



AWARD: Denzell Gardens and Devisdale, Bowdon

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Thumbs-up for parks

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ALL six Trafford parks and green spaces that entered for Green Flag Awards have been successful, creating a cleaner, greener borough.

Trafford Ecology Park, Trafford Park, Denzell Gardens and Devisdale, in Bowdon, Walkden Gardens, Sale, Worthington Park, Sale, Hullard Park, Old Trafford, and Victoria Park, Stretford, all received the award, which is the national standard for parks and green spaces.

Executive councillor Jonathan Coupe said: "I'm delighted to see Trafford's parks once again honoured in the Green Flag Awards. This reinforces the commitment that local people, the council and Friends groups have shown towards the borough's green spaces and really is something to be celebrated.

"Local people have proven their support for their local parks and green spaces, with more than 80 per cent giving them the thumbs up in the annual residents' survey, and, thanks to the hard work of council staff and Friends groups, our parks also received the best scores yet in independent winter inspections.

"The council continues to invest more than £3 million in maintaining our parks every year, plus a further million in new facilities like state-of-the-art playgrounds and bio-



diversity improvements.

"And with our partners, we're working hard to get more people than ever before visiting Trafford's green spaces through events like the annual Destination Parks programme, which offers a variety of vibrant activities for young people to enjoy. We'll continue to

work hard to improve our parks even further, to help make Trafford a greener borough for everyone."

More than 1,000 UK parks received the prestigious Green Flag Award, with the North West gaining the most awards in the country - 225 Green Flags and 12 Green Pennant Awards.