

## Hinkler Green Management Plan Update 2013

The action plan below is taken from the original management plan for 2010-2013. Recent additional achievements and current aspirations have been added to show how this park is still developing.

The Friends of Hinkler Green volunteers continue to actively maintain and develop the park in liaison with local people and organisations. The local churches, responsible for the Peaceful Garden area of the park, and The Hinkler Pub (National Community Pub 2012) are very much on board with all the efforts to keep the park in excellent condition. The dog walkers group which keeps us informed about issues affecting the cleanliness and safety of the park and Trevor who lovingly keeps an eye on the wild area from his Elwood Road flat are amongst a range of locals who make an invaluable contribution to the park.

Probably the most pleasing development of late is the Friends Group initiation and partnership involvement in the Hinkler Community Garden which is now a thriving community facility to give local people an opportunity to learn how to grow their own fruit and veg. This project has taken 2 years to implement since the idea was discussed at a Friends Group meeting. It's great to see it bearing fruit (and veg!) at last.

### Action plan for 2010/13

Aspirational 

Completed 

Recent additional achievements 

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<i>Welcoming place</i>					
Signage improvements	Bob Reeve	Friends of Hinkler Green Park, TPY	£2k to produce finger signs directing people to the Park, Friends to take responsibility for notice boards and signage	March 2010	To draw more people into the park from surrounding areas and increase awareness of the high quality facilities and leisure opportunities at Hinkler Green Park
New minor entrance features and signage	Duncan House,	Friends of Hinkler Green Park, TPY	£7k grant funding - TPY Community Chest,	March 2011	Improve secondary entrances to encourage more people into the

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	Chair of Friends group		Community Spaces + Officer time		park and improve community information.
Develop The Hinkler Pub as a community meeting and welcome place	Tracy Attwood, Member Friends group	Marston's Brewery, Friends of Hinkler Green Park, TPY	£5k – Marston's	March 2012	The Landlords are keen to develop a community pub with links to the Green including a Bert Hinkler information board, energy monitor and information, and improved exterior
Submit grant bid for the major new entrance and propeller features in the Heritage Zone	Bob Reeve	Friends of Hinkler Green Park, TPY	£50k application to Veolia, Officer time	Submitted by Jan 2010	Develop entrance features at the main Hinkler Pub entrance which are eye catching and informative
Rebuild east-west pathway along the northern boundary of the Green	Bob Reeve	Friends Group, SCC Housing and Transport, TPY	£60k Better Neighbourhoods and Cycleways, Officer time	March 2010	This is a priority project to encourage access, improve safety for walkers and cyclists and link with one of the area's greenways
Development of Hinkler Community Garden	Josh Crandon	Friends of Hinkler Green, Groundworks South	£10k First Wessex Housing, Groundwork South, SCC	May 2013	This has made the western approach to Hinkler Green much more pleasant and removed the unsightly, overgrown, litter strewn shrub bed
Water feature	Duncan House	Friends Group	£20k	May 2014	A simple, vandal proof water feature would be most welcomed by youngsters and adults alike and provide an additional welcoming feature

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<i>Healthy, safe and secure</i>					
More tasteful knee rails and planting to define the park boundary and limit vehicle access	Bob Reeve	Friends, SCC Housing / TPY Better Neighbourhoods project	£5k Awards for All / Grass Roots grant funding, Officer time	March 2010	The eastern side of the Park is far too open and needs knee rails and tree / shrub planting to define the Park boundary and defend against vehicles
Skate park extension	Bob Reeve	Skate park users, TPY	£4k TPY, Officer time	July 2009 COMPLETE	Youngsters are very keen to have an area for 'grinding' and 'table tops'
Remove old green wooden seating, redundant lighting columns and replace gravel path and youth shelter base with landscaping	Bob Reeve, Graham Pugh	Friends Group	SCC Landscape team as part of deal for recycling soil from nearby site + Awards for All / Grass Roots grant funding for lighting	April 2010	The green seats are rotting and prone to graffiti and the path is being decommissioned making lighting columns useful for replacing unmaintained columns along the main N-S path
Make safe drainage grills along northern path edge	Dale Bostock	SCC Housing	Officer time	March 2010	This will be part of the E-W path rebuild
Remove old school sign near The Hinkler	Bob Reeve	Friends group	SCC Landscape team as part of deal for recycling soil from nearby site	Jan 2010	This sign is old, rusty and no longer linked to any school.
Toilet facilities	Tracy Attwood, Member Friends group	The Hinkler, The Natterbox, Friends	Careful management	March 2010	The Hinkler is willing to make toilet facilities available to people using the Green and the officers overseeing the redevelopment of nearby Hinkler Parade see this as a potential link.
Topsoil infilling of flood prone areas	Bob Reeve	Businesses in Community	£0.5k SCC	July 2011	Areas which became huge puddles for long periods are now dry most of the year

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Adult play equipment service	Bob Reeve	Thornhill Community Association	£0.5k SCC	February 2013	This play equipment became unsafe and needed servicing to continue its popular use
<i>Clean and well maintained</i>					
Establish colour and form themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decide on park colours and paint strategically to improve its coherence</li> <li>Decide on the dominant form of man-made features, make strategic adjustments where possible and design new features to blend in</li> <li>Upgrade bins to one, high quality type</li> </ul>	Bob Reeve	Friends of Hinkler Green Park, TPY, dog walkers	£5k Officer time	Nov 2009 COMPLETE	Partners all agree that the Park lacks coherence. Colour, form, furniture and features need to be unified towards agreed and appropriate themes. Green, black and gold agreed as theme colours and Brecon bins to be common across the Park
Upgrade lighting columns to new city standard	John Horton	Lighting PFI team	Lighting PFI programme	Oct 2010	Private Finance Initial funding in place to upgrade all Southampton lights over next 1-3 years
Woodstaining of wooden furniture	Bob Reeve	Businesses in Community	Officer time	August 2011	All wooden items needing a re-stain were treated
Clearance of Buffer Zone and MUGA	Bob Reeve	Businesses in Community	Officer time	September 2012	Large weeds were removed or strimmed and wildflower seeds

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mound weeds					sown
Virginia Creepers and protective cages	Bob Reeve	Christians in Community	£0.5k SCC	March 2013	Virginia creepers to cover the large 'drying area' walls were planted and protected with special metal cages. This will keep the walls looking much nicer and prevent graffiti and damage
Graffiti action	Bob Reeve	Police	Officer time	August 2013	The worst spate of graffiti we've had for 3 years was dealt with efficiently and the culprits identified and dealt with by the Police
<i>Sustainability</i>					
Install recycling facility adjacent to park	Tracy Attwood, Member of Friends group	SCC Waste and Recycling	SCC Waste and Recycling	Jan 2010	There are no bottle banks in Thornhill and the pub and Park at the centre of the area is an ideal location
Develop nature conservation area as part of the larger project to develop the Tranquil Zone	Bob Reeve	Schools, Friends Group	£50k Community Spaces bid, Officer time	May 2010	Tree, shrub and wildflower planting to enhance biodiversity in the Green and link with the nearby Dumbleton's Copse
Bird, bat and insect boxes	Bob Reeve	Schools, Friends Group	Better Neighbourhoods and grant funding	May 2010	To enhance biodiversity in the Green and link with the nearby Dumbleton's Copse
On-site chipping to produce mulches for planted areas	Martin Wilcox	Friends Group	Tidy Team time	From Jan 2009	A new chipper is now available for this work
Variety of grass and wildflower regimes	Martin Wilcox	Friends Group	Tidy Team time	May 2010	The Tranquil Zone will need less mowing with grass being left to grow

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					in some areas and wildflower swathes in others
Identify areas for new shrub and herbaceous planting	Martin Wilcox	Friends Group	Awards for All / Grass Roots grant funding, SCC Housing / TPY Better Neighbourhoods project	March 2010	There is presently little horticultural interest in the park so this must be improved
Topsoil and plants for Tranquil area	Bob Reeve	Friends Group	£0.5k SCC	March 2013	To make the centre of the Tranquil Zone more interesting, a topsoil mound was built and planted with new grasses and wildflowers
Re-landscaping and planting of mounds	Bob Reeve	Friends Group	£3k SCC	March 2014	The very successful wilflower mounds are now dominated by invasive perennials such as thistle and nettle. Re-landscaping and planting will restore them to their former glory
<i>Conservation and heritage</i>					
Re-painting and re-siting of Hinkler 'Globe' sculpture	Bob Reeve	Friends Group	Awards for All / Grass Roots grant funding, Officer time	May 2010	This is a key heritage feature in the Park but it sits unnoticed in the middle of the Youth Zone. Moving and repainting will make it an attractive, eye catching entrance feature opposite the well used Warburton Hill route
New 'atlas' minor entrance features welcoming people to the Park and showing	Bob Reeve	Friends Group	£3.5k grant from TPY Community Chest + £4k grant from Community Spaces	May 2010	This is an exciting consultation design venture to produce 2 Bert Hinkler theme sculptures at the Ellwood Avenue and Baxter Road

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Bert Hinkler's record breaking flights					entrances
Metal artboards and artwork	Bob Reeve	Friends Group	£2.5k SCC	October 2012	The ground-breaking wooden artboards lasted for 3 years before becoming badly weathered and dangerous. Metal boards were put in their place and a new Bert Hinkler theme artboard developed. Plans are underway for the second metal board to have a street art anecdotal theme
<i>Community involvement</i>					
Active, constituted Friends of Hinkler Green Park with re-elected officers continuing to move improvements forward	Friends of Hinkler Green	Bob Reeve, Local residents and businesses, Thornhill Plus You	Officer Time	From July 2008 and Ongoing	Group established and busily active with new officers from July AGM and commitment to take responsibility for aspects of the Park
Healthkicks join Friends Group to promote young men's outreach	Healthkicks	Friends	Sports funding secured by Healthkicks	From Sept 2009 and Ongoing	Healthkicks had taken responsibility to develop a soccer kick around adjacent to the skate park to develop its successful outreach to local young men
Involvement of 5 local schools and Parent Toddler groups	Bob Reeve	Friends Group	Officer time	Ongoing	Consultation, planting, design ideas

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Regular community events to encourage people to join the Friends group and give their views on proposals	Bob Reeve	Friends Group, Thornhill Plus You, Hilary Bradley, Hawthorns Centre	Officer time	Ongoing	Roadshows, marquee consultation, Hinkler Festival, Tree O'Clock tree planting, volunteer wildflower planting and nature conservation
Further planting and improvements to the churches Peaceful Garden	Rev Geoff Annas	SCC Parks & Street Cleansing, Friends Group	£2k TPY Community Chest funding, Officer time	March 2010	This very committed group have project days planned to carry out further planting and improvements in and around the Peaceful Garden
Festival, Solent College and StreetCRED	Kris Holland, Bob Reeve, Mark Gilbert	Festival Committee, Solent College, Police	Officer time	Ongoing	Regular events continue to take place in the park. The Festival is annual despite some challenging weather and students from Solent College have planted spring bulbs and trees. The recent Police-led StreetCRED was very well received
<i>Marketing</i>					
Improved signage and interpretation	Bob Reeve, Tracy Attwood, Member of Friends group	The Hinkler, Friends Group	£2k to produce finger signs directing people to the Park & interpretation boards in the pub and at the main park entrance	May 2010	Signage in and around the Park needs significant improvement
News items in Thornhill Newsletter and St Christopher's Newsletter	Mike Nightingale	Thornhill Plus You, St Christopher's, Friends	Officer Time	Ongoing	Regular features on Hinkler Green Park appear in these publications
Link GreenSTAT to Friends of Hinkler	Mike Nightingale	All	Officer time	Ongoing	Done but no responses as yet. Produce regular reports on



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Website & encourage online feedback from users via Eastpoint and posters in the onsite notice board					GreenSTAT for Hinkler Green Park and discuss possible improvements from comments at Friends and Stakeholder meetings.
The Hinkler Pub display cabinets	Tracey & John, Landlords	Friends Group	£1k SCC	December 2013	Many historical Bert Hinkler memorabilia need protective display in proper cabinets
<i>Management</i>					
Further improve stakeholder involvement in the development of the Management Plan with a master plan map	Bob Reeve	Friends of Hinkler Green Park	Officer time	March 2010	The masterplan will need updating as the Tranquil Zone is transformed and Friends should take more ownership of specific Park tasks and roles
Continue to develop succession plans with Thornhill Plus You to ensure that Hinkler Green Park is sustained in the long term	John Horton / Mike Nightingale	Bob Reeve, Tidy Team, key stakeholders	Officer time	April 2010	The Tidy team project is part funded from regeneration funding and there is a succession plan / exit strategy to ensure the current level of service is maintained after the TPY funding ceases.
Explore available funding opportunities to implement master plan actions	Bob Reeve	Friends of Hinkler Green Park, TPY	Officer time and potential matched funding	Ongoing	Community Spaces bid now at stage two; Awards for All, Grass Roots and Veolia bids to come