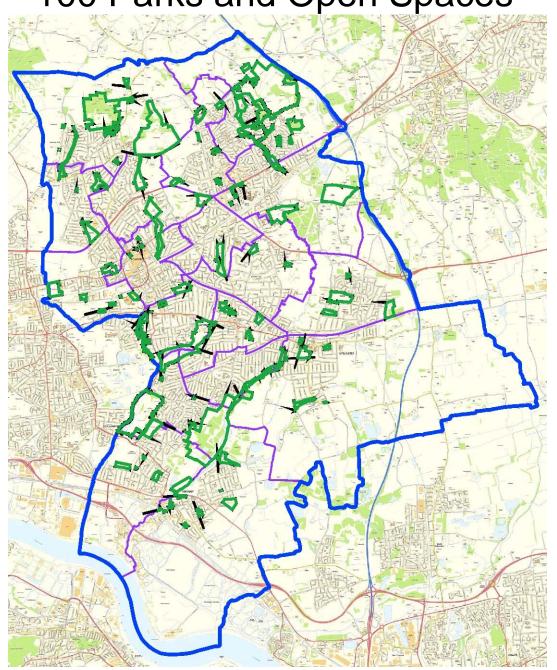


100 Parks and Open Spaces



























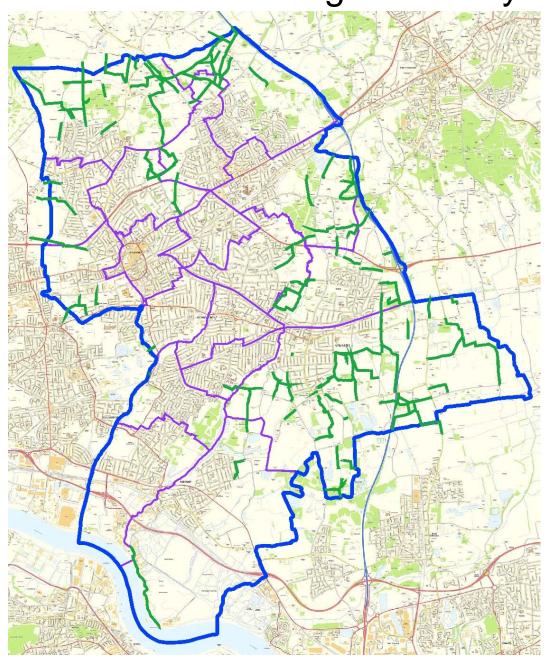
#### **Areas of Work**

- Management of 100 parks and open spaces, including 4 country parks
- Management of Ranger Service and apprentices
- Management of Parks Maintenance (infrastructure and play area repairs)
- Management of Hall Lane Mini Golf Course
- Parks Monitoring and formal inspection system
- Management of 3 tier play area inspection system
- Capital project management
- External funding applications
- Development and implementation of Parks and Open Spaces strategy
- Management of allotments and liaison with allotment societies
- Management of Public Rights of Way and liaison with Ramblers
- Liaison with Friends Groups, including volunteering and management of 'Official Status' initiative
- Management of Green Flag applications (13 currently held) and London in Bloom Awards for parks (25 including 1 category winner and discretionary award)
- Event and activities management, including fairs, circuses and 'boot camps'
- Management of leases and licences, including bowls, cricket, tennis, fishing, cafes and fishing clubs.
- Management of sports pitch hire, including football and rugby
- Marketing and promotion via social media (Parks Facebook page), website, brochure and press releases



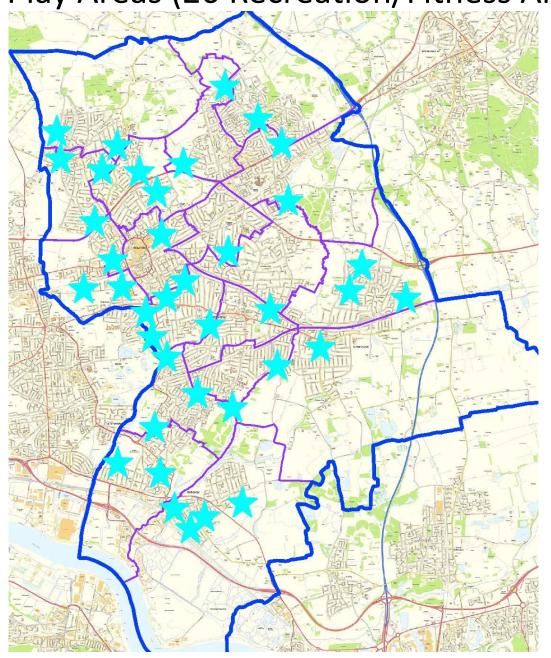


# 98 Rural Public Rights of Way





## 41 Play Areas (26 Recreation/Fitness Areas)









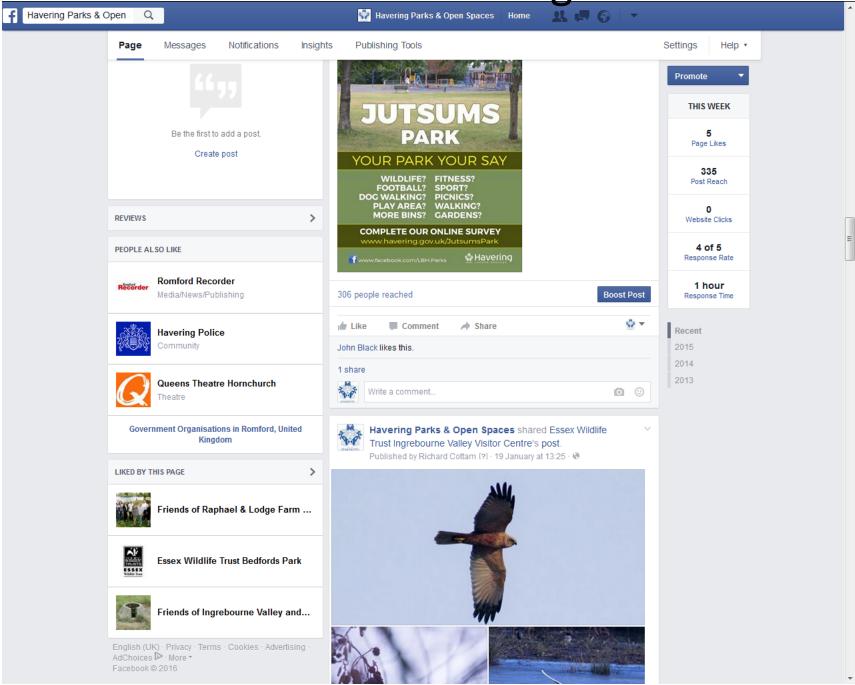








Parks Facebook Page





Since 2007 following the establishment of a dedicated parks team and regular capital investment the key parks across the borough have achieved the prestigious Green Flag Awards. This has now reached 13 awards:

Harrow Lodge Park- new in 2017
Haynes Park- new in 2017
Bedfords Park
Upminster Park
Hylands Park

Lodge Farm Park
Harold Wood Park
Cottons Park
St Andrews Park

Lawns Park Raphael Park Central Park Rise Park



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### 12 Gold, 11 Silver Gilt, 2 Silver



Discretionary Award for Riverside Meadow



**Best Floral Display** 

### **Future Projects**

- Application for Green Flag Award at Langtons Gardens and retention of existing sites
- Applications for London in Bloom Awards for parks and contribution in Best Borough category
- Working with private companies who want to invest in our parks and help generate income.
- Research through the London Parks Benchmarking Group and Parks for London to collate ideas for additional income generation.
- Improved publicity of our parks and open spaces with new brochure, web-pages and use of the events management website 'Filmapp'.
- Improved parks condition and safety inspections with the use of the 'Commontime' software (as currently used on Housing Estates).
- Improved parks tree management with establishment of regular surveying and recording system.
- Produce an up to date Parks Strategy linking with the corporate vision