



**Bristol Parks
2030:
A VISION FOR THE
FUTURE**



BRISTOL'S PARKS AND GREEN SPACES

OUR VISION

OVERVIEW

Bristol's publicly owned Parks and Green spaces are used by thousands of people every day of the year.

The Bristol Parks Forum as the umbrella organisation representing groups directly involved in our Parks and Green Spaces have been working on a new Vision.

The vision is written to make people look forward into a world which could be different than it is now. We cannot just think of where we are now as being the future; but look forward to a time where Parks and Green Spaces are recognised fully for their value to the City and are better than they are now.

We hope that as park and green space users, businesses, organisations, voluntary groups, elected representatives and members of the public, you can spend some time looking at the Vision, and letting us know what you think of it; and if you can agree with it.



A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR BRISTOL'S PARKS AND GREEN SPACES

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BRISTOL PARKS FORUM'S VISION FOR 2030 AND BEYOND

Bristol is rightly proud of its publicly owned parks and green spaces. These areas can be big or small – formal or informal. They are located throughout the City. They play a critical role in people's lives; and are an important part of the infrastructure of our City.

It has been proven that they can be a place for improving people's health and well-being through relaxation, play, walking the dog, taking part in sports, discovering wildlife, watching events or other activities. They can improve air quality, reduce noise, store flood water and provide critical habitats and corridors for wildlife.

This Vision will influence the way the Bristol Parks Forum and its members will act so that we can achieve the Vision; and we'll ask the people, organisations and businesses of Bristol to get involved in delivering the Vision.



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VISION FOR 2030

IN 2030 BRISTOL'S PARKS AND GREEN SPACES SHOULD BE:

- 1) Outstanding in the South West of England in terms of quantity and quality.
- 2) Available to everyone in all areas of the City.
- 3) Enhancing the physical and mental health and well-being of people.
- 4) Hubs of activity for local communities where people are empowered.
- 5) Free to access for everyone.
- 6) Recognised for their value to the City.
- 7) Places where wildlife thrives.
- 8) Places where our heritage can be explored.

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WE WANT TO ACHIEVE THE VISION BY:

- 1) **Listening and responding** to the views of those with an interest in the parks and green spaces.
- 2) **Ensuring that parks and green spaces can be protected** from inappropriate development or use.
- 3) **Ensuring that everyone can have access** to a good quality green space.
- 4) **Collaborating** with others.
- 5) **Campaigning** for a legal duty to ensure spaces are managed to a good standard.
- 6) **Encouraging and enabling** more people and groups to get involved in their spaces.
- 7) **Ensuring that there are resources to maintain, manage and enhance** spaces.
- 8) **Protecting and enhancing** wildlife and heritage.
- 9) **Celebrating** what we have, and are going to, achieve.

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DELIVERING THE VISION

Bristol Parks Forum already works with national and local park related organisations, but through our members we will seek new partnerships to help us deliver the Vision.

If you want to see the Vision achieved, please:

- Use your park and green space.
- Look after your park and green space.
- Get involved in your park and green space so that it can be improved.
- Celebrate what is good about your park and green space.
- Ask your local Councillors, Bristol's Mayor and local MPs to support the Vision.

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YOU THINK?**

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