

Developing a working relationship with Parks Friends Groups



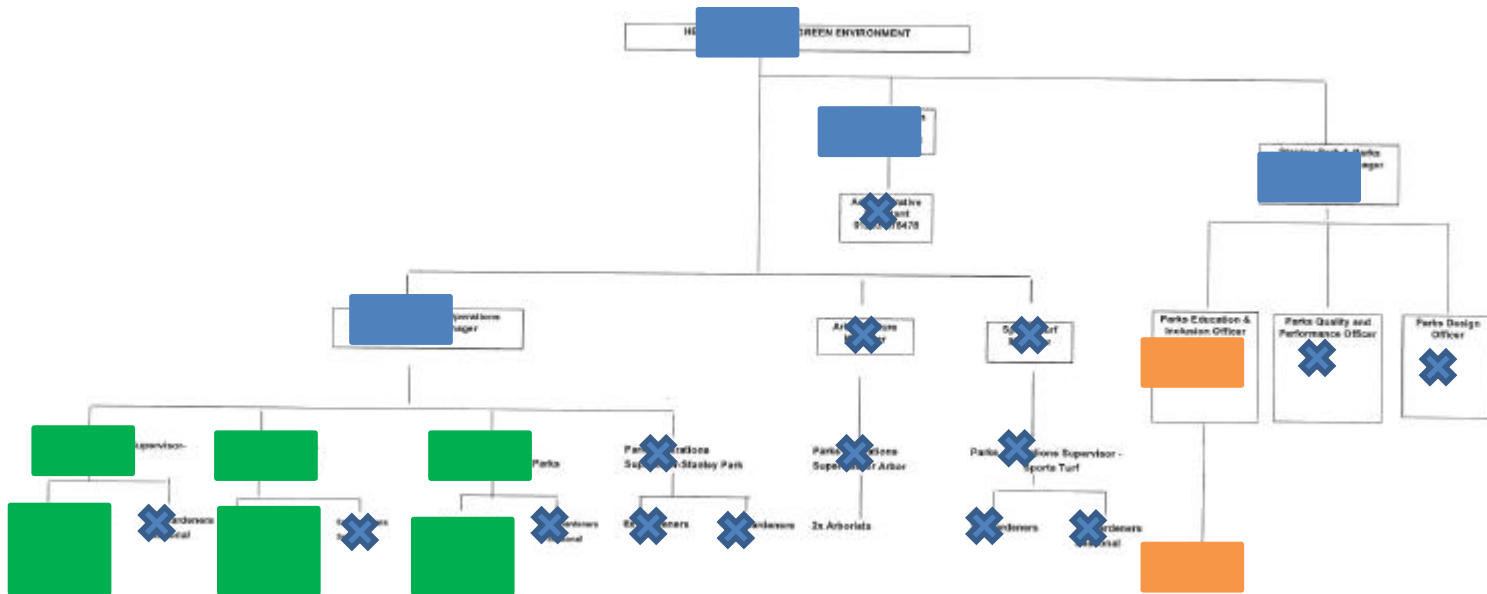
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Why have Friends Groups?

Understanding their value



Changing Parks Service



2007

72 staff

10 office (Manager, officers & administration)

53 front-line (gardeners, arboriculturalists, rangers)

2017

32 Staff

4 office (Manager, officers & administration)

21 front-line (gardeners, arboriculturalists, rangers)

Of which 3 are funded posts

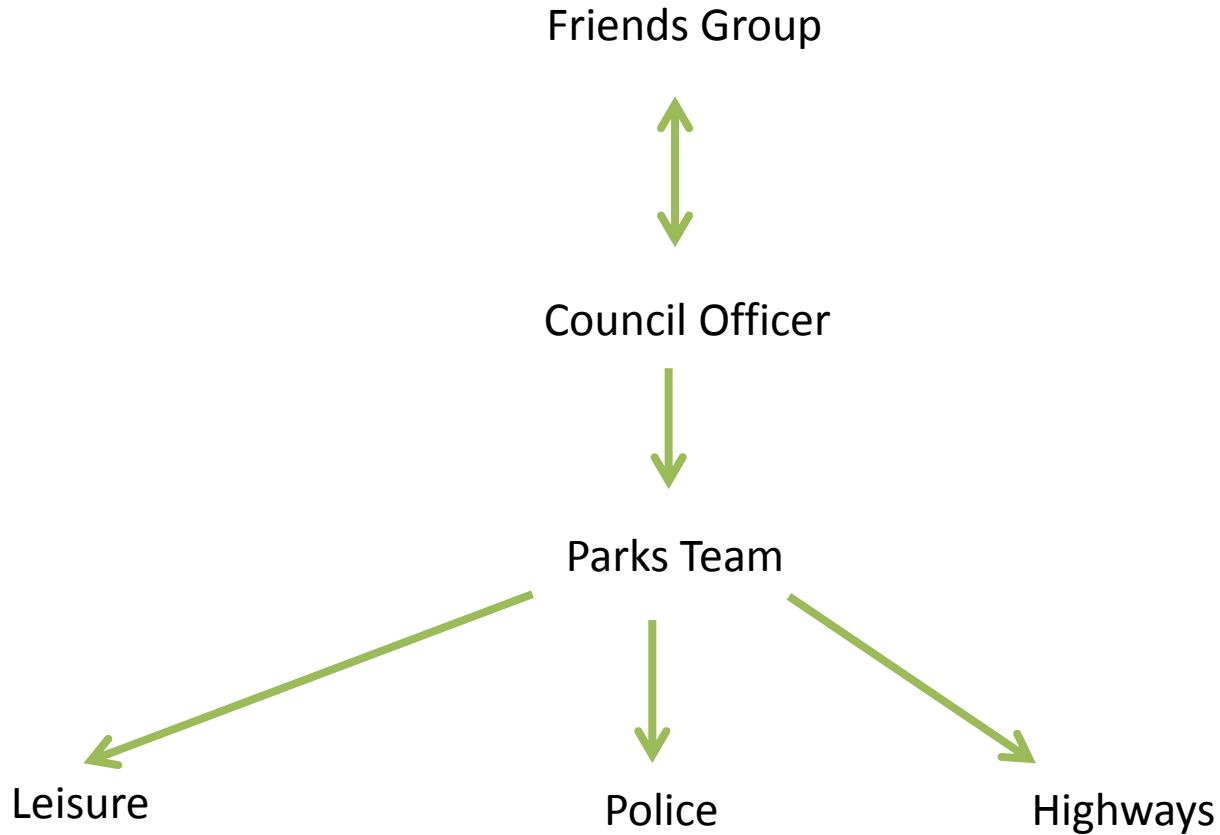
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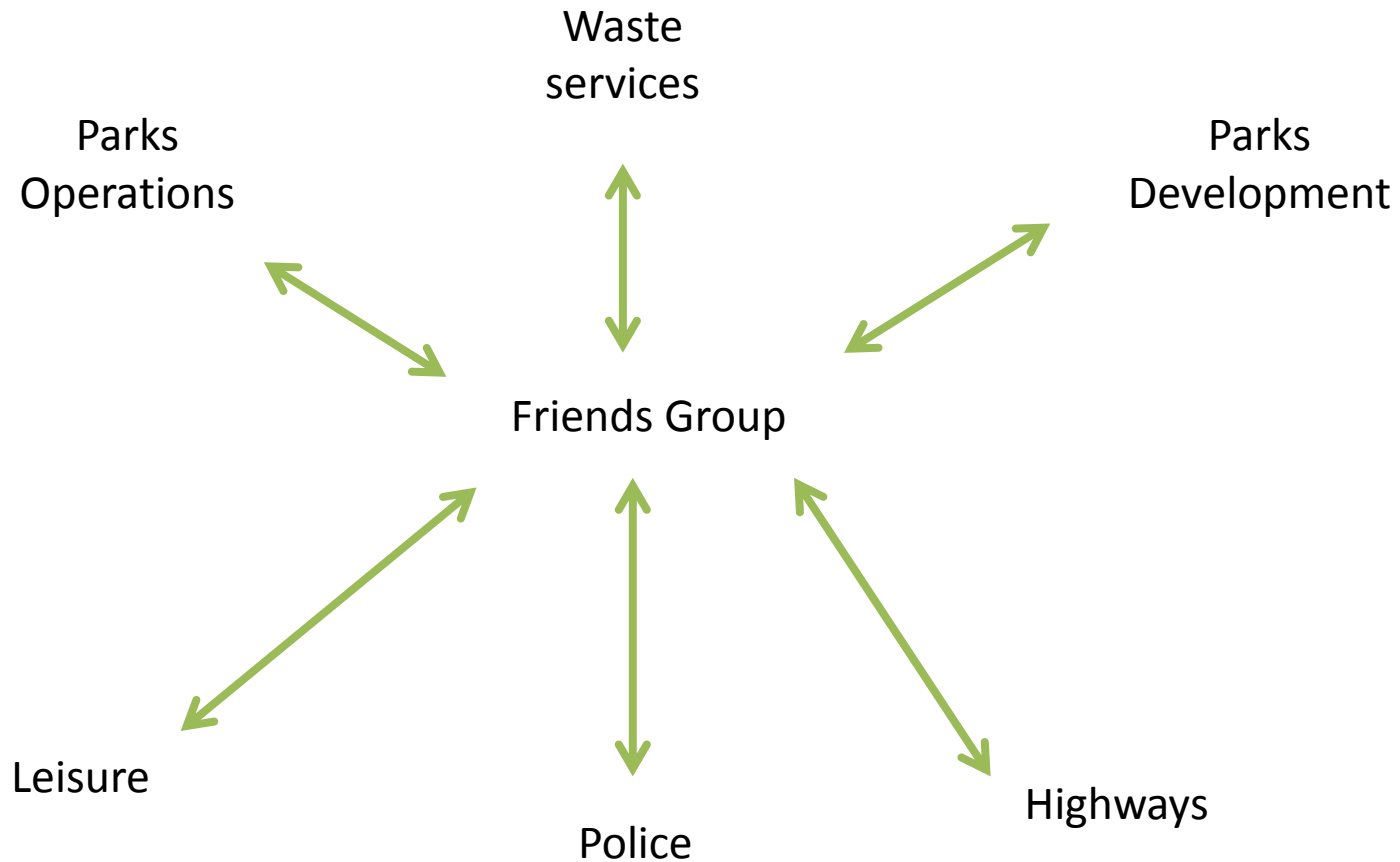
Adventures in Community Management



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Open Spaces Network

- Shared Practice
- Update on the Service
- Opportunity to meet
- Different venues
- Funding available



Friends Handbook

Foreword - Cabinet Member for Tourism and Leisure

1. Introduction
2. Why form a Park Friends Group?
3. Role of Park Friends Groups
4. Role of Council and Staff
5. Role of Councillors
6. Starting a partnership with Blackpool Council
7. Support from Blackpool Council
8. Code of conduct
9. Brief stages of forming a Park Friends Group
10. How to organise meetings
11. Park Friends Group projects
12. Increasing support for your group
13. Obtaining feedback from the wider community
14. Newsletters and websites
15. Networking
16. Linking with regional and national organisations
17. Working in tandem with Council strategies and management plans
18. Permissions
19. Legal matters
20. Disbanding a group

Partnership Agreement Form

Group Contact Details Registration Form

Useful contacts



No Park is the same, so why should Friends Groups be the same



Friends Can Do More



New groups & established groups



Possibilities are endless...



Carol and Carole at the bandstand. Isn't the new stall a bit swish?

Benefits of joint working



“It’s fantastic to win the award for Best Have a Field Day celebrating the history of our park, but even better to win UK’s Best Park, celebrating the work done by all the friends, staff and volunteers who make our park so wonderful.”

*Diane Farley,
Blackpool Council*



Celebrate our Parks





Don't just take my
word for it...

