

Sough Park

In terms of grounds maintenance, it costs us **£27,527.01** 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 Sough Park (these are the base budgets for 2015/16):

Parks - **£1,350** (includes Grounds and Buildings R&M)

Parks Games - **£1,500** (includes Grounds and Buildings R&M)

Playing Fields - **£1,980** (includes Grounds R&M, Electricity & Water/Sewerage)

Total cost (Grounds Maintenance + Revenue budgets) = **£32,357.01**

There are other implications/issues that Earby 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:

- Earby Memorial Park Bowling Club – The Club have use of, and access to, the Bowling Green and the associated Bowls 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.
- Dealing with other organisations that want to use the Park for one off events/activities, e.g. Teas in the Park Charity event.
- 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 buildings. This is done through a combination of Neighbourhood Services staff and Property Services.