

Parks flying the environmental flag

TRAFFORD'S parks are continuing a flourishing year of successes with yet another series of prestigious awards.

Six parks and the borough's crematorium have won the right to fly the 'Green Flag' of excellence in recognition of the dedicated work of the management teams.

This year's seven Green Flags builds on last year's four awards and makes Trafford the second most successful authority in England and Wales.

One park to receive the recognition was Flixton Park and gardens.

Dennis Wrigley from the Friends of Flixton who are involved in the upkeep, said: "The improvements to the park have been going on for the last year. Hedges have been trimmed and flowers have been pruned. It's excellent what's been done."

This year's other winners are Trafford Ecology Park, Victoria Park in Stretford, John Leigh Park in Altrincham, Halecroft Park in Hale Barns which was also recently crowned north west winner in the 'Britain's Best Park' competition, Woodheys Park in Sale and Altrincham Crematorium.

As well as Friends of Flixton, the community groups and organisations involved in the management of the green spaces are Friends of Victoria Park, Friends of John Leigh Park, Friends of Halecroft Park, Friends of Woodheys Park, Trafford council and Groundwork Trust.

Executive member, Councillor Paula Pearson said: "This year's outstanding success which sees Trafford recognised as one of the leading authorities nationally for quality parks and green spaces, could not have been achieved without the



Flixton Park has gained a Green Flag of excellence

efforts of many individuals and organisations. "It is the determination from everyone concerned to continue to improve areas and provide local people with outstanding areas to relax and enjoy that has seen the borough continue to increase the number of Green Flags it has secured."

The Green Flag national standard for parks and green spaces is managed by the Civic Trust with CABE Space as the main funding partner.