

Aims and Objectives	Management prescription	Location code	Agent	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Cost	17	18	19	20	21	
To Provide a Clean, Safe and Accessible Environment for all																						
Keep park free of litter, flytipping and dog mess	litter pick car parks daily	C1, C2,C3,C4,C7	Park staff													Core budget						
	litter pick plantations		Park staff													Core budget						
	litter pick main amenity areas	G23,G24, L1,L2,L3, G22,G16,G17,G2 1,G20,G7,G19	Park staff													Core budget						
	empty bins and issue FPNs as required	all	Park staff													Core budget						
	clear litter from bankside trees as necessary		Park staff													Core Budget						
	Empty recycling banks		BBC													Core budget						
	Empty skips		BBC													Core budget						
	empty dog waste bins twice a week	all	BBC/park staff													cust services budget						
	Maintain estate fabric, buildings and furniture	fill wet spots on soft paths	all	Park staff													Core budget					
		fill holes in service roads and hard paths	all	Park Rangers /BBC													Core budget					
		Maintain posts, signs, benches, bins in good working order	all	Park staff													£2,000					
		Inspect and maintain height barriers		Park staff													Core budget					
		Improve recycling zone	entrance area	BBC													Core & Env't budget					
		maintain and tidy garage and compound		Park Rangers/ Wildlife Trust													Core budget					
Clean visitor centre			contractor / café													£8,000						
Remove / Repair fencing around plantations		A3, A2, A8, A10, A11	Park staff													Core budget						
Inspect Priory Wall and bring attention to any issues			Park staff													Core budget						
Tidy up signs off Barkers Lane and improve road markings		entrance area	Park Staff / Marina businesses													Highways / core budget						
Maintain visitor centre and toilets			Park Staff / BBC													Repair and renewal budget						
Inspect and maintain Bridges			BBC													bridges						
Maintain safety equipment and signage		check and replace life saving equipment		Park staff													Core budget					
		inspect and replace safety signage		Park staff													Core budget					
	Review fire plan		Park staff													Core budget						
	Review water safety assessment	all	Park Manager													Core budget						
Recycle materials	Use recycled products where appropriate eg benches		Park staff													Core budget						
	Review use and operation of public recycling bins		Park Manager / Park Staff													Core budget / recycling						
Reduce dog fouling and dog incidents	Fixed Penalty Notice Dog Control Order campaign for dog fouling & incidents	all	Park staff												Core budget / enforcement							

Reduce other incidents of anti-social behaviour

Lock main car park between 21:00 and 05:00

entrance area

Park staff / Beefeater staff

To conserve and enhance the natural environment and ecological value of the park.

Maintain and enhance long grass areas for ecological diversity

Cut once - Sept

G1,G2,G3,G4,G5, G6,G17A

Park staff

Core budget

Cut twice - July, Sept

G7,G8,G18

Park staff

Core budget

Cut once - March

G9,G10,G11,G12

Park staff

Core budget

Cut in March then cut and clear in september

G13,G14

Park staff

Core budget

Gangmow fortnightly from April until June then cut and remove in September.

G15, G16

BBC Grounds Maintenance team

Core budget

Cut in May and July

G17B

Park staff

Core budget

Cut in March, flail July then gangmow until November

G26

Park staff/ BBC Grounds maintenance Team

Core budget

cut, collect and bail grass

G4, G16, G15, G8, G17(part)

contractor

Core budget

Graze cattle

G25

Grazier

£500

Maintain short amenity grassland areas

Maintain to 2.5cm

G19,G20,G21,G22,G23,G24,P1,P2, grass paths

Grounds maintenance team /Park Staff

Core budget

Maintain and enhance plantations for ecological diversity

Coppice rotation - 10 plots

A1 (pl 6)

Park staff

Core budget

Coppice rotation - 5 plots

A3 (pl10,pl11,pl14,pl15)

Park staff

Core budget

Coppice willows - 2 plots each year (of 4)

A4 (lakeside main path & crescent)

volunteers / park staff

£800

Coppice/pollard willows

A5 (FL fishing spit)

Park staff

Core budget/Tree Team

Reduce scrub height + 1 coppice plot + manage bramble

A2 (pl 7)

Park Rangers/lvel RG

Core budget

Coppice willows - 1 plot every 4 years (of 2), two years offtet

A6 (pl 21)

£500

Coppice scrub - 1 plot of 3 over 6-8 years

A7 (pl 37)

Volunteers /park staff

Core budget

Coppice sections as requested

A8 (pl 1,pl 2,pl 3,pl 4)

Park staff

Core budget

Remove mature poplars

A7 (pl 37), A11(pl 35), A6 (pl 21)

contractor

£2,500

Selected coppice on long rotation

A9 (pl 29,pl 30,pl 31,pl 34)

Park staff

£300

Maintain and enhance Priory Lake	Cut and remove front half of reedbed in front of hide	L1	Park staff		Core budget	
	Clear weed growth in front of swims	L1	Park staff		Core budget	
	Maintain and replace erosion prevention structures	L1	Park staff		Core budget	
	Top up beach with gravel	L1	Park staff		£600	
Maintain and enhance Fingers Lake	Check and maintain dipping platforms	L2	Park staff		£150	
	Control water soldier when necessary	L2	Park staff		Core budget	
	Clear weed growth in front of swims	L2	Park staff		Core budget	
	Coppice willow on spits 15%	A10	Park staff		Core budget	
Maintain mature willows and pollards	Cardington walk repollard 10%	W5	Tree surgeon		£1,000	
	Fingers Lake pollard old willows 10%	P7	Tree surgeon		£2,000	
	Upper leat pollards	W4	Tree surgeon / Park Staff		£500	
	New cut pollard willows 5-10%	W1	Tree surgeon		£3,000	
Maintain and enhance Riverside Brook	Clear weed from one side and cut back willows on brook	W2	Dredging contractor		£2,500	
	Coppice willows and scrub (30%) next to housing and inform residents	W2	Park staff		£1,000	
Maintain and enhance the Leat stream	Clear penstock of debris	W4	Park staff		Core budget	
	Maintain flows in lower Leat	W3	Environment Agency / Park Staff		EA	
Maintain and enhance populations of notable species	Protect wintering waterfowl through exclusion zone on Priory Lake	L1	Park staff		Core budget	
	oil eggs of canada geese	L1,L2	Park staff		Core budget	
	Feed winter waterfowl	L1	Park staff		Core budget	
	Check bat boxes	all	Park Staff / Beds Bat Group		Core budget	
	Check and replace bird boxes	all	Ivel Ringing Group		£100	
	Survey and monitor wildlife	Monitor butterflies (weekly transect)	G6,G15,G13,G16,G3	Park Staff / Volunteers		Core budget
		Monitor bird populations (constant effort ringing)	A1,A2	Ivel Ringing Group		Ivel Ringing Group
		Produce annual bird report		Birding Group		£20
Bat survey			Park Staff / Beds Bat Group		Core budget / vols	
update all species lists			Park staff		Core budget	
	Survey BAP species		Park staff		Core budget	
	Continue Meadow survey		Park staff		Core budget	

To Promote Environmental Education in the park.

Provide educational opportunities for schools	Facilitate use of Park for formal education		Park staff			
	Provide training and equipment for self led educational programmes		Park Staff		Core budget	
	provide work experience for students and trainees		Park staff		Core budget	
Facilitate activities with local groups, e.g. cubs.	produce leaflets for distribution to local groups		Park staff		Core budget	
	Facilitate running educational sessions with external provider		Park staff / Park Manager		Core budget / Bedford Museum	

To promote Community Involvement in the park

Support and expand volunteer opportunities	Advertise and develop monthly volunteer group		Park staff		£200	
	Advertise and develop weekly volunteer group		Park staff			
Promote relations with external organisations	Contribute to partnership initiatives e.g. BRVP		Park staff / Park Manager		Core budget	

To facilitate the pursuit of outdoor recreation compatible with the nature of the park.

Maintain and improve fishery	Carry out fishing rounds and check tickets and Rod Licenses		Park staff		Core budget	
	Sell Fishing Permits		Park staff			
	Maintain fishing swims		Park staff		Core budget / vols	
Enforce parks bye-laws & national legislation	Regularly patrol the park and use enforcement powers as needed		Park staff		Core budget	
	Refresh anti-littering and dog fouling campaigns		Park staff		Core budget	
Maintain recreational facilities	Coppice island every year (reduce wind-shadow)	P42	Priory Watersports Assoc.		Core budget	
	Maintain birdwatching hides in good repair		Park staff		Core budget	
	Maintain Play Areas		Park staff			
Reduce weed on lakes	Use weed removal boats on Priory Lake		Priory Watersports Assoc.			
	Use weed removal boats on Fingers Lake		Contractor			
	Maintain wildlife garden		The wildlife Trust volunteers		£300	
Promote outdoor sports and recreation	Facilitate sports events held in the park		External event managers		Core budget	

To encourage participation in park events and activities.

Provide support for organised sports events	Run sailing events and administer rules	L1	Priory Watersports Association		PWSA	
	Run slalom events and administer rules		British Canoe Union		BCU	
	Run conservation volunteer work parties	all	Park staff		£2,000	

	Assess applications for external events	all	parks team and corn exchange events		Core budget/parks budget	
	Provide catering facility in park	Visitor centre	Park manager / Cloverdale		External funding	
Promote outdoor pursuits and play	regular guided walks with external providers	all	Park staff		Core budget	
Continue provision of organised summer holiday activities	Provide materials for self led pond dipping activities for local groups		Park staff		Core budget	
Facilitate a programme of public events	With external groups and council events officer		Parks staff		Core budget	

To improve the cultural and heritage value of the park

Maintain labyrinth	Investigate options for future maintenance	Park Manager and park staff		Core budget	
Maintain Priory Wall	Inspect and Maintain Priory Wall	Heritage team /park staff		Core budget	
Maintain Priory Fishponds	Mow monthly April - September	Park staff		Core budget	
	survey surrounding trees for work	Park staff		Core budget	
Implement interpretation scheme	Maintain information and interpretation	Park staff		Core budget	
	Reprint colour coded trail leaflets	park staff		£1,800	

To build good practise through the monitoring, evaluation and revision of the management plan.

Record key biodiversity indicators	Monitor populations of warbler species	Ivel Rngng Group / Volunteers		Core budget	
	Monitor butterfly populations	Park staff / Volunteers		Core budget	
	Monitor Bat roosts and boxes	Park Staff / beds bat group		Core budget/vols	
Monitor implementation of plan	Record work completed	Park staff		Core budget	
	Produce seasonal work targets	Park Manager / Staff		Core budget	
	Maintain day diary	Park staff		Core budget	
	Annual review of management plan	Park Manager / Staff		Core budget	
	Annual review of works programme	Park Manager / Staff		Core budget	
Monitor site condition	Annual tree survey	Park staff		Core budget	
	Annual bridge survey	BBC			
	Health and safety checks	Park staff			
	Lifebelt checks	Park staff			
	Daily site inspection	Park staff			
	Regular Patrols	Park staff			
Monitor User perception	Visitor opinion survey	Park staff / contractor		Core budget	
Record incidents	Record on Assessnet system	Park Manager		Core Budget	

Marketing and Promoting the park in surrounding areas.

Distribute park's leaflets	distribute leaflets in external outlets	Park Manager		£1,500	
	Advertise and promote site in local press and magazines	Park Manager /Communications Dept.		£800	
Increase use of web to promote and market the park	Maintain information on councils web site	Park Manager		Core budget	
Participate in planning and implementation of emerging BRVP	Continue with masterplan	Park Manager / Staff			
Regular visitor surveys	Commission survey	Park Manager		Core budget	

Apply for green flag

Park Manager



Core budget

