



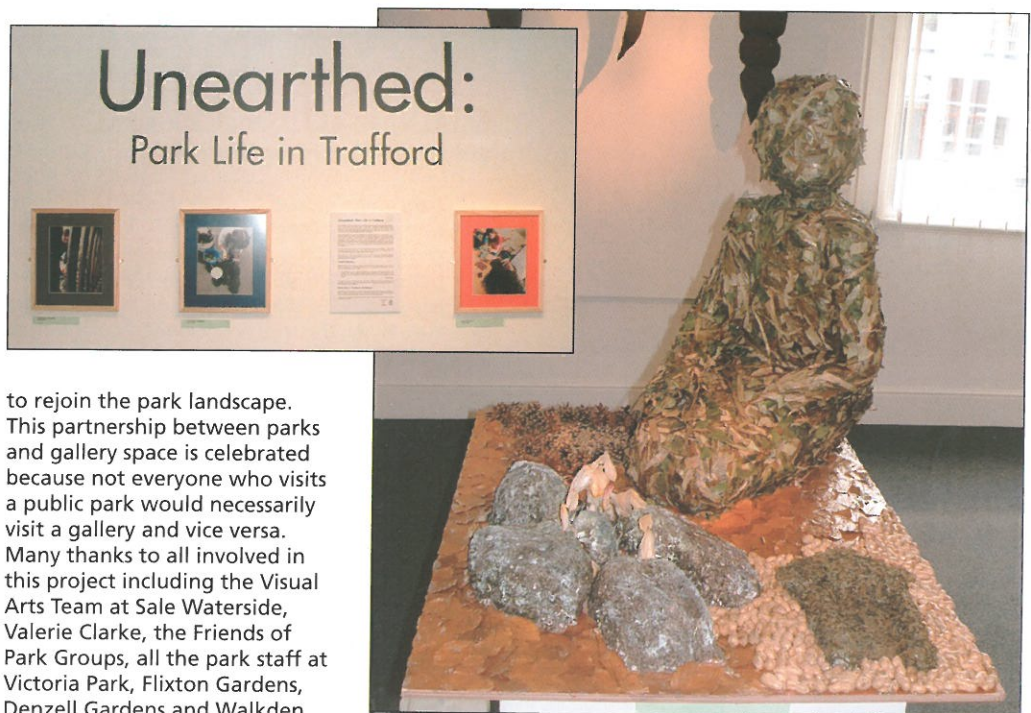
Unearthed: Park Life in Trafford

A special partnership between the Visual Arts team and Parks & Countryside has given rise to a ground breaking creative arts project.

Renowned Trafford based artist Valerie Clarke teamed up with friends of the park groups to make enchanting sculptures that portrayed how parks are used and valued by the community. Valerie worked with the friends using found park materials from to create these beautiful works. The finished pieces went on display at Sale Waterside gallery in autumn 2005 and many people enjoyed these wonderful works, there were accompanied by heritage park photographs exhibited by the local studies centre.

The sculptures were taken back to the parks where they were born and installed so that they can be enjoyed by all visitors and naturally decompose

to rejoin the park landscape. This partnership between parks and gallery space is celebrated because not everyone who visits a public park would necessarily visit a gallery and vice versa. Many thanks to all involved in this project including the Visual Arts Team at Sale Waterside, Valerie Clarke, the Friends of Park Groups, all the park staff at Victoria Park, Flixton Gardens, Denzell Gardens and Walkden Gardens.



● *Unearthed, Valerie Clarkes Sculpture*