

URBAN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE GREEN SPACE STRATEGY
PROGRESS REPORT: August 2015

Completed Actions (Actions completed between Sept 2007 and August 2015)

Ref:	Ward	Action	Status
GA1	ALL	Establish strategic business unit responsible for green spaces	Operational Services/Streetscene Division set up and delivering a cleaner, safer, sustainable agenda
GA2	ALL	Develop a funding strategy to deliver the Action Plan programme	Framework for funding strategy devised
GA3	ALL	Develop strategy for supporting and involving community groups in green space provision at non-strategic level	Community Engagement and Participation Framework launched and Community Development Officer recruited. Support mechanisms for community groups in place.
GA4	ALL	Create database of community volunteers and skills and develop recruitment and training plan	Database set up and recruitment in progress through Community Engagement and Participation Framework.
GA5	ALL	Identify appropriate partners to deliver projects within the Action Plan programme	Work in progress to allocate projects to appropriate partners as opportunities and funding programmes arise.
GA6	ALL	Identify a Green Space Champion	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling appointed as Champion
GA7	ALL	Establish consultation and review mechanism to gauge level of use, visitor opinion and satisfaction level	Annual Parks and Green Spaces Consultation ongoing.
GA12		NSRP to establish schedule, nature and extent of strategic green space projects	NSRP no longer in existence
GA14	ALL	Implement visible patrol of parks in partnership with the Police	Targeted patrols implemented at hotspot sites
GA15	ALL	Set up rapid response teams to deal with fly tipping, broken glass, graffiti and vandalised equipment	Integrated into Streetscene (Operations and Performance) set up
GA16	Chesterton	Undertake safety audits of green spaces	Pilot audit undertaken at Chesterton Park – programme to be rolled out to other green spaces where necessary
GA17	ALL	Facilitate youth and play work in green spaces to help combat	Big Lottery Children's Play Programme portfolio

		anti-social behaviour	of projects completed. Ongoing work with Staffordshire Youth Service to provide targeted interventions.
GA18	ALL	Establish a commitment to ring fencing a proportion of capital receipts and income from green spaces for reinvestment in green space	Approved by Cabinet May 2008
GA19	ALL	Consider creation of semi natural areas within green spaces of other functions	Trees not Turf and wildflower meadow creation programme completed. Further projects ongoing as resources allow.
GA20	ALL	Produce a Management Plan for each strategic open space and generic Management Plans for non-strategic green spaces	Management Plans completed for strategic (District level) parks and other strategic green spaces.
GA21	ALL	Review maintenance procedures and set up multi skilled area teams	Integrated into Streetscene (Operations and Performance) set up
GA22	ALL	Review surplus green space sites to determine appropriate alternative use	Initial review undertaken and integrated into asset management plan and site allocations DPD.
GA25	ALL	Establish neighbourhood management arrangements for management of non-strategic green space	Integrated into Streetscene (Operations and Performance) set up
GA26	ALL	Establish forums for partners to identify and deliver strategic and non-strategic green space projects	Community Forum launched in May 2012. Friends of Parks groups established
RA3	ALL	Ensure remaining amenity space designated as LAP is fit for purpose	Sites identified and improvements ongoing as resources allow.
OS2	Cross Heath	Create Sports Village at The Wammy	Project re-profiled to Health and Well Being Centre (completed December 2011) and The Wammy Neighbourhood Park (Phases 1 & 2 completed)
OS3	Thistleberry	Improve tennis courts/pavilion at Westlands Sports Ground	Pavilion Project completed 2009
OS4	Kidsgrove	Improve drainage/pavilion at Birchenwood	Drainage Project completed August 2008
OS5	Wolstanton	Improve sports pitch provision at Wolstanton Marsh	Drainage works complete June 2013
OS6	Silverdale and Parksites	Improve strategic sites identified in the Newcastle under Lyme Leisure Needs Assessment and Playing Pitch Strategy as requiring qualitative improvements	1 ½ pitches and community facility completed at the former Silverdale Colliery.
PP6	Wolstanton	Improve Wolstanton Park/Marsh	Footpaths improved via Section 106 Agreement.
PP7	Talke / Butt Lane / Ravenscliffe	Improve Bathpool Park (District)	Phase 1 completed March 2008

PP8	Town / Clayton	Improve Lyme Valley Parkway (District)	Phase 1 completed March 2006
PP9	May Bank	Improve Brampton Park (District)	Phase 1 completed March 2009
PP19	Knutton and Silverdale / Cross Heath	Improve Cotswold Avenue/The Wammy (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed March 2008
PP20	Thistleberry	Improve Thistleberry Parkway (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed 2009
PP22	Cross Heath	Improve Brampton Recreation Ground (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed December 2007
PP23	Chesterton	Improve Chesterton Memorial Park (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed March 2009 Phase 2 (new pavilion) completed 2010
PP24	Knutton and Silverdale	Improve Silverdale Park (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed March 2009
PP25	Thistleberry	Improve Queen Elizabeth Park (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 (Castle Motte) Complete
PP27	Holditch	Improve Loomer Road (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed March 2006
PP53	Thistleberry	Create fourteen LEAPs in accordance with Policy for Play	One LEAP secured (Keele Road)
SN1	Bradwell	Declare local nature reserve at Bradwell Woods	Declaration completed December 2007
SN2	Talke / Butt Lane / Ravenscliffe	Declare local nature reserve at Bathpool Park	Management Plan completed and Natural England approval granted. Declaration completed
SN4	Thistleberry	Improve local nature reserve at Pool Dam Marshes	Section 106 Agreement secured
SN6	Chesterton	Improve semi-natural at Audley Road Open Space, Chesterton	Management Plan implemented
SN7	Chesterton	Improve semi-natural at Waterhays open space, Chesterton	Management Plan implemented
SN11	Silverdale and Parksite / Knutton and Silverdale / Cross Heath	Improve Newcastle Greenway	Section 106 Agreement secured. Phase 1 Completed 2009. Phase 2 Main works complete.
SN22	Thistleberry / Bradwell / Halmerend / Talke / Ravenscliffe / Butt Lane	Develop Biodiversity Management Plan for each local nature reserve and large semi-natural green space	4 LNR Management Plans prepared Pooldam Marshes / Bradwell Woods / Bateswood / Bathpool Park
GC1	Town / Thistleberry	Create greenway extension at Pool Dam Marshes	Completed in SCC NTADS Programme 2011/12
GC2	Town / Thistleberry	Create greenway extension at Lyme Brook	Completed in SCC NTADS Programme 2011/12

Current Actions (Actions started since June 2014)

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GA3	ALL	Develop strategy for supporting and involving community groups in green space provision at non-strategic level	>5000 hours of volunteer work supported in 2014/2015
GA6	ALL	Identify a Green Space Champion	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling appointed as Champion – Current Portfolio Holder updated / briefed on role

GA8	ALL	Create design briefs for all green space improvement projects	Briefs prepared as part of individual project inception and feasibility – standard format developed
GA23	ALL	Prepare an Allotment Strategy	Completed
GA24	ALL	Investigate mechanisms for joint authority co-ordination of green space maintenance	Partnership working, shared service scoping on going with various partners
GA27	ALL	Set up joint authority green space information hub	Work on NBC website in progress.
RA2	ALL	Review sites where function is unclear to determine future use and maintenance regime	Review in progress and ongoing
OS2	Cross Heath	Create Sports Village at The Wammy	The Wammy Neighbourhood Park – Phase 3 (teen facilities) in progress
OS6	ALL	Improve strategic sites identified in the Newcastle under Lyme Leisure Needs Assessment and Playing Pitch Strategy as requiring qualitative improvements	Review of Playing Pitch Strategy is complete.
PP6	Wolstanton	Improve Wolstanton Park/Marsh	Funding secured for further improvements via Section 106 Agreements. Play area extension completed spring 2015.
PP20	Thistleberry	Improve Thistleberry Parkway (Neighbourhood)	Phase 2 funding secured via S106 agreement
SN4	Thistleberry	Improve local nature reserve at Pool Dam Marshes	Section 106 Agreements secured. Payment Received
SN21	ALL	A Biodiversity Management Plan should be developed (referring to SBAP) for non-strategic semi-natural green spaces	Biodiversity opportunities mapping report produced.
SN22	Talke / Ravenscliffe / Butt Lane	Develop Biodiversity Management Plans for each local nature reserve and semi-natural green space	Bathpool LNR declaration complete
S106	May Bank / Chesterton / Madeley / Wolstanton / Talke / Westlands	S106 Agreements secured	Homestead / May Place, Watermills Road, New Road (Madeley), Oxford Arms, Holdcrofts (Knutton Road), Rowley House (Madeley), Sky Lark (Talke), Former Priory Day centre, Linley Trading Estate.
S106	Thistleberry / Ravenscliffe / May Bank / Thistleberry	S106 Agreements paid	Keele Road (Persimmon), Former Squires Copper (Kidsgrove), Former Brooks Laundry (Basford), Thistleberry House (Persimmon)

Future Actions (Actions to be undertaken over the lifetime of the Action Plan)

Ref:	Ward	Action	Status
GA6	ALL	Identify a Green Space Champion	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling appointed as Champion – Portfolio Holder to be updated / briefed on role
GA9	ALL	Adopt Green Space Urban Taskforce principles for planning, design, management and maintenance	Initial work underway to embed principles – further research on implications required
GA10	ALL	Prepare Communications Plan and Marketing Strategy	Initial work in progress via Britain in Bloom campaign and Green Flag Award Management Plans – further work required to develop strategy
GA11	ALL	Investigate potential for Public Art and Cultural Activity Strategy	Public art and cultural activities incorporated into green spaces – further work required to develop strategy
GA13	ALL	Establish lines of communication with North Staffordshire tourism functions	Incorporate into Communications Plan (action GA10)
GA19	ALL	Consider creation of semi natural areas within green spaces of other functions	Trees not Turf and wildflower meadow creation programme completed. Further projects ongoing as resources allow.
PP5	Seabridge	Create District Park at Wye Road	
PP18	Seabridge	Create Neighbourhood Park with NEAP at Kingsbridge Avenue	
PP21	Kidsgrove	New NEAP at Salop Place	
PP53	ALL	Create fourteen LEAPs in accordance with Policy for Play	
OS2	Cross Heath	Create Sports Village at The Wammy	The Wammy Neighbourhood Park Phase 4 - Pavilion
SN3	Seabridge	Create local nature reserve at Westomley Wood	Work to commence on Management Plan
SN5	Ravenscliffe / Kidsgrove	Improve semi-natural at Birchenwood	
SN8	Chesterton	Create semi-natural at Parkhouse Industrial Estate	
SN9	Seabridge	Create semi-natural at Rowley Wood	
SN10	Westlands	Create semi-natural at Leys Drive	
SN12	Silverdale and Parksite	Create semi-natural at Moffat Way	
SN13	Holditch	Create semi-natural at Castle Street	
SN14	Keele	Create semi-natural at Pepper Street	

GC13	Clayton / Westlands / Thistleberry	Improve existing Greenway in west and south Newcastle	
GC14	Chesterton / Talke / Butt Lane / Kidsgrove	Create potential green route extensions between Crackley & Kidsgrove	
GC15	Halmerend / Holditch / Chesterton	Create potential green route extensions between Apedale & A34	
GC16	May Bank / Wolstanton	Create potential green route extensions between Brampton & Wolstanton	
GC17	Town	Create potential green route extensions between Newcastle Town Centre & Staffordshire University	