



## Green Flag Award 2019

**Name of Site: downhill Park**

**Managing Organisation:**

### Desk Assessment Feedback (Management Plan and supporting documentation)

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
<b>Presentation</b>	Good comprehensive index. Good maps.	Be careful quoting figures, you say in 1.2.1 that there are 13900 people live in ward, at 2.1 you mention 400m whilst not clear is that each? Per household? But if you multiply the figure you get in excess of 500 hectares or roughly 150 hectares more than the whole of Haringey! If the point is you have more open space than the rest of London say so per head, which either brings its own benefits or not depending on how you want to play it
<b>Health, Safety &amp; Security</b>	Good idea of what make a safer space and are acting on it  Walking trails and signs with timings on a great idea.	There are no crime figures does this mean it has increased/decreased? It is hard to understand the context without some figures.
<b>Maintenance of equipment, buildings</b>		It may be better to replace the photograph of the play area with self-closing gate, open.

<b>&amp; landscape</b>	Good list of to see how you have integrated the sports teams to do some of their own improvements	
<b>Litter, cleanliness, vandalism</b>		The target for hygiene, shrubs seems to be set low and actually exceeded, When your contractor has not achieved the desired level or exceeded levels of performance it would be useful to see how that is handled beyond just monitoring.
<b>Environmental Management</b>	Good to see old tree recycled as a natural play area.	
<b>Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage</b>	Good to see a wildflower meadow and areas of mature trees.	
<b>Community Involvement</b>	<p>The café training people with learning disabilities is very good.</p> <p>Good friends of group. Encouraging to see that staff from the council attend the meetings of the group.</p> <p>“Friends of the parks” forum is a great idea.</p> <p>Good volunteer involvement</p>	<p>Picked up that you have 2 events in this park, but sure you have more.</p> <p>Perhaps a forum of all Downhills Park users e.g. Friends of group, dog walkers, sports group and café could be held on a regular basis.</p>
<b>Marketing &amp; Communication</b>	Covered by social media.	
<b>Overall management</b>		Under 4.2 are you saying there are only 36 staff to look after, all parks and open space and housing land?

**Additional comments**

Although this sheet does not record the strengths for this plan they are the same as Albert Rd.

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## Field Assessment Feedback

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
<b>A Welcoming Place</b>	Good access. Good signage throughout the park.	Downhills avenue entrance portacabin looks a mess and affects the welcoming feeling to that entrance. Notice board at entrance could do with cleaning and removing spider's webs
<b>Healthy, Safe and Secure</b>	Felt quite safe if the level of children in the area was anything to go by they felt safe. Continue to place litter bins by entrance ways. Have removed some shrub beds to improve personal security.	Consider play provision for younger children. Some Dog mess was evident on site during our visit. Issue raised by dog walker about the removal of dog bins which he felt should be replaced.
<b>Well Maintained and Clean</b>		Some shrub areas could do with gapping up. Some

	<p>Have tried recycling litter bins have to be taken out cause of contamination. Trees well maintained.</p> <p>Some tarmacking has been done to improve paths</p>	<p>iron work could do with soil around to make level.</p> <p>Number of edges need attention. Shrub beds could do with more attention re weeding.</p> <p>Grass cutting looks a bit "Chunky" Continue the improvements to tarmac paths.</p> <p>Railings around the conservation area need upgrading.</p>
<b>Environmental Management</b>	<p>No peat is used, and all green waste is recycled. Have replanted shrub beds and some bedding with drought resistant species.</p>	<p>Reducing the use of chemicals should be considered</p>
<b>Biodiversity Landscape and Heritage</b>	<p>Good approach to flora and fauna have carried out various surveys. Changing the vehicle fleet to electric.</p> <p>Joining up green areas throughout the borough to form a green corridor is a very good idea.</p> <p>Good interpretation board of local flora.</p>	<p>Like to see the development of the Italian garden.</p> <p>A regularly updated list of birds seen might be a good idea.</p>
<b>Community Involvement</b>	<p>Very good community involvement. Good use of toys to encourage younger children.</p>	<p>An information board about the history of the park could be considered..</p>
<b>Marketing and Communication</b>	<p>Appears to be good channels of information.</p>	
<b>Management</b>	<p>A well-used park, where the management plan is applied</p>	

**Additional Comments**

This parks appears to be very successful and well used, and because of that the pressures on the area is increased.. Therefore you need to ensure that your effort is concentrated in the right areas, and that you are prepared to take hard choices in order to maintain a standard. That may include

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removing areas from use in order that you can bring them back to a standard. That there are so many interested and committed people to the park is a credit to you.