



**Keep Scotland  
Beautiful**

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**GREEN FLAGS FOR PARKS**

**May 2013**

# Green Flag for Parks: The History

- Green Flag for Parks was launched in 1996 to recognise and reward the best green spaces in the country.
- First flags were raised in 1997.
- Today the scheme provides a benchmark against which UK parks and green spaces are measured.
- The award encourages others to achieve high environmental standards, setting a standard of excellence in recreational green areas.

## Green Flag for Parks: The future

- Keep Scotland Beautiful will oversee the delivery in Scotland for the next five years, as part of a new UK wide partnership including Keep Britain Tidy, Tidy Northern Ireland and Keep Wales Tidy.
- In order to deliver the award scheme KSB hopes to work with:
  - Greenspace Scotland;
  - The Conservation Volunteers; and
  - The Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens.

## Green Flag for Parks: Awards offered

Keep Scotland Beautiful will be offering two levels of Green Flag Award:

- the Green Flag Award for parks and green spaces managed by local authorities/duty bodies; and
- the Green Flag Community Award for quality green spaces managed by voluntary and community groups.

# Green Flag Award Criteria



A welcoming place  
Healthy, safe and secure  
Clean and well maintained  
Sustainability  
Conservation and heritage  
Community involvement  
Marketing  
Management

# Green Flag Award Registration

Registrations for application opened on 3 Dec 2012 and closed on 28 Feb 2013.

Application is via a 12 step online form which can be found at [www.greenflagaward.org](http://www.greenflagaward.org)



# Green Flag Award Judging

One of 1,000 trained judges from across the UK will carry out a desk assessment and a site visit.

Judging will take place between 1 April and 25 June 2013.

Each applicant receives a feedback form from their judge.



# Green Flag Flags awarded

Winners across the UK announced on 28/29 July.





# Green Flag Community Award



Recognises high quality green spaces managed by voluntary and community groups.

All community green spaces are eligible to enter, as long as they are freely accessible to all and unlocked as much as possible.

Assessed against similar criteria (except 'Marketing') in a similar way.

## Green Flag for Parks in Scotland

There were 1,424 green spaces flying the Green Flag Award flag in 2012 - 44 Green Flag Awards, and 2 Green Flag Community Awards in Scotland.

In 2013 there were 56 Scottish applications.

Aberdeenshire, Dundee, East Lothian, East Renfrewshire, Edinburgh, Fife, Glasgow, Heriot Watt University, Midlothian, North Lanarkshire, and Perth and Kinross all participate in the scheme.



# Links to other KSB programmes

People and Places  
Clean Up Scotland  
Beautiful Scotland  
It's Your Neighbourhood  
Seaside Awards and Blue Flag  
Sustainable Scotland Network  
Eco-Schools  
Climate Challenge Fund





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