



**Bollington Recreation Ground**  
**Cheshire East Council**  
**Green Flag Award 2009/2010**

**Bandscores**

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| <b>Desk Assessment</b>  | 0-9   | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-30 |       |       |       |
| <b>Field Assessment</b> | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65-70 |
| <b>Overall score</b>    | 30-44 | 45-54 | 55-59 | 60-65 | 66-69 | 70-74 | 75-79 | 80+   |

**Status - Pass**

**Overall band score 70-74**

**Desk Assessment Feedback**

**Band score 15-19**

| <b>Criteria</b>     | <b>Strengths</b>   | <b>Recommendations</b>  |
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| <b>Presentation</b> | The plan contains detailed information and good images.<br>Good Self assessment and SWOT analysis. | Reformat to put emphasis on Green Flag Award criteria and add master plan of park to front of plan.<br>Format is difficult to read and navigate. Recommend changing from landscape to portrait.<br>Provide vision statement for the future of the Recreation Ground.<br>Provide maintenance schedule<br>Provide location map and layout plan.<br>Appendix –Index Contents headings and page numbers.<br>Provide a longer-term plan of 3 to 5 years to allow for longer term planning. |

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| <b>Health, Safety &amp; Security</b>                       | Good on site staff, sports club and volunteer presence. Regular inspections. Programme of sports activities to promote participation in healthy lifestyle. | Emphasise Green Flag criteria and proposed actions to address/improve this element.   |
| <b>Maintenance of equipment, buildings &amp; landscape</b> | Intensive maintenance of cricket wicket by permanent on-site staff. Good general information provided in Self assessment.                                  | Provide a site plan showing maintenance operations/approaches. Lacking information on the play area and skateboard park. Provide Maintenance schedule.      |
| <b>Litter, cleanliness, vandalism</b>                      | Regular bin emptying frequency. Low level of vandalism. Good detailed information provided in Self assessment.   | Provide information on hot spots and measures to tackle this eg. Shelter at bowling green<br>Provide Maintenance schedule.                                  |
| <b>Environmental Sustainability</b>                        | Composting facility on site. Chemical herbicide not used other than on cricket wicket. Minimal peat use.   | Emphasise minimal use of peat and chemicals – this is very good. Bring self analysis from appendix into management plan and provide more detail.            |
| <b>Conservation of heritage &amp; nature</b>               | Bridge restored. Terrace garden completed. Good (if slightly over-detailed) section on history of site. Good interpretation boards on wildlife.            | Provide on site interpretation on heritage.   |
| <b>Community Involvement</b>                               | Good involvement of cricket club and Friends Group.  | Emphasise inter-generational work which is going on and engagement with young people.   |
| <b>Marketing Strategy</b>                                  | Good promotion of cricket club and opportunity for participation in cricket. Good promotion of festival.   | Provide more site specific information eg. Leaflet/web page for the site  |
| <b>Overall management</b>                                  | The plan identifies strengths and weaknesses of the site and has a good self-assessment against Green Flag criteria.                                       | Include SWOT and Self assessment in main Management Plan. Include some detail on funding opportunities in action plan for both capital and revenue actions. |

### **Additional comments:**

Plan should be minimum 5 year plan to map out vision and aspirations for site. It is accepted that some actions, particularly large scale capital schemes, will be subject to availability of funding, but the action plan also needs to show how the current high

standards will be maintained and how the community will help shape the maintenance and management of the site.

Change the format from Landscape to Portrait to ease navigation. Advise using Green Flag format template. Provide plans and maintenance schedules.

## **Field Assessment Feedback**

### **Band score 55-59**

| <b>Criteria</b>                  | <b>Strengths</b>  | <b>Recommendations</b>   |
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| <b>A Welcoming Place</b>         | Good sense of arrival at the Pavilion entrance and good views across the site. Good sign at pavilion entrance. The site appears cared for and well-used and has good accessibility. | Signs at other entrances. Tree work at south east entrance to make it less enclosed.   |
| <b>Healthy, Safe and Secure</b>  | Good visibility throughout majority of site. On site staff and regular inspections. Lighting to areas of night time use. CCTV and dog bins in use.                                  | Tree management to south east entrance to make access more welcoming. Signs required at all main entrances.                            |
| <b>Clean and Well Maintained</b> | Good standard of maintenance and cleanliness across whole site. Particularly high standard of maintenance of cricket wicket.  | Progress efforts to engage with owner of private woodland adjacent to the site and bring the woodland into a proper management regime. |
| <b>Sustainability</b>            | Minimal peat and chemical use on the site. Composting facility on site. Good use of wildflowers and herbaceous perennials.  | Investigate potential for Friends/volunteers to take ownership of part of site and maintain it eg. Terrace garden.                     |
| <b>Conservation and Heritage</b> | Good differential mowing regimes and hedgerow management. Good use/conservation of local natural stone. Good public art installations to reflect sporting and industrial heritage.  | Provide on-site interpretation of site history/heritage.   |

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| <b>Community Involvement</b> | High level of community involvement in the site, especially through the sports clubs. Enthusiastic and committed Friends Group with good inter-generational membership/involvement.   | Investigate potential for Friends/volunteers to adopt a small area (such as the terrace garden) and maintain it.  |
| <b>Marketing</b>             | Good promotion of the festival and sporting fixtures.<br>Good park leaflet.   | Provide information on notice board upon locations of leaflet/web page .  |
| <b>Management</b>            | The site is well-managed to a high standard and there is good joint-working with the sports clubs and Friends Group. Some progress has been made in delivering the action plan to achieve Green Flag status in a relatively short period of time. | Develop a minimum 5 year vision for the site with the Sports clubs and Friends Group and prioritise the projects so that a focused effort can be made to seek funding and deliver schemes. Try to maintain a sense of realistic and achievable projects.<br>The skate park idea may need to be broken down into a phased scheme over a number of years. |

**Additional Comments:**

Excellent community involvement and real sense of commitment and purpose from Friends Group and Council staff regarding maintaining standards and developing the site in the future.