertaken:

- clearance and cutting back
- path maintenance
- tree maintenance mulching
- planting
- litter removal
- education sessions
- meadow management



Allotments in the South East

- 14 sites totalling 402 plots
- 21 are currently deemed unlettable. Usually due to either historic fly tip or overgrown that make it at present uneconomical to bring back to a lettable condition.
- Waiting list across the SE is currently at 161

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Allotment Issues

- Victoria Rd and fly-tipping removal costs £15,000. Bringing unlettable plots up to standard is a challenge
- Mossway – scale of issue will require skips for clearance of waste. Bringing unlettable plots up to standard is a challenge (and other sites such as Lambcroft)
- Elm Crescent needs an accessible water supply





Cardwell Park



Recent Improvements



Frecheville Pond



Shire Brook Valley

Wider Improvements

Westfield Park new playground delivered in 2021.
Next priority – the Castle...



Hollinsend Park Tennis Re-provision
and Play upgrade

Green Space Improvements coming soon...

Thorpe Green

Following community consultation, toddler play improved and safety surfacing replaced to be delivered for the playground. There is £34k available (Public Health funding & Waterthorpe TARA contribution)

Heathlands Park

The Friends Group's priorities for spending the £180k Section 106 available for the park. Consultation has identified a list of the community's improvement ideas. Next step is to develop designs & costs. Delivery in 24/25 financial year.

Handsworth Recreation Ground

Working with Friends of Handsworth Park. Consultation has identified priorities. There is £60k Section 106 funding. Goals: improving toddler play, boundary improvements, games area improvements. These are being designed up and works will be carried out in Spring 2024.

Owlthorpe New Playground

As part of the Owlthorpe housing development a new playground is to be installed by the developer before the completion of the housing.

Handsworth



Thorpe Green

South East LAC Green Spaces – future projects and priorities

Green Space Improvements in planning

Future Priorities:

- **Improving site quality** – Sheffield Standard & Green Flag
- **Recreational & Community Facilities renewal:** Shirebrook Valley – potential Green Flag site, High St Open Space play & site quality improvements, Ecological and access improvements, Castle site MUGA area improvement.
- **Making sites more accessible and Inclusive** – playgrounds renewal – choice of inclusive equipment.
- **Making sites better for wildlife by improving natural habitats** (woodlands, wildflower meadows etc.).
 - **Habitat and accessibility improvements at naturalistic spaces across the South East**
 - **Species Survival Bid: Shire Brook Valley landscape** (landscape scale) funding bid to deliver nature recovery across multiple locations including Shire Brook Valley Nature Reserve, Beighton Marsh, Woodhouse Washlands, Wickfield Heath & Plantation, Richmond Park and Silkstone Ravine (part of Birley Spa).



Improving the accessibility of play



Trial autumn cut meadow strips

Thank you
Any Questions?