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Parks Seminar 2025

Healthy Parks = Healthy Planet = Healthy People



Thursday 13 March

Emirates Old Trafford,
Manchester, M16 0PX



Programme

09.00

Registration and exhibition viewing

10.00-
11.40



Sustaining success in parks: Successful methods of working for parks teams

Maciek Kaszubowski, *Parks and Green Spaces Policy Lead*

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

**Healthy
Parks**



Local authorities and treescape expansion: Delivering action through research

Dr Louise Hill, *Lead Advisor on Adaptation, Tree Health Team*

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

11.40-

12.10

**Comfort
break**



Jon Stokes, *Director of Trees, Science and Research*

The Tree Council



Findings of APSE's State of the Market in Parks 2025

Matt Ellis, *Principal Advisor*

Association for Public Service Excellence



What does local government reorganisation mean for grounds maintenance services?

Mo Baines, *Chief Executive*

Association for Public Service Excellence

12.10-
13.45

**Healthy
Planet**



Evidencing and producing our Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Andra Stopforth, *Nature Recovery and Biodiversity Lead Officer*

North Northamptonshire Council



Activating spaces and communities through SuDS implementation

Marcus Gayle, *Flood Risk Manager*

Lewisham Council

13.45-

14.45

**Lunch
break**



Introduction to Agrovista Amenity

Ed Smith, *Landscape and IVM Manager*

Agrovista UK Ltd (sponsor)



Managing soil to optimise carbon storage

Justin Smith, *Director*

Green Pigeon

14.45-
16.25

**Healthy
People**



Power of exercise: Building an active community that values our outdoor spaces

Born Barikor, *CEO*

Our Parks



Developing a citywide approach for biodiversity, health and environment

Dr Rachel Palfrey, *Nature Recovery Project Manager - Bradford and the South Pennines*

Natural England

16.25

Close



Using economic evidence and adaptive leadership to inform investment in parks?

Humera Sultan, *Consultant in Public Health and NIHR Doctoral Local Authority Fellow*

University of Birmingham



Eddie Curry, *Interim Head of Parks*

Birmingham City Council

About

Nature Recovery; Biosecurity; Biodiversity; Soil Management and Improvement; Reorganisation; Budgets; Influencing Investment in Parks; Outdoor Fitness; SuDS...

Your chance to explore how local councils can harness the transformative potential of parks and greenspace to improve health, boost wellbeing, and tackle climate challenges head-on.

Connect with fellow council colleagues, senior civil servants and environmental organisations to share ideas, insights, and collaborations for action on:

- **Tackling Climate Change:** Explore how your greenspace can act as a powerful tool to mitigate the effects of climate change, from carbon sequestration to enhancing biodiversity and water management.
- **Enhancing Community Wellbeing:** Discover how well-designed and accessible parks can foster stronger community connections, social inclusion, and a better quality of life for residents.
- **Improving Public Health:** Learn how parks can become hubs for promoting physical and mental health, from reducing stress to offering spaces for exercise and social interaction.

Who Should Attend?

- Local authority decision-makers, including parks and greenspace managers.
- Public health professionals and planners.
- Climate change and sustainability advocates.
- Community leaders and stakeholders.
- Environmental NGOs and green infrastructure experts.

Join us to reshape the future of our communities' greenspace, where health, wellbeing, and climate resilience meet for the benefit of all!

Tree and Plant Health Stand



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs



Animal &
Plant Health
Agency

Your chance to talk with the
experts on the latest biosecurity
threats, legislation and toolkits

Ash Dieback, Oak Processionary Moth, Asian
Longhorn Beetles, Japanese Knotweed, Giant
Hogweed...



Be sure to visit Defra's Tree and Plant Health Stand
for all the latest on pests and diseases!

Venue

Emirates Old Trafford, Talbot Rd,
Old Trafford, Stretford, Manchester
M16 0PX

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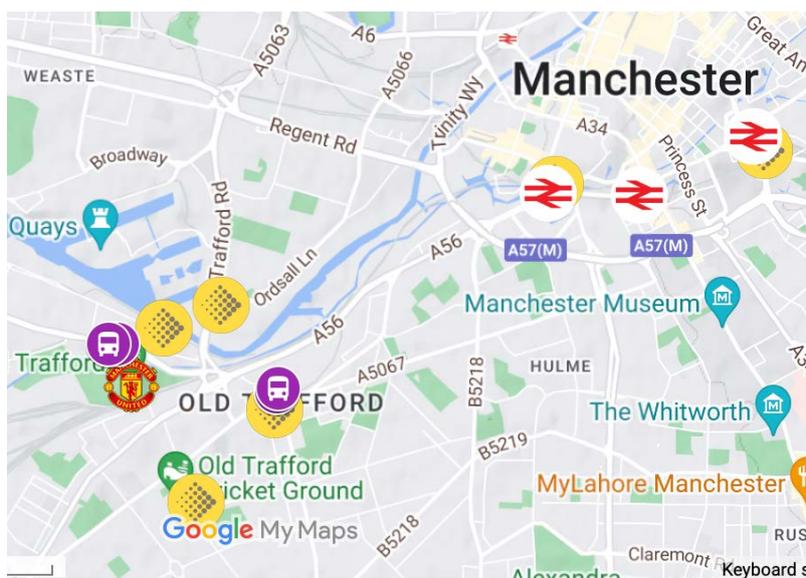


Public Transport

You can easily get to Old Trafford by bus, train
or the Metrolink Service.

By Car

There is on-site, complimentary parking to all
guests in the 700-capacity car park.



Exhibition

Includes one of the largest trade exhibitions of its kind!

Our exhibition area contains a rich suite of market-leading products and services. It offers a unique opportunity to question suppliers about their latest products and pricing.

For more information about exhibition opportunities for your organisation, contact Matt Paton at Spacehouse on:

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Booking

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments.

APSE member delegate fee: **£188 + VAT**

Non member delegates fee: **£284 + VAT**

Commercial delegates: **£408 + VAT**

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