

Have your say...

The park belongs to us all!

Tell us what you think!

Do you feel safe in the park?

What do you want from it?

Do you think the park has enough funding?

What else could be done in the park?

Would you like more community events?

Contact us...



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**The Friends of Victoria Park,
Stretford**

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Park Life

"Guess what's happening in Victoria Park?"

- 'Scruffs' 2006 – Family Fun Day & Dog Show – Saturday 27th May, 1pm in the park
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Thursday 15th June, 7pm in the Bowling Pavilion
- Green Flag Judging – June, [date to be announced]
- Unveiling of bird conservation area – July, [date to be announced]
- Summer Sports Spectacular – Saturday 26th August, 2pm
- Unveiling of new Over 5's play area – Autumn [date to be announced] View plans at AGM

■ Christmas event – Saturday

10 Good reasons why Victoria Park is important to our community

Do You.....

1. Wish kids had somewhere fun to play?

Urbanisation has left children with fewer places to play freely outdoors. Victoria Park provides a safe place for fun, exercise and learning.

2. Want to feel safer in our community?

Physical changes to, better management and increased usage of parks can help to 'crowd out crime' from an area.

3. Need a breath of fresh air?

Well designed and maintained parks encourage people to exercise, and in turn, reduces stress.

4. Want to increase the value of your home?

A good park also offers very clear benefits to the local economy in terms of stimulating increased house prices, since house-buyers are willing to pay more to be near green spaces.

5. Want to get to know your neighbours?

Properly designed and cared for parks can bring communities together,

9th December

Spring/Summer 2006

6. Want to wake up to the birds singing?

Victoria Park provides us with an opportunity to be close to nature. This brings with it positive impacts in terms of mental health.

7. Want to see an occasional squirrel?

Victoria Park provides us with the simple pleasure of experiencing trees, birds, squirrels, ladybirds and other wildlife in an urban situation.

8. Want somewhere to walk your dog?

Victoria Park provides us with a safe area for exercising our pets in a responsible manner.

9. Want somewhere to play tennis?

Victoria Park provides us with a safe area for a number of sporting activities.

10. Want to sit quietly outside?

Our park has a number of benches in quieter areas such as the rose garden for contemplation.

10 Good reasons why you should come to our Annual

General Meeting [AGM]

1. "Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has"

Margaret Mead, Social Anthropologist

2. We need to know what you want for the park's future.

3. We need to know what you expect from the park.

4. We need help and ideas for events.

5. We want to explain what we have achieved so far.

6. We want to show you our plans.

7. Come and contribute to our community – it's good to give something back.

8. Meet new and interesting people who share your neighbourhood.
9. Share your thoughts, feelings or memories about the park – they do matter.
10. We want to show Trafford Council that we as a community do care about the park.

10 Good reasons why you should join the Friends of Victoria Park, Stretford

1. **High on the political agenda**
We will encourage local government to ensure that maintaining our park is a political priority.
2. **For everyone**
We will encourage people of all ages to play an active role in deciding how our park should be.
3. **Well designed**
We will work to raise awareness of the importance of the design of our park.
4. **Well maintained**
We will work to ensure that the care of our park is acknowledged as an essential service.
5. **Fun**

We will insist that there is a benefit to making spaces interesting, rather than pandering to any perceived risks.

6. **Healthy**

We will work to ensure local health policy recognises the role of a high quality park in helping people to improve their health.

7. **Sociable**

We will encourage those involved in our park to understand the importance of making it accessible for and reflective of all.

8. **Natural**

We will encourage those involved in our park to protect and enhance biodiversity, and to promote this to local people.

9. **Safe**

We will encourage the local council to understand that crime prevention can be achieved through good design and management.

10. **A source of pride for us all**

We will encourage people from all sectors of the community to give time to improving our park.