

Barrowford Park

In terms of grounds maintenance, it costs us **£37,826.10** 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 Barrowford Park (these are the base budgets for 2015/16):

Parks - **£5,350** (includes Grounds and Buildings R&M)

Parks Games - **£1,960** (includes Grounds and Buildings R&M & Electricity)

Total cost (Grounds Maintenance Contract + Revenue budgets) = **£45,136.10**

There are other implications/issues that Barrowford Parish 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:

- Barrowford Park Bowling Club – we have an informal agreement with them regarding the maintenance of the green. We provide them with a mower and a container for storage of the mower. They have access to the building in the Park and use this as their home base. They look after this on behalf of the Council but contact the Council when any issues/repairs arise. The green is open to all for FREE at all times (unless there is an organised match being played by the Bowling Club).
- Friends of Barrowford Park – Ongoing liaison and working with Group on all Park related matters particularly new ones. Attendance at quarterly meetings and AGM.
- Right of access (through the Barrowford Road entrance) to the Cemetery that is located above the Park.
- Pendle Heritage Centre – the Heritage Trust for the North West have a long term lease for a number of buildings and land associated with the Heritage Centre.
- Dealing with other organisations that want to use the Park for one off events/activities, e.g. Lifestyle Festival.
- 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 Bowls Pavilion building. This is done through a combination of Neighbourhood Services staff and Property Services.
- Coin operated toilet within the Bowls Pavilion that is managed and maintained by the Parish Council.
- The Park has Green Flag Award accreditation.