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Management Plan

Manchester Leisure is responsible for the planning, design, conservation and management of parks and open spaces. It seeks to continually improve these resources, and aspires to providing attractive, safe and welcoming outdoor recreational facilities for all residents and visitors to enjoy.

Manchester Leisure is working to reverse the documented decline of public parks through the continued development, regeneration and promotion of green spaces - and through recognising the important role that parks play in people's quality of life. In recent years, the organisation has reintroduced on-site staffing, dedicated grounds maintenance and a full-time security resource. It has also developed opportunities in parks for sports and cultural activities, improving health and well-being, children's play and education. A neighbourhood emphasis, with a focus on improved safety and facilities, is high on the agenda.

The Medlock Valley is facing a number of challenges today, which are identified and addressed in the Management Plan. The key challenge, however, is to change local perceptions of the park in terms of crime and fear of crime. This will require the skilful use of resources from the public, voluntary and private sectors to tackle issues in a creative and sustainable way.

The momentum created by recent improvements will be backed up with practical, progressive measures to counteract misuse of the park. An annual review of the park in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour will be undertaken with the involvement of local people, bringing together as many stakeholders as possible to help identify issues and solutions, and to create an action plan that everybody can support and implement.

On a practical level, the steady programme of improvements to the infrastructure and landscape of the park will continue, including wildlife habitat restoration and the resurfacing of paths.



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Alongside these aims, further efforts will be made to establish a programme of park events, ranging from educational visits to fun days and festivals. As always, the intention is to increase the level of involvement amongst local communities and other stakeholders.

Some of the key aims of the Medlock Valley Management Plans are:

- To create a welcoming place
- To create a healthy, safe and secure site
- To create a park which is well maintained and clean
- To create a park which embraces the principles of sustainability
- To create a park which promotes conservation and heritage
- To promote the involvement of the local community
- To provide good marketing and promotion