

Parks & Countryside Services Public Health & Parks



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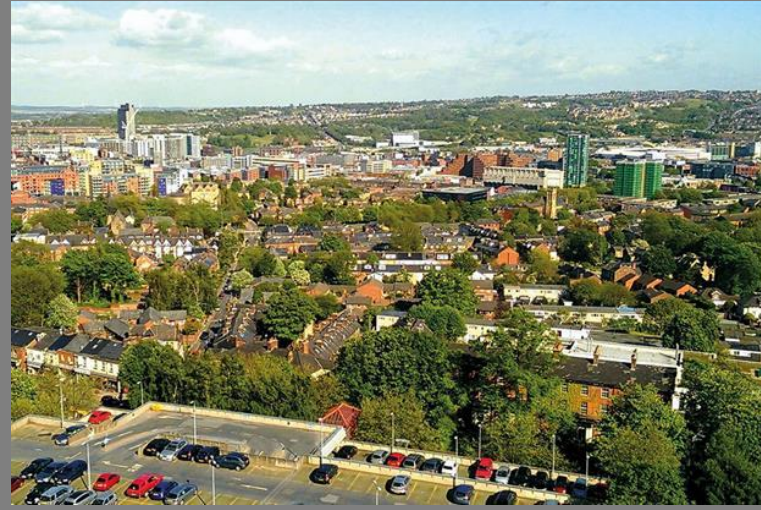
**Welcome
to Sheffield**



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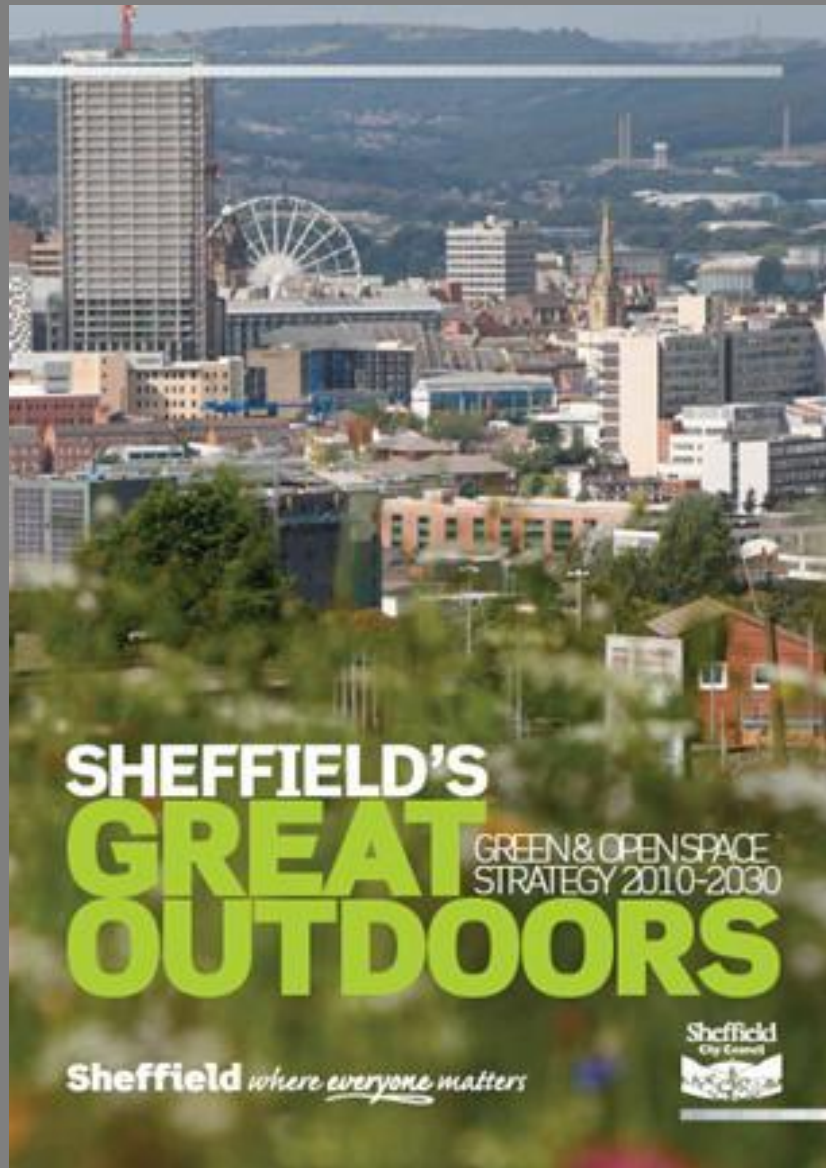


Natural Assets



QUALITY OUTCOMES

- VISITS: Circa 40 – 60 million individual visits per annum
- PUBLIC SATISFACTION: 87%
- ACTIVE FRIENDS GROUPS: 74 plus new Sheffield Green Spaces Forum
- VOLUNTEER HOURS 24,070 (value circa £150,000)



Vision

“Our strategy will ensure that every area of the City has green and open spaces of exceptional quality for current and future generations to use and enjoy”

Budget 2010/11

£8.5m



Budget 2018/19

£4.9m



-35%

Doing Things Differently





Why Public Health Money?

parks and green space

parks and bike lanes vs cath labs and cancer drugs. The value of different forms of investment

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Parks are a social good. Almost everyone accepts that. Yet they are under pressure. The Heritage Lottery Fund tell us this annually. NESTA and many others are rethinking parks. 38 Degrees write to me about three times a week asking me to sign petitions to protect parks. I'd expect millions have done so



- We want parks.
- They are in trouble funding wise
- Do we spend our resources on things most likely to achieve our goal?
- Do we build core “health” activity into parks?

<https://gregfellpublichealth.wordpress.com/2016/10/01/parks-and-bike-lanes-and-healthy-folk-on-the-value-of-different-forms-of-investment/>

We AREN'T short on evidence
202 pages on why green is good

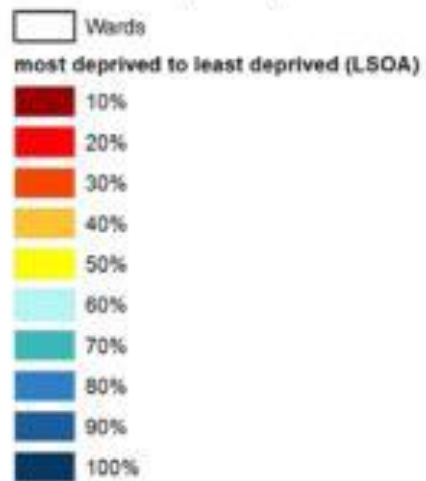


We don't need
more evidence
that green =
good.

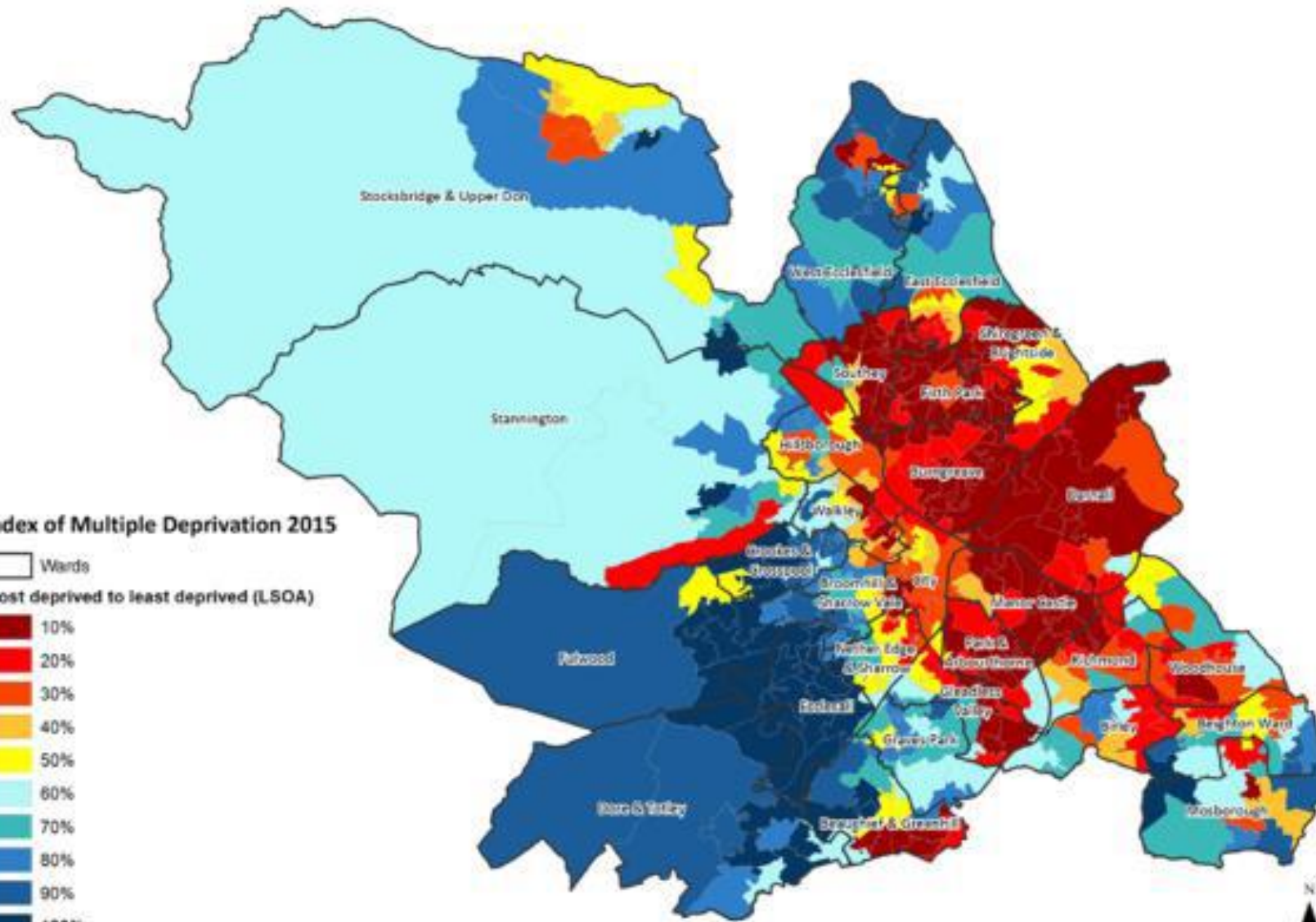
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<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/environment-and-health/pages/news/news/2017/05/reviewing-the-health-impact-and-effectiveness-of-urban-green-space-interventions>

Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015



Data source: DCLG 2015



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- ✓ When something significant needs addressing to bring the site to the minimum Sheffield Standard (but not for regular maintenance).
- ✓ In support of (but not only) other city initiatives and activities which contribute to reducing health inequality e.g. Move More, People Keeping Well, The Outdoor City etc. This is an overarching principle that applies to this spend but the priority has to be making a difference to the green space in the area.
- ✓ When a gap in provision is identified and there is community support for a specific improvement, for example an area of the city which has no multi-use games area within a specified distance.

Funding **SHOULD NOT** be conditional on the following:

- ✗ **S106 monies or other funding contribution**
- ✗ **An active friends or other community group**

Infrastructure

- ✓ **Multipurpose bins (for general and dog waste).**
- ✓ **Footpaths & routes (formal and informal)**
- ✓ **Access improvements**
- ✓ **Boundary works e.g. fencing, selective thinning of vegetation and increasing sight lines & visibility.**
- ✓ **Signage & interpretation**

Play, Sport Facilities & Equipment

- ✓ **Bowls (or bowls related).**
- ✓ **Outdoor gym/exercise equipment.**
- ✓ **Equipment such as Parkour / Skate / BMX facilities.**
- ✓ **Sporting facilities.**

Buildings and Facilities

- ✓ Cafes / facilities including toilets and facilities to refill water bottles.
- ✓ Ancillary buildings – e.g. pavilions / changing rooms.
- ✓ Toilets.

STAFF RESOURCES.

- ✓ **Public Health money can be used to fund council officer resources employed specifically to deliver public health related activities or projects, but only where the staff cannot be funded from anywhere else.**

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION.

- ✗ **Public Health money SHOULD NOT be used to fund marketing and communication activity.**

Stuart Turner

Programme Manager

(Green & Open Spaces)



Investment Planning

Sustaining & enhancing parks and countryside for Sheffield's communities



- £1.98m S106 approved
- £1.3m Public Health Funding (year 1 being delivered, year 2 allocation)
- External funding



Wolfe Road Park NE Sheffield

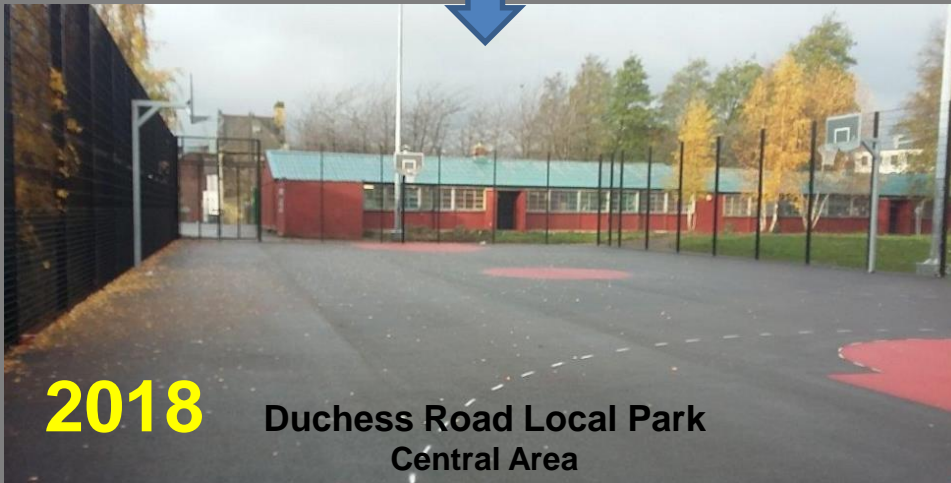
- **Community driven**
- **Quality Uplift**
- **Infrastructure renewal**
- **Affordable investment**
- **Working in progress**



Recreational investment: Ball Courts (6 renewals in 12 months)



Recreational Infrastructure Renewal





Herdings Park, South Sheffield
All age gym



Middlewood Park, Central North Sheffield

Playground Renewals: 15 sites so far



High Hazels Park, East Sheffield



Middlewood Park
playground improvements:
fence reduction and new
roundabout.



Springwell Park playground improvements
Beighton, South East Sheffield
Newly installed inclusive roundabout

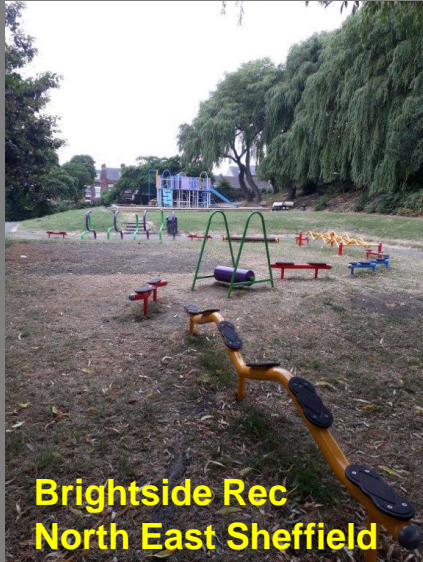


Parson Cross Park: NE Sheffield



New Cone Climber for **Brightside Recreation Ground**
Delivered as part of the city wide Play Improvement Project

Play improvements across Sheffield



Brightside Rec
North East Sheffield



Cardwell Drive: SE Sheffield



Bolehills Recreation Ground, South West Sheffield, Play improvements



Green
Flag
Award

Norfolk Heritage Park

Play Improvements – under 8s area open, woodland adventure play almost complete



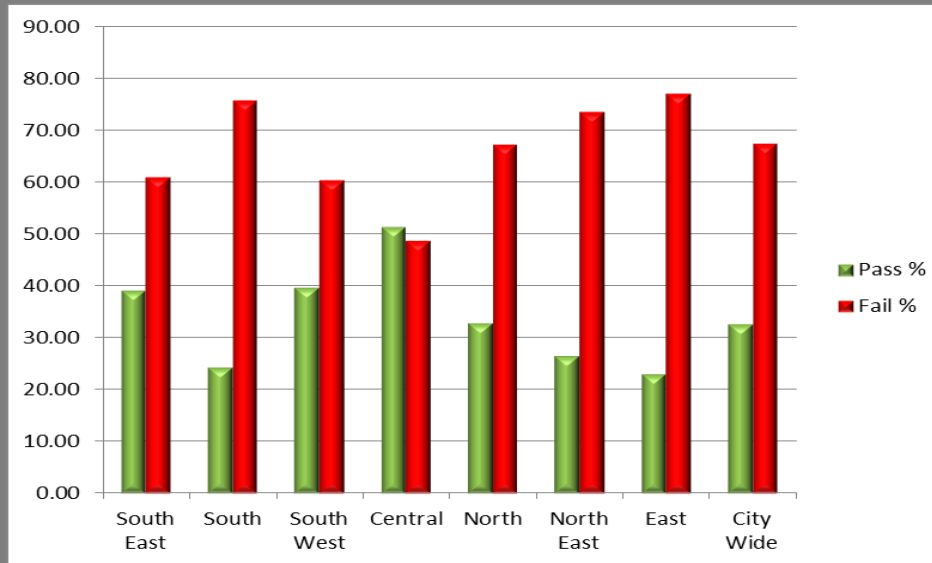
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Pending...



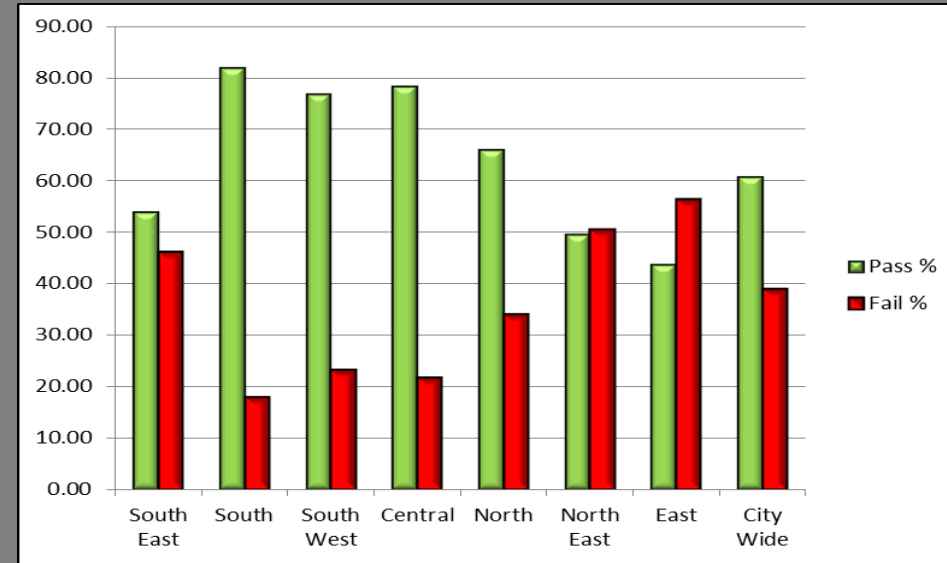
Quality Challenge

Sheffield Standard assessments of public open space

Making sites safe, clean welcoming & accessible



2008 30% pass



2018 60% pass

Where next?

IWUN: University of Sheffield

Improving Wellbeing Through Urban Nature

Barriers in accessing green space

1. **Childhood experience** - lack of
2. **Living in areas of urban deprivation**
3. **Memory & Change** – feeling that places are changing for the worse
4. **Access** – green spaces not necessary served by Public Transport
5. **Landscape Issues** – litter & rubbish, unmaintained feel
6. **Not having young children**
7. **Way finding** – signage & comms
8. **Mental Health** – mental illness phases, people often stay indoors
9. **Empty spaces** – people like to be around people
10. **Habits** – needs to be part of the every-day

Interventions that could benefit the mental health for Sheffield people

1. Improved access to green space
2. Cafes & toilets
3. Good Quality maintenance
4. Community Engagement staff
5. Support for vol-com groups to animate green spaces

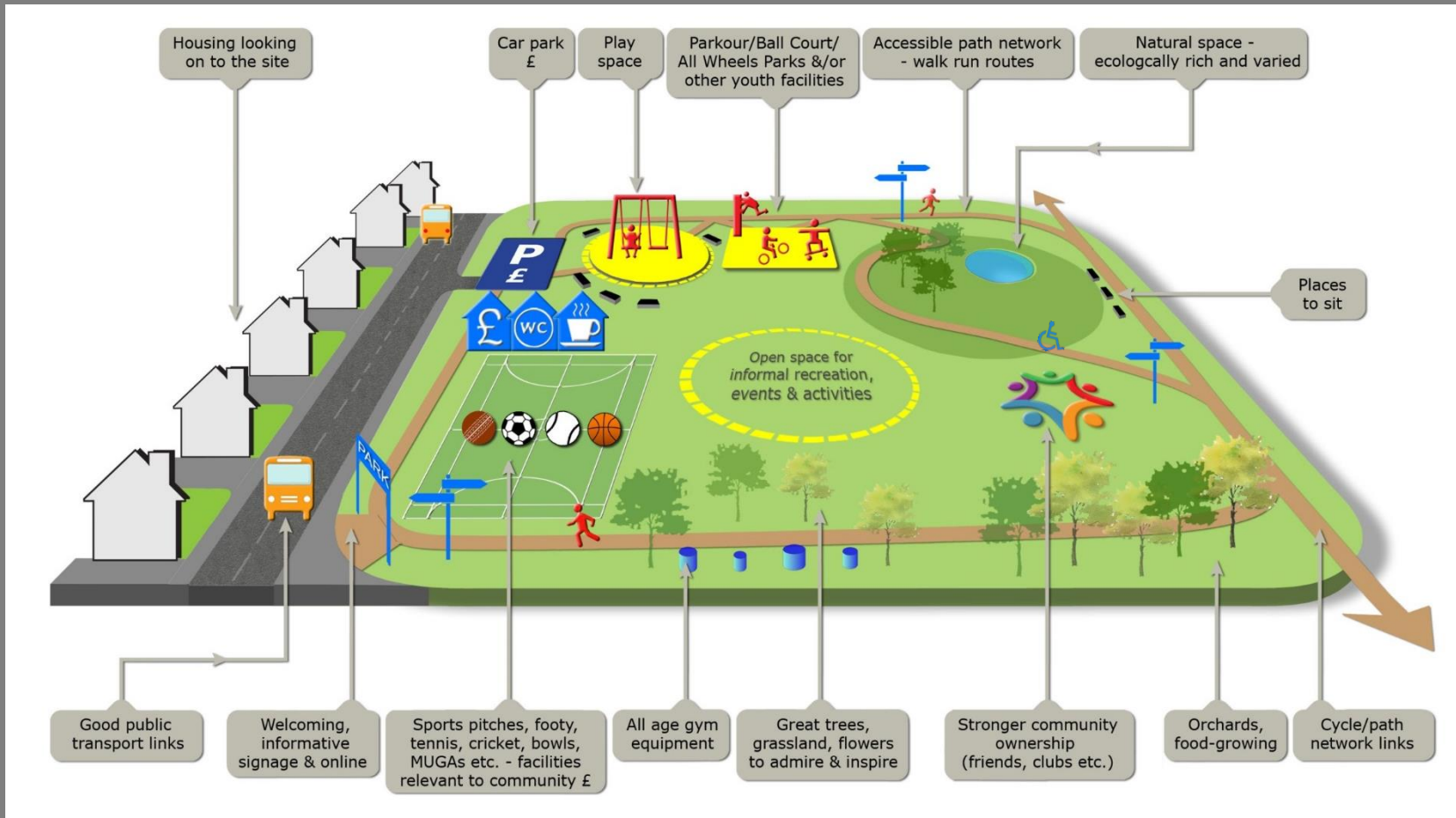
What this means of P&C Service?

- Quality uplift
- Access improvements
- Engaging with communities
- More quality Cafés/toilets
- Marketing & promotion
- Working with partners (its not just about building better parks)

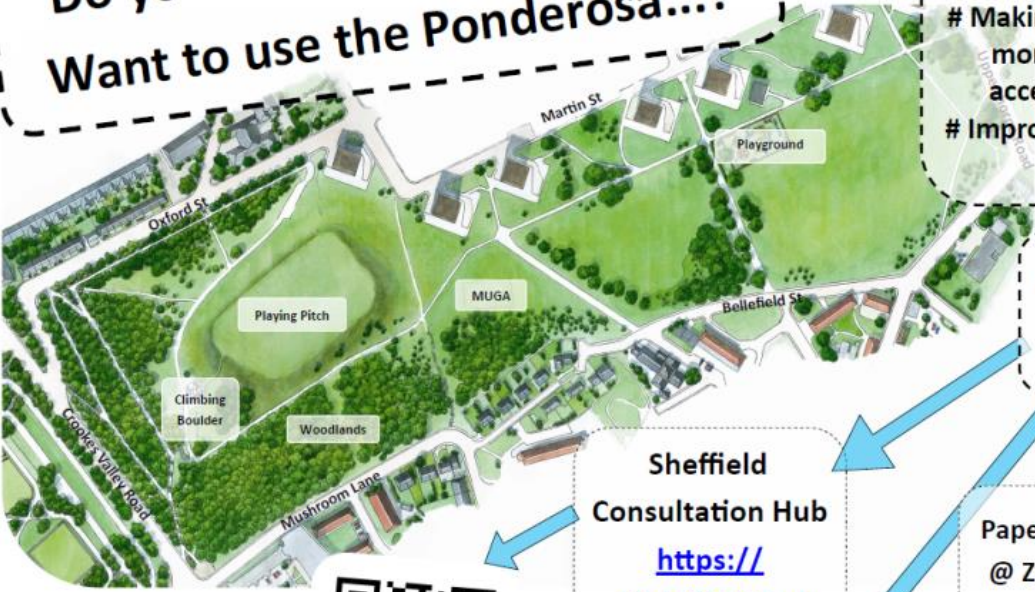


Active Parks (Creating community health hubs)

Well designed & managed with a brew, a loo and things to do for all abilities



Ponderosa Park – investment planning, consultation, delivery



**Do you use the Ponderosa...?
Want to use the Ponderosa...?**

We want to raise the quality of the site and encourage its use by;


- # Making the Ponderosa more welcoming, accessible & safer
- # Improving play & sport facilities

Complete the survey @

Sheffield Consultation Hub
<https://bit.ly/2B6Trrd>

Paper copies are available @ Zest, 18 Upperthorpe, S6 3NA

Contact Parks & Countryside to request a copy on 0114 2500500 or email parksandcountryside@sheffield.gov.uk



IT'S GREAT OUTDOORS: IN OUR CITY OF SHEFFIELD

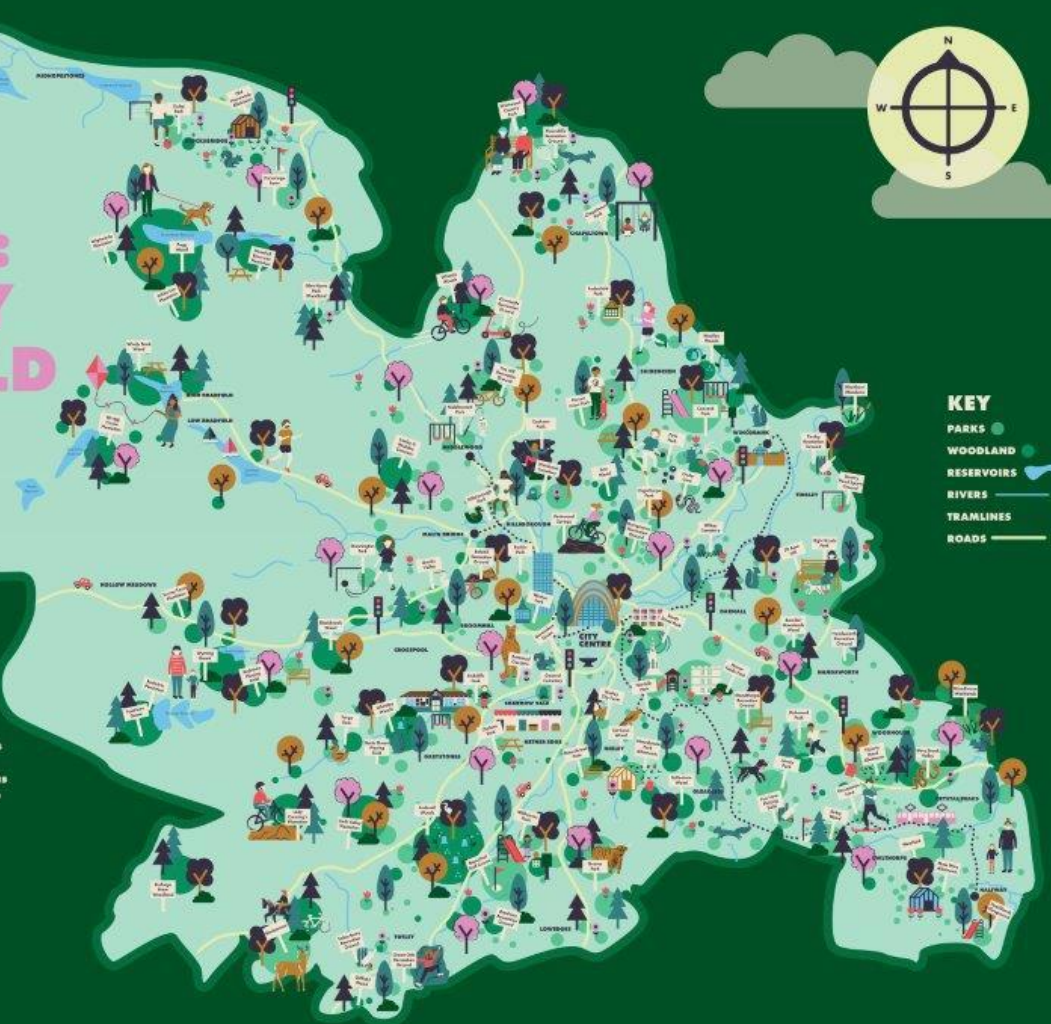
Sheffield's Parks & Countryside Service is responsible for the management, maintenance and development of over 800 green spaces across 4000 hectares of land throughout the city...
Sheffield's Great Outdoors.

Including...

- 13 City Parks, 20 District Parks, 50 Local Parks, 342 Local Green Spaces
- 181 Woodlands
- 81 Allotment Sites
- 262 Nature Conservation Sites
- Over 100 Playgrounds
- 10 Skatoparks
- 32 Bowling Greens
- 20 Cricket Squares
- Over 140 Football Pitches
- 60 Tennis Courts
- 68 Multi-Use Games Areas
- 1 Pitch & Putt Golf Course
- 13 Climbing Boulders
- 14 Bike Tracks/Trails
- 15 sites with Cafes
- ... and much more

Wherever you are in Sheffield, there's sure to be a park, playground, woodland or other green space nearby to enjoy.

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KEY

- PARKS
- WOODLAND
- RESERVOIRS
- RIVERS
- TRAMLINES
- ROADS

Letting people know what's out there



Making a café & community hub

Hillsborough Park
Coach House – concept
image



**Grenoside Park
All Wheels Park**



**Aim to develop entry
level facilities such as
this across Sheffield**

Sky Edge...



...still a lot to do!

Any Questions?

Colley Park...

