

This plan reflects a variety of complementary strategic options for improving both Victoria Park and the Mary Baily Playing Field - including creating a more natural link between the two spaces.

The first version of this plan, published in spring 2014, was based on the ideas & objectives identified in the accompanying document - itself the result of widespread public consultation in the town.

Please note that the options & ideas shown on the plan remain illustrative at this stage - and could be subject to change over time and as funding is available.

1) Trees & Gardens

- More trees planted throughout the park.
- New planting to bring colour and restoration within new and existing planting areas.
- Central grass area broadly focused on the Bandstand for walking, informal games and holding community events.

2) Buildings & Structures

- New multi-use 'Pavilion' building, e.g. Council Parks Team offices, Cafe, Bowling Clubhouse and Toilets.
- Bandstand retained.
- Current café and toilets given new use.
- Bomb shelter and mower store removed.

3) Play, Sports & Games

- Play areas to be reviewed and improved for more Inclusive Play.
- Games, sports and other more active uses to be concentrated in eastern side of the park.
- Large playing field for team sports.
- Passive activities located in western side of the park such as table tennis, boules and chess.
- Water play and other improvements to be considered in the ongoing management of the existing play areas.

4) Drainage

- A combination of drainage methods to improve drainage in the south eastern corner.
- Incorporate open ponds and vegetated channels within a fenced area for wildlife into the drainage design as a new wetland habitat.

5) Events & Performance

- Bandstand retained.
- Flexible seating surrounding bandstand for outdoor performances.
- Large open grass area for local events.

