

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FRIENDS GROUPS FOR PARKS & GREEN SPACES?



FOR VOLUNTEERS

FOR GREEN SPACE

FOR MANAGERS

FOR COMMUNITIES

HEALTH

Improve fitness and wellbeing

EMPOWERMENT

Experience 'ownership', take initiative and make a difference

INFLUENCE

Have a real say in decision-making and improvements

MEANING

Give purpose and pride

ENJOYMENT

Being involved is exciting and fun

FRESH AIR

Great way to get outside and into green space

AWARENESS

Get to know about nature, the community and the neighbourhood

CONNECTIONS

Connect with others and explore common interests

LEARNING

Use, acquire and develop skills

RECOGNITION

Be part of activity which is valued and appreciated

INVESTMENT

Additional funding, volunteering, skills and lobbying

PROTECTION

Monitoring, championing and defence of site

PROMOTION

Publicity and encouragement to use

DECISION-MAKING

Better and more popular decisions, engagement and continuity

USAGE

More visitors, natural benefits and appreciation

SAFETY

Community surveillance helps deter crime

IMPROVEMENT

Better standards, and extra facilities and features

ANIMATION

More activities and initiatives, vibrancy and innovation

COLLABORATION

Development of relations and partnerships

MAINTENANCE

Fast reporting, timely action and extra help

EYES & EARS

People watching out and reporting back

RECOGNITION

Appreciation of work done

SUPPORT

Help with maintenance, promotion and activities

IMPROVEMENT

Aspirations and standards raised

PARTNERSHIP

People to discuss, work and coordinate with

FEEDBACK

Information and views

SATISFACTION

Increased public usage and happiness

CHAMPIONS

People speaking out for the needs of the space

EXPERTISE

Extra knowledge and skills through volunteers

INVESTMENT

Additional funding and new projects

STANDARDS

Improvement, greater usage and optimism

CONNECTIONS

Physical and social interaction

COHESION

Connect diverse interests, ages and backgrounds

PROTECTION

Community champions and long term investment

PRIDE

Sense of achievement and ownership

WELLBEING

Enabling and promoting positive lifestyles

OPPORTUNITIES

Encouraging volunteering and participation

AWARENESS

Spreading information and communication

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Encouraging solidarity and co-operation

INSPIRATION

Example of what can be achieved by community action