

Marsden Park, Nelson

In terms of grounds maintenance, it costs us **£95,011.79** to maintain the Park on an annual basis. The contract schedule for the Park is split in to two – one is for Sports facility maintenance and the other is for the general Park maintenance.

Please note - the work schedule is fairly old and as such may not be wholly representative of the maintenance that goes on in the Park at present.

In addition, we have the following R&M revenue budgets for Marsden Park (these are the base budgets for 2015/16):

Parks - **£4,530** (includes Grounds and Buildings R&M/Vandalism & Electricity)

Parks Games - **£1,630** (includes Grounds and Buildings R&M, Water/Sewerage & Electricity)

Total cost (Grounds Maintenance + Revenue budgets) = **£101,171.79**

There are other implications/issues that Nelson Town Council will need to be aware of in terms of managing/maintaining the site if the land is transferred in to their ownership. These are:

- Walton Lane Children's Centre Forest School – the Centre have a short term lease agreement for use of Marsden Hall and have access to the Park for outdoor activities/workshops.
- Marsden Park Bowling Club – The Club have use of, and access to, the two bowling greens and the Sports Pavilion which they use as their home base. They look after this on behalf of the Council but contact the Council when any issues/repairs arise.
- Friends of Marsden Park – Ongoing liaison and working with Group on all Park related matters particularly new ones. Attendance at quarterly meetings and AGM.
- Development of old Barn/Cottage area of Park in to new houses – this work has not started but is still recognised as part of the Park and will have implications once work begins.
- Dealing with other organisations that want to use the Park for one off events/activities, e.g. Orienteering, Walton Lane Nursery, etc.
- Dealing with general issues and complaints relating to the Park, e.g. vandalism, organising contractors to do work, etc.
- Public Space Protection Order's (PSPO's) to uphold – ensuring the Park is used appropriately and in line with the PSPO (which is scheduled to come in to operation by the end of March 2017 and will include most things previously in the Bye-Laws plus dog control, fouling, etc.)
- Utility issues such as meter readings, legionella checks and general health & safety checks of the Sports Pavilion building and the Hall. This is done through a combination of Neighbourhood Services staff and Property Services.
- The Park has Green Flag Award accreditation.