

Victoria Park

Frome's oldest park
– history, heritage &
horticulture.

Frome's first public park was created & opened around 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

And the park's Victorian heritage can still be seen today; Victoria Park is the most formal of the town's green spaces, with boundary fences, close-cut lawns, rose beds and a number of mature trees.

The park also features a circular footpath running the entire way round – the sort of walking promenade that was typical and beloved of Victorian parks.

What you'll find here

A thatched bandstand: a social space and a focal point for events in the park

Speaking of which... Enjoy an event, especially in summer. Fun-days, concerts, the Children's Festival... And occasionally pedal-powered night-time cinema.

A seasonal café

Public toilets (open during daylight hours throughout the year)

A grassed picnic and play area aimed at younger families and little people

A wide, flat path all the way round the park – a great, traffic-free environment for kids (& big kids) to learn how to ride a bike

The path round the park is great for walking & running, too. Fitter, Better, Faster, Stronger

And last but definitely not least, Victoria Park is home to the Council's team of Town Rangers.

Next steps

New planting in the park – adding colour and seasonal interest

Including ornamental trees; flowering shrubs; and gentle sweeps of wildflowers

Ideas for planting round the bandstand

An improved and repaired footpath at the entrance to the park by the bowls club

A new central building joining Victoria Park with Mary Baily, providing high quality public toilets and a café/concession space for both spaces

Looking at opportunities for new play in the picnic & play space

New bins (replacing the older ones) And additional seating - with benches in sunnier spots



Technical Summary

Main habitat typology: Grassland

Play & recreation value: Medium

Value for sport: Low

Landscape value: High

Habitat value: Medium

Amenity value: High

Management Summary

We manage Victoria Park for its landscape value and its amenity value.

Approved at Council Matters: May 2018

Review schedule: Every year

Next scheduled review: Spring 2019