

## Victoria Park, Nelson

In terms of grounds maintenance, it costs us **£66,209.11** 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 Victoria Park (these are the base budgets for 2015/16):

Parks - **£11,800** (includes Grounds and Buildings R&M, Electricity & Water/Sewerage)

Parks Games - **£3,460** (includes Buildings R&M, Water/Sewerage & Electricity)

Total cost (Grounds Maintenance + Revenue budgets) = **£82,060.56**

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:

- Half the Park is within Nelson (Whitefield ward) whilst the other half sits in Barrowford. This could prove problematic from a management/maintenance point of view if the Park is split between Barrowford Parish Council and Nelson Town Council.
- Victoria Park Pavilion Café/Social Enterprise – The occupier has a long term lease for the building.
- Friends of Victoria Park – Ongoing liaison and working with Group on all Park related matters particularly new ones. Attendance at quarterly meetings and AGM.
- Subway – this is the responsibility of Lancashire County Council (LCC). Any structural damage should be referred to LCC.
- Environmental Services have a Landscape Maintenance Depot/Yard on the periphery of the Park (this is recognised as being part of the Park).
- Pendle Cycleway runs through the Park.
- Dealing with other organisations that want to use the Park for one off events/activities, e.g. Nelson Cricket Club Family Fun Run, Orienteering, 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 building. This is done through a combination of Neighbourhood Services staff and Property Services.
- The Park has Green Flag Award accreditation.