

Green Flags flying over Trafford

Six parks and one crematorium in Trafford have won the right to fly a prestigious Green Flag. The Green Flag is awarded to parks and other greenspaces nation-wide that have achieved excellence in the way they are managed.

The Green Flag Award scheme is the national standard for parks and green spaces. It is managed by the Civic Trust, and CABE Space is the main funding partner. The scheme recognises the value of green spaces in communities, particularly urban environments, and rewards excellent standards of park management.

Last year four parks achieved the necessary standard. Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of Friends groups, gardeners and officers at Trafford Council Parks and Countryside Service we now have seven Green Flag sites. By getting seven Green Flags Trafford is now recognised as one of

the leading authorities in the country for quality parks and greenspace provision with only one other authority in England and Wales gaining more of these prestigious awards.

The Green Flag winners in Trafford are Trafford Ecology Park in the heart of Trafford Park, Victoria Park in Stretford, Flixton Park and Gardens, John Leigh Park in Altrincham, Halecroft Park in Hale Barns, Altrincham Crematorium and Woodheys Park in Sale. If you are interested in visiting any of our Green Flag winners to see what makes them so special why not contact the Parks and Countryside Service on 9125508 for a free leaflet.

Executive Member for Arts and Leisure, Councillor Pearson, commented "The Green Flags are an independent judgement of the quality of public parks and other greenspace in Trafford. The increasing number of Green Flags every year from just

one in 2002 to four in 2003 to this year's magnificent achievement of seven Green Flags shows how the community and the Parks and Countryside Service at Trafford Council have worked together to improve our greenspaces for everyone. I would like to thank everyone who has helped us gain these awards for their enthusiasm and commitment to the cause of making better parks for everyone in Trafford."

Ian Trickett, Community Participation Team Leader in the Parks and Countryside Service, also thanked every member of the public who have given up their time to improve these Green Flag winning sites and all the other greenspaces that are being improved with the help of their local community. If anyone wants to find out more about volunteering their time to improve their local park, area of countryside or other greenspace they can speak to Ian on 0161 9125598.

