

Langold Country Park Management Plan 2026-2027



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Executive Summary

Bassetlaw District Council is committed to providing high quality parks and open spaces throughout the district. This commitment has transformed the parks and open spaces after investments made into the facilities have often involved pioneering new developments and improvements across the service.

The park is managed and maintained by Parks and Open Spaces within the Leisure and Wellbeing Services, led by the Environment & Energy Portfolio.

This management plan has been written as a working document to ensure the Park continues to develop and evolve with the needs and expectations of the public. It enables the Council and partners to keep focused on future strategic aims and aspirations, as identified within its 10-year Masterplan for the park.

To ensure the plan retains its value as a current working document, it will be updated and amended annually to reflect developments and changing priorities.

This plan was updated in January 2026.

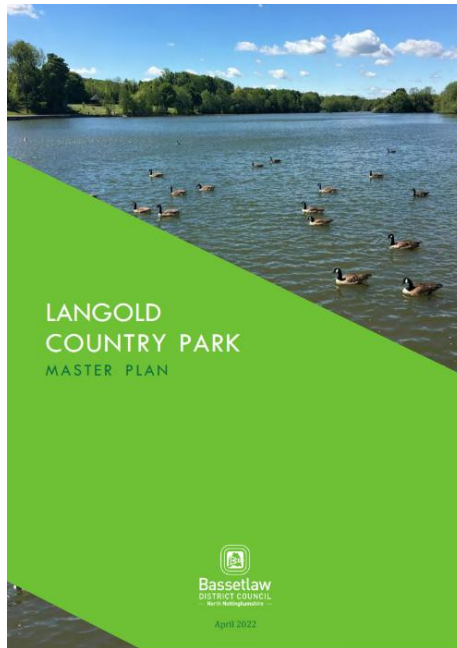
Previous Plans

This management plan builds upon the lessons learned from previous plans and supersedes them.

Prior to these plans, a comprehensive ecological management plan for developing the park as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) was in use. While this remains an important document, it only covers managing the LNR's ecological value largely in isolation from other factors.

This management plan and future updates will use Green Flag Award criteria within its core structure. This provides the most holistic approach and balances park visitor needs and those of wildlife in the most efficient and understandable way possible.

The Masterplan 2022



Pictured above: A copy of the Langold Country Park Masterplan.

The current ten-year Masterplan for the park has been adopted following a comprehensive consultation process achieving a very good level of participation and support from the park user community.

The Masterplan takes a back to basics, comprehensive approach in identifying both the defining qualities of the park and the strategic and practical challenges that need addressing. These challenges include greater emphasis on many aspects which were not specifically covered in detail within previous plans. This also includes a much stronger focus on sustainable management and substantially raising the profile of heritage.

There is also emphasis on ecology within a District and a wider strategic level to include the park's role within biodiversity and Climate Change strategies.

The overall Masterplan is structured around a range of distinct sections that fit together and overlap with cross-cutting themes. These are under the following main headings:

- Heritage.
- Community Engagement and Education.
- Income Generation.
- Access and Connectivity.

- Ecology.
- Mitigation.
- Policy Context.

The Masterplan, although following a different structure, does provide a good basis for identifying strategic priorities to practically translate within the management plan. Perhaps the most useful aspect of the Masterplan is its repeated emphasis on taking a holistic approach within the whole development of the park. Nearly every theme is cross-cutting, with this being most prominent where ecology and the needs of people for authentic contact with nature arises in many sections.

The unifying theme between Masterplan and management plan is that parks and people are inseparable. Within a country park, ecological values must share a central role with the recreational needs of people both now and into the future. The following management plan will show how this will be practically achieved in a holistic and sustainable way.

Vision Statement for Langold Country Park

Our goal is to create an exceptional visitor experience that not only meets but exceeds expectations—whether through play, authentic encounters with nature, or opportunities for exploration. At the same time, we will celebrate and safeguard the park’s rich heritage.

Langold Country Park will stand as a flagship destination for both people and wildlife, where community involvement drives future improvements and the benefits to biodiversity and wellbeing grow hand in hand.

In support of Bassetlaw District Council’s 2040 Vision and the aims for a Healthy District:

“Encouraging residents to be more active in green spaces through walking, cycling and physical activity in the Council’s parks and open spaces.”



Pictured above: View of the Lake.

Access Statement

Bassetlaw District Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 so everyone can enjoy Langold Country Park.

Most paths now have hard surfaces, making them safer and easier for wheelchair users, people with pushchairs, and anyone with limited mobility. As well as the recent addition of a Changing Places Toilets to accommodate visitors with additional needs.

The council has a regular programme of repairs and improvements. and will make all reasonable changes they can to improve access to the park and its facilities

Section 1 - Park Overview and Heritage

Section index:

- **Local Area Profile**
- **Local Area Map**
- **Site Information.**
- **Site Introduction**
- **Site Map**
- **Facilities**
- **History and Heritage**
- **Significant Features**

This section offers a clear and structured overview of the park, it begins by setting the scene with its location and access points (**Local Area Profile & Map**), then introduces the site's character and layout through **Site Information, Site Introduction**, and a detailed **Site Map**. Visitor experience is supported by outlining available **Facilities**, ensuring accessibility and comfort. The **History and Heritage** component brings the park's story to life, exploring its origins and cultural significance, while **Significant Features** showcase the distinctive elements that define its identity and make it a destination worth visiting.

Local Area Profile



Pictured above: View from the former Firbeck Colliery pit top looking towards Langold Village, with the site of the former Harworth Colliery visible in the distance.

Langold is a village in the parish of Hodsock, in the Bassetlaw district of North Nottinghamshire, England on the boundary between Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire. At the 2022 census, the population of the village was recorded at 2,603. The village was purposely built to provide housing for the miners of Firbeck Colliery between 1923

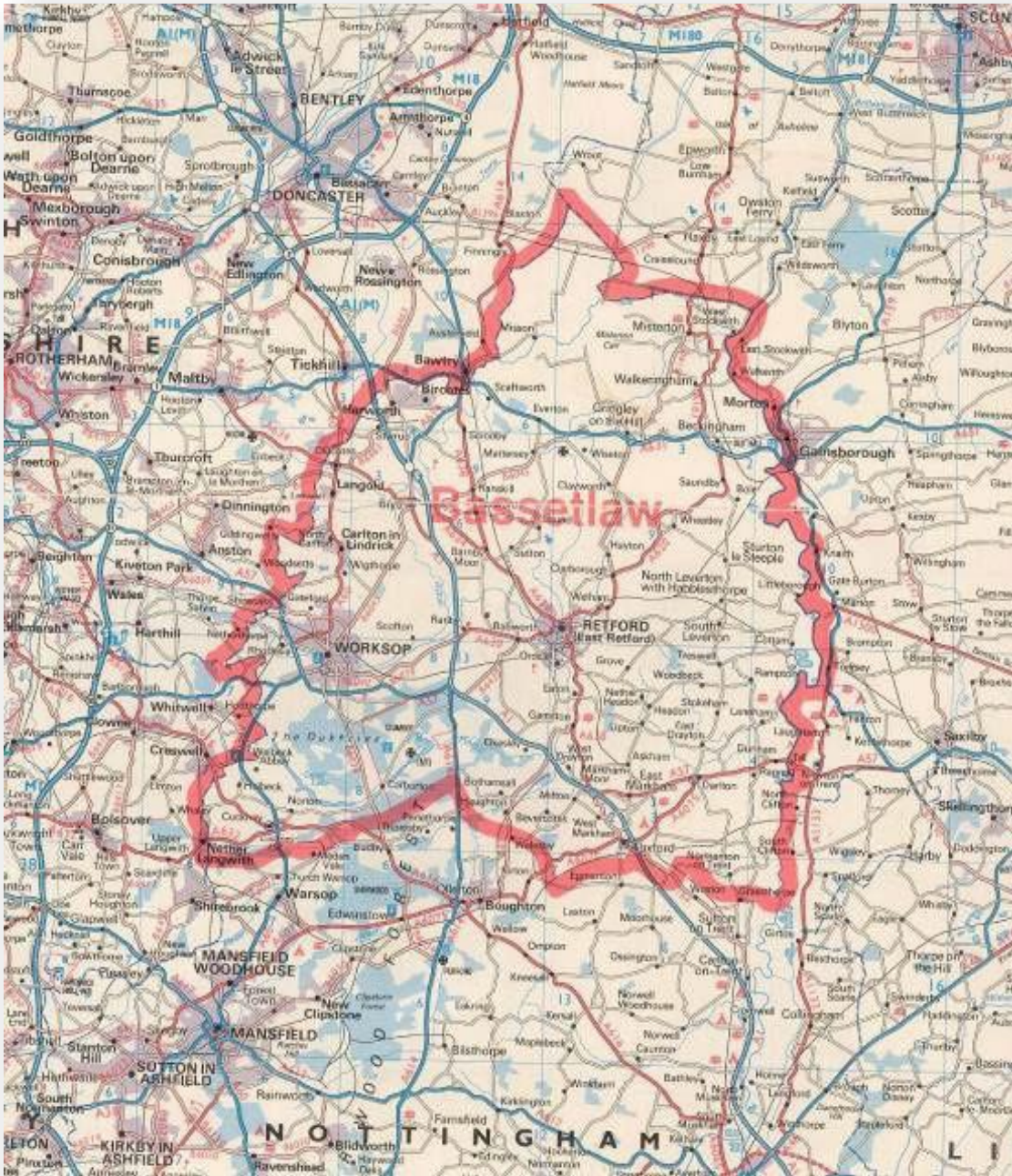
and 1927, with Langold Country Park situated on the south-western edge of the village.

Langold is a thriving community, which has since expanded with the addition of new houses and shops in more recent times. This also includes the redevelopment of the former colliery site into new housing in 2022. Other local settlements close to the park include Costhorpe and Carlton in Lindrick villages, with a significant part of the park sitting inside the parish boundary of Carlton in Lindrick.

The entire area is becoming increasingly popular with commuters and visitors owing to its relative proximity to the nearby cities of Sheffield, Lincoln and Nottingham.

Langold, Costhorpe and Carlton in Lindrick all lie on the A60, with close connections to the A1 and the M1 this allows goods to be easily transported in and out of the area, explaining why large distribution centres and local manufacturing companies are located close to this area.

Local Area Map



Pictured above: Ordnance Survey Map showing boundaries of Bassetlaw District.

Site Information

Address Details

Name: Langold Country Park

Location: Church Street, Langold, Nottinghamshire, S81 9NW.

What3words: Church Street Entrance: ///commit.parsnips.cassettes
Doncaster Road Entrance: ///slimy.reheat.outsmart

Owned by: Bassetlaw District Council, Queens Buildings,
Potter Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 2AH

Managed by: Bassetlaw District Council, Parks and Open Spaces, Carlton
Forest Depot, Hundred Acre Lane, Worksop,
Notts, S81 0TS

Access Details:

Main entrance: Church Street, Langold

Secondary entrance: Doncaster Road, Langold



Pictured above: Canadian Geese swimming on the lake.

Site Introduction

Situated on the edge of Langold village, Langold Country Park lies within easy walking distance of local homes and amenities. The park covers approximately 52 hectares.



Pictured above: View of the lake.

As a designated Local Nature Reserve, the park, often called “the Biodiversity Jewel in Bassetlaw’s Crown”, plays a vital role within the Southern Magnesian Limestone landscape, linking directly to Dyscarr Wood SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). It is one of Nottinghamshire’s finest examples of limestone ash-wych elm woodland. Its rich mosaic of woodlands, meadows, open grassland and a large fishing lake offers a high-quality environment that supports significant biodiversity and provides a welcoming green space for visitors of all ages.

The park’s heritage spans more than two centuries, evolving from an 18th-century private estate with landscaped lakes into an important recreational space for mining communities in the early 20th century, and ultimately into the vibrant public park enjoyed today. The lakes, weir and historic layout reflect this long history, while continued investment has ensured the park remains safe, accessible and relevant to modern users.

Site Map



Pictured above: Site map.

Facilities

- Fishing Lake
- Sea Scoundrel Children's Water Play (splash park) *
- Junior and Toddler Play Equipment
- Traditional bandstand/performance area
- Skate Park
- Football pitch
- Woodlands
- Wildlife and butterfly meadows
- x2 Cafés (One opposite the Splash Park and the other near the Doncaster Road Entrance)
- Public conveniences- (Location of Defibrillator)
- Changing Places WC
- Dog walking routes
 - Duck feeding station

****Seasonal facility only***

Owned and managed by Bassetlaw District Council, the park is open to the public throughout the year.

The splash park facility is open to the public from May to September from 10:00am to 6:00pm daily.

The two cafés on site (One opposite the Splash Park and the other near the Doncaster Road Entrance) are operated by local businesses.

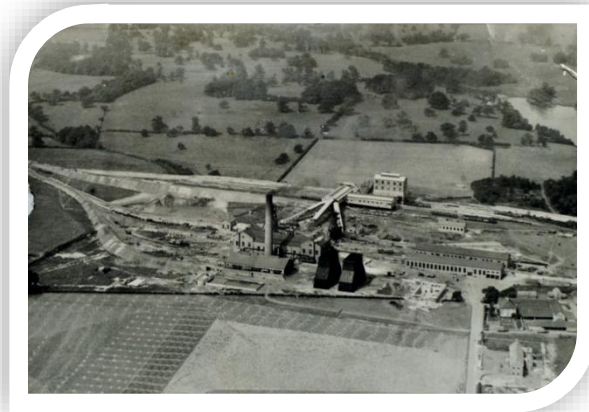


Pictured above: Duck feeder situated near to the main facilities.

History and Heritage

Brief History of Langold

Langold village itself came into being as the Model Village built to house the workers and their families for the Firbeck Main Colliery, developed from 1923. The new village took its name from the Langold Estate which long predated it.



Pictured above: An aerial photo of Firbeck Colliery circa 1925, the southern end of the lake can be seen in the top right corner of the picture. Source: Langold Masterplan.

The name Langold is derived from either 'Langholt' meaning long wood or 'Langhald' which means long shelter. The earliest mention of a settlement at Langold is recorded in 1246. The whole area for a number of miles around Langold is steeped in history and

the neighbouring village of Carlton in Lindrick was well established in Saxon times.

Until the Dissolution of Monasteries in the reign of Henry VIII, there was a Benedictine Nunnery founded in the 12th century at Wallingwells.

Only a few miles north-west of Langold in South Yorkshire, are the preserved ruins of the Cistercian 12th Century Roche Abbey. Nearby historic country houses include Hodsock Priory and Firbeck Hall.

Beginnings of the country park

1750's- Ralph Knight, the grandson of Sir Ralph Knight, began the development of Langold Park as a planned formal landscape. His vision to create a formal landscape with lake, plantations, stables and a Palladian house was achieved. A mansion was started but never realised in Ralph Knight's lifetime.

1801-1808- At the beginning of the nineteenth century, the brothers John and Henry Gally Knight (descendants of Sir Ralph Knight) are both involved in plans for major landscaping works, enlisting renowned Landscape Gardener Humphry Repton. When the brothers passed away (John in 1804 and Henry in 1808) the son of Henry Gally Knight (also named Henry) continued the work.

1812-1846 - Landscape Gardener John Webb was commissioned to design a huge extension to the existing lakes. The elevated bank, which was created to hold the water, now forms a raised footpath through the woodland. However, due to leakages, by 1815, the lake was still not completed. In 1817, Gally Knight receives plans from Jeffrey Wyatt for the new mansion and the old house, began by Ralph Knight, is demolished.

However, the problems of leakages were never resolved, and the lake refused to consistently hold water. By 1818, Henry Gally Knight appears to abandon the remaining vision of the final lake and mansion. In 1846 Henry Gally Knight passed away and his friend Sir Thomas Wollaston White of Wallingwells inherits Langold Estate.

Mining



Pictured above: Families gather to take a trip at the former pits railway line which ran from what is now Langold Country Park field near to the Skate Park circa 1920's/30's.

Source: Image kindly donated by Langold Resident.

1911-1968- The Wallingwells Boring Company, founded in 1911, began immediately drilling to find the Barnsley Seam of coal in a field (part of Costhorpe Farm) on the eastern shore of the Lower Lake. The Firbeck Colliery Company purchased the land from Sir Archibald Wollaston White of Wallingwells in July 1927 and became a leisure facility for the Langold miners principally for fishing.

Access to the colliery site was provided by temporary railway track, laid to connect to the main railway network which served Harworth Colliery.



Pictured above: The former Lido. Source: Unknown.

This opened on 7 April 1924 and was upgraded to permanent track opening on 1 October 1927, it no longer stands today but evidence of an embankment can still be seen.

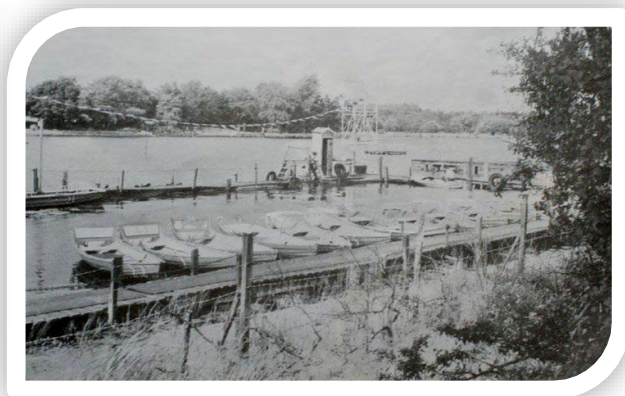
In 1946 the coal mining industry was nationalised, and the National Coal Board expanded the leisure facilities in the park.

A Colliery Sports Club was formed with a subscription taken from the men's wages. A children's swimming pool (lido) and bandstand were added as a recreational park.

There were children's events in the bathing pool and demonstrations by the country's top swimmers, also synchronised life-saving displays, and comedy items by Swimming Club members.



Pictured above: Harold Davis (The Great Alganso) riding a bike on a tight rope with lady balanced on his shoulders at his back garden in Maltby. Source: Langold Masterplan.



Second picture (right): Rowing boats tied to pier on Langold Lake around 1950's. Source: Langold Masterplan.

Spectacular stunts were performed in the lake which included a submarine explosion, trapeze artist, 'The Great Alganso' a tight rope walker, as well as Jack Revel, known as Mr. Langold Lake, who was renowned for his dare devil dive from the 35-foot diving board into a patch of burning petrol- (performed until 1978).

In 1968 the mine closed, and the park was taken over by the local authority who built children's playgrounds and refreshment facilities once the mining equipment had been removed.

The dam and bank at the east end of the lake were rebuilt circa 1975.

Significant Features and Built Heritage

Bandstand

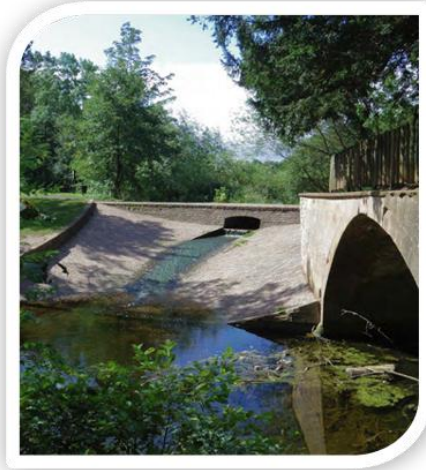


Pictured above; Brass band playing on the bandstand.

The bandstand at Langold Country Park is situated on the south part of the lake, constructed during the 1940s–50s, remains an iconic feature of the park’s cultural heritage. Originally designed as a focal point for community gatherings, it hosted live music performances, public celebrations, and seasonal events, creating a vibrant social hub for residents. Its presence reflects mid-20th-century park design principles, emphasising recreation and civic pride.

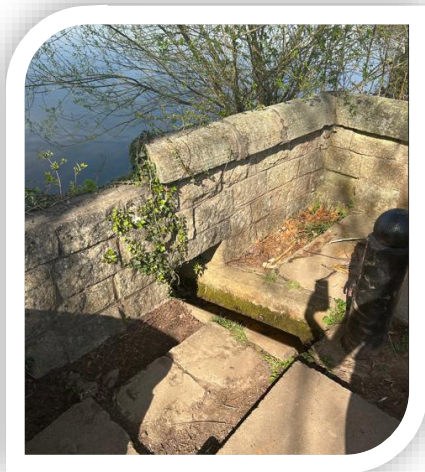
Remains of Boathouse

Nestled between the upper and lower lakes, a picturesque 19th-century boathouse stands as a reminder of Langold Country Park's historic charm. Once a hub for boating and leisure, its stone structure and nearby steps evoke the elegance of 19th Century Park design, offering a tangible link to the site's ornamental past.



Pictured above: weir and old boathouse.

The Borehole Well



Pictured above: The borehole well.

The Borehole Well is a key link between the modern park and its colliery origins. Without the boreholes that revealed the Barnsley Seam and led to Firbeck Main Colliery, the park would not have evolved from a miners' recreation space into today's country park. It is situated on the lakeside near to the bandstand.

Surviving colliery features



Pictured above: The culvert near the Costhorpe Plantation.

There are only two physical reminders of the colliery surviving within the modern park. The first is a railway embankment running north to south along the eastern edge of Costhorpe Plantation. This is now a broad, straight footpath significantly elevated above the surrounding woodland. The second is a large brick lined culvert directing the stream fed by overflow water from the lakes under the embankment and what would have been the northern part of the colliery sidings. The culvert now runs under the service road from the A60 Doncaster Road entrance car park. Here the water emerges as a stream again and leaves the park.

Section 2 – Exploring the Park: **(Areas, Analysis, and Innovations)**

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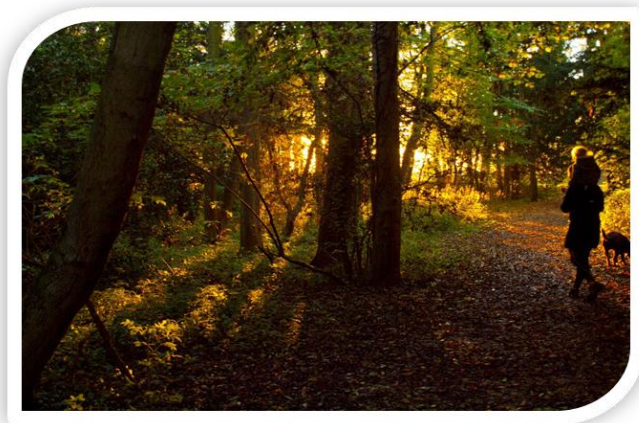
- **Areas**
- **SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results)**
- **Site Ecology**
- **Community Events, Evaluation of Events, Marketing & Communication**
- **Environmental Performance Assessment**
- **New in 2025**
- **You said, we did**

This section offers a clear overview of the park’s current position and future direction. **Areas** highlights the distinct zones of the park and their purpose, while **SOAR** examines strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results to guide improvements. **Site Ecology** focuses on biodiversity and natural habitats. **Community Events, Evaluation, and Communication** showcase how activities and feedback strengthen engagement. Sustainability progress is reviewed in the **Environmental Performance Assessment**, with recent additions and activities celebrated in **New in 2025**. Finally, **You Said, We Did** demonstrate how input from Green Flag judging has shaped positive changes.

Areas- Woodlands

Dyscarr Wood SSSI

This woodland area is managed under Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust as an Ash-Wych Elm Calcareous Woodland with a rich ground flora. It is of countywide significance. Management priorities are to prevent Sycamore regeneration and to manage access to minimise damage to its biodiversity value.



Pictured above: a Sunset Walk in the woods.

Costhorpe Plantation

This central area of mixed damp woodland effectively divides the park between the less sensitive mainly amenity areas around the skate park and the honey pot locations of the lakes and main play areas. Sitting within the Langold Dry Lake and Costhorpe Plantation, it is the most accessible and well-used woodland in the park.

A broad central footpath provides the main access through the woodland. The more open conditions without a closed tree canopy, allow wildflowers to flourish. These conditions are similar to a 'woodland ride' and allow visitors to enjoy seeing typical woodland wildflowers from spring to summer.

All main footpaths are hard surfaced with semi-bound aggregate. This provides reasonable access, although wheelchairs and mobility scooters without pneumatic tyres may find the surfacing presents challenges.

Gradients in various locations prevent the use of a blinding material which would be washed away by water scouring. Challenges in some areas include preventing the evolution of multiple footpaths following desire lines. In these locations providing a single well-defined footpath could reduce or eliminate the problem.

Costhorpe Plantation holds hidden heritage features such as the substantial Dry Lake embankment/dam from the park's 19th Century failed third lake. There is also a redundant railway line embankment surviving from when the Firbeck Colliery was in operation. This is now an elevated footpath. Langold Dry Lake and Costhorpe Plantation includes damp, mixed abundant and attractive displays of woodland wildflowers. These wildflowers can be experienced by visitors using the broad access routes, which act as rides through the woodland.

Essential health and safety tree works around all footpaths must be carefully balanced with the need to promote the continued development of a mixed age stand, with a legacy of mature and even potentially veteran trees for future generations to admire.

Doncaster Road Plantation

This woodland area runs alongside the park boundary with the A60 Doncaster Road. This is a mixed woodland, comprising young and some early mature trees.

Trees and woodland around lakes/other woodland areas

Trees on the lake margins include Crack and other Willow species. Crack Willow presents management challenges owing to their tendency to shed boughs. This does not present problems on the lake island but requires proactive management close to footpaths. Other woodland areas include belts of planted Beech on the Cadet and Bandstand Field boundaries, with surrounding farmland and a larger area of woodland leading from the overflow car park to the Church Street entrance and Dyscarr Wood SSSI.

Areas: Lakes and Ponds

Langold Lake comprises of standing water with relict marginal vegetation.

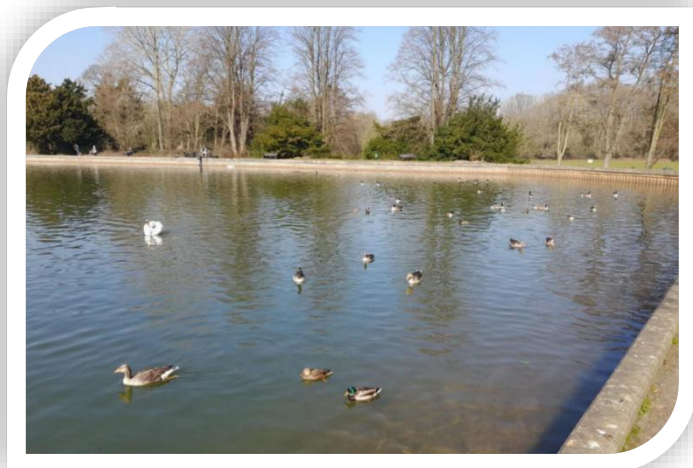
Langold Lake Extension is the upper (or second) lake which is much shallower through accumulating sediment and more extensive marginal vegetation.

Langold Dry Lake Extension is a species rich meadow close to the Church Street main park entrance managed as a summer meadow under the Blue Butterfly Scheme.



Pictured above: water cascading over weir between upper and lower lake of Langold.

Both the Upper and Lower Lakes have considerable value to wildlife. This includes aquatic and marginal flora, aquatic invertebrates, and a large number of both resident and visiting waterfowl. The Upper Lake is in an a more advanced stage of succession through accumulating sediment and has the more 'natural' appearance with far lower levels of public access.



Pictured above ducks, swan and geese on the lake.

The Lower Lake is the park's most recognisable feature, enjoyed by large numbers of visitors for its mainly level circular walk. The lake is in part managed for angling and has fishing points along both the East and West shores. In the past decade, much greater emphasis has been placed on balancing the needs of anglers with boosting the biodiversity value of the lake. The Parks and Open Spaces Team now work in partnership with the local anglers to improve the aquatic and marginal environment,

restock the lake and control or prevent algal blooms. Much of this work is self-funded through ticket sales income.

Swimming in the Lake was a popular hobby but was later banned, this decision reflected a shift toward public health protection and environmental management, there is a water safety partnership with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue- with information and signage.

Area: Amenity Grassland

Amenity grassland provides essential space for recreation and wellbeing, particularly for higher-impact activities, reducing pressure on sensitive habitats. While biodiversity value is lower, these areas are vital for sports and general park use.

General Amenity and Sports Areas

Grass near play areas and around the Skatepark and Café is managed for high-impact use. The large, grassed area by the Skatepark, funded through a 2014 S106 agreement, includes drainage for a future junior football pitch. Marginal zones near woodland and the Doncaster Road entrance already follow relaxed mowing, with potential to expand wildflower meadows away from active recreation areas.

Bandstand Field

This short-mown grassland supports amenity use and complements the Bandstand's heritage character. Waterfowl graze extensively in spring. Biodiversity could be enhanced by relaxing mowing along hedge margins and other edges without compromising the formal appearance.



Pictured above: Grassed area where former lido was situated.

Area-Wildflower Meadows



Pictured above: Wild Carrot flower seen in wildflower meadows in the park.

Church Street Meadow LWS marginal areas to edge of Costhorpe Plantation are managed as wildflower meadow under the previous Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust Blue Butterfly Scheme initiative from the late 1990's to this day. These are attractive and biodiverse wildflower rich areas, which increase habitat and food sources for invertebrates and other animals within food webs.

The Cadet Field Meadow is the Langold Grassland II LWS. This is a mix of short mown amenity grassland and permanent wildflower meadow, managed under the

same Blue Butterfly Scheme. A broad, short mown path through the meadow provides access and demonstrates the meadow is an 'intentional' feature. Mature hedgerows are present, the central one divides the Cadet and Bandstand Fields, the other forms the boundary in the Lower Lake direction. In both the Cadet Field and the adjacent Bandstand Field, there are the faint remains of a ridge and furrow field system. These are important features within the heritage landscape of the park and short mowing allows these features to be seen.

To further underline the park's ecological importance, there are 3 Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) – Priority Habitats under Habitat Action

Lower Lake Meadow on the East side of the lower lake is an annually mown tall-herb damp meadow. This is an important 'associated habitat' for aquatic invertebrates providing nectar/hunting opportunities in terrestrial phases of life cycles.

Area Splash Park and Play Area



Pictured above: The play areas.

This vibrant, interactive splash pad spans a 45-metre play zone designed to immerse children in a fun, nautical adventure. Key features include a pirate ship, jet sprays, boulders, a splash slide, and a water table, creating an engaging environment for hours of free, family-friendly fun.

Adjacent Play Areas:

Next to the splash pad, the junior and toddler play zones offer additional opportunities for active play. These areas feature zip wires, basket swings, climbing frames, and other stimulating equipment designed to challenge and entertain children of all ages.



Pictured above: The splash park.

Area- Skate Park



Pictured above: The Skatepark.

The skate park, situated in the Sidings area of the site, has quickly become a popular destination for young visitors. Its modern design and varied ramp features provide the perfect setting for skaters to showcase their skills, from jumps and twists to more advanced tricks, making it a vibrant hub for active recreation.

Area- Café Kiosk and Amenities

The park has significantly enhanced its visitor experience with the refurbished kiosk and newly installed Changing Places toilets, creating a more inclusive and welcoming environment. Completed in 2024, this upgrade ensures that visitors of all abilities can enjoy the park comfortably.

The kiosk now offers improved facilities alongside the Changing Places provision, setting a new standard for accessibility. In addition, the area is equipped with a defibrillator, reinforcing our commitment to visitor safety and wellbeing. These improvements complement the existing toilet block, providing a comprehensive amenity hub that supports families, individuals with additional needs, and all park users.



Pictured above: Building to the left -The Changing Places Facility. Building to the right- Café Kiosk.

Area- Bandstand

The bandstand is situated near to the lower lake, positioned within easy reach of the lakeside walk, it serves as a focal point, offering scenic views across the water and convenient access to nearby amenities such as the kiosk and seating areas.



Pictured above: Canadian geese with young grazing around bandstand.

Area-Lake Walking route

The Lakeside Walk is one of the most popular and well-used features of Langold Country Park. This level, accessible route encircles the Lower Lake, providing visitors with a variety of scenic viewpoints and opportunities to observe wildlife. The path serves as a central spine for the park, linking key attractions such as the kiosk, boathouse, bandstand, play areas, and fishing points. Its connectivity enhances the visitor experience, making it easy to explore multiple areas in a single visit. The walk is ideal for families, dog walkers, and those seeking a gentle, picturesque route that promotes health and wellbeing. Seasonal changes in the landscape offer year-round interest, while its proximity to amenities ensures convenience and comfort for all users.

In partnership with Dogs Trust, there has been introduced three designated walking routes throughout the park. Each route is clearly mapped and marked with colour-coded signs indicating short, medium, and long distances. To support responsible dog ownership, a high number of waste bins are provided along all routes.

SOAR Analysis

Soft Landscaping:

Strengths

- Rich biodiversity: Woodland, wildflower meadows, lakes, and grasslands support diverse species (woodpeckers, owls, butterflies, dragonflies, bats).
- Connection to Dyscarr Wood (SSSI): Enhances ecological value and visitor experience.
- Accessibility improvements: Hard-surfaced paths and commitment to Equality Act compliance.
- Community appeal: Popular for walking, wildlife watching, and family activities.

Opportunities

- Expand nature education: Guided walks, school programs, and interpretation boards.
- Develop eco-tourism: Promote wildlife trails and seasonal events.
- Secure funding for upgrades: Fully accessible facilities and habitat restoration.
- Partnerships: Work with conservation groups and local businesses for sponsorship and volunteering.

Aspirations

- Become a leading inclusive green space in Nottinghamshire.
- Enhance biodiversity further through habitat management and species monitoring.
- Create a destination for nature lovers with improved visitor facilities and interpretation.
- Engage the community in conservation and sustainability projects.

Results

- Increased visitor satisfaction and inclusivity.
- Improved ecological health and species diversity.
- Recognition as a model park for accessibility and conservation.
- Stronger community involvement and pride.

Hard Landscaping:

Strengths

- Hard-surfaced paths improving accessibility for wheelchairs, pushchairs, and those with limited mobility. Majority of paths now have hard surfaces (tarmac or compacted stone), improving accessibility for wheelchairs, pushchairs, and those with limited mobility.
- Durable materials used for paths and seating areas, reducing maintenance costs.
- Clear signage and wayfinding enhancing visitor experience.
- Integration with natural features ensuring hard landscaping complements the park's character.

Opportunities

- Expand accessible routes to cover more areas of the park.
- Introduce sensory and inclusive features (e.g., tactile paving, seating with armrests).
- Upgrade car parks and entrances for better accessibility and aesthetics.

Aspirations

- Create a fully inclusive park environment where all visitors can navigate easily.
- Blend hard landscaping with biodiversity goals, using eco-friendly materials.
- Develop attractive social spaces (e.g., plazas, picnic areas) that encourage community use.
- Become a benchmark for accessible and sustainable park design in the region.

Results

- Improved visitor satisfaction and safety.
- Higher footfall and community engagement.
- Reduced long-term maintenance costs through durable, sustainable design.
- Recognition for accessibility and environmental stewardship.

Built Heritage & Decorative Features

Strengths

- Historic landscape design: The park was designed by Ralph Knight in the mid-1700s with later modifications in 1818; it features two inter-connected lakes, a weir, and a single-arch bridge with an underneath boathouse or “icehouse,” dating from the 1890s.
- Surviving heritage structures: Notable on-site features include the arched bridge/boathouse, weir, traditional bandstand (added in the 1950s), and a former lido site—elements that reflect the park’s evolving recreational heritage.
- Landscaping remnants: Features such as the spoil tip (approx. 80 m high from colliery operations) and remnants of colliery railway infrastructure highlight the park’s industrial past.

Opportunities

- Interpretation & storytelling: Install signage or interactive displays on-site explaining the story behind the 18th-century engineered lakes, the bridge/boathouse, colliery legacy, and bandstand.
- Restoration projects: Undertake selective restoration or conservation works on the bridge, bandstand, and lido foundations to enhance historic authenticity.
- Heritage trails and community engagement: Create guided or self-led walking routes connecting decorative features and industrial archaeology, involving local history groups and schools.
- Cultural events & funding: Use heritage assets (e.g., bandstand) for live performances, raising visibility and opening routes for heritage conservation funding.

Aspirations

- Bring heritage to life by making historical structures accessible and educational for all visitors.
- Develop an integrated heritage-led visitor experience, with guided routes, digital storytelling, and live events in preserved structures like the bandstand.
- Position LCP as a model heritage-country-park blend: striking a balance between conservation and active recreation.

Results

- Increased visitor engagement & learning, as evidenced by visitor numbers, event attendance, and feedback.
- Improved preservation of historic features, monitored through conservation reports and visual condition surveys.
- Recognition and awards in heritage conservation or green spaces (e.g., inclusion in heritage trails, Green Flag submissions).
- Strengthened community pride in local heritage, supported by volunteer activity and local partnership networks.

Recreation and Amenities

Strengths

- Wide-ranging family facilities: Two playgrounds (junior and toddler), seasonal splash park (“Sea Scoundrel”), skate park, football pitch (under-12s), and traditional bandstand.
- Fishing lake: Lake stocked with coarse fish (roach, bream, perch) plus carp and seasonal pike; managed by Embryo Angling with day and season tickets.
- Café kiosk & picnic spots: Onsite café/kiosk serving refreshments; plentiful picnic benches across lawns.
- Accessibility & infrastructure: Two car parks; hard-surfaced paths linking major facilities; accessible toilet facilities including a Changing Places WC.
- Natural environment: Designated Local Nature Reserve with woodlands, meadows, lakes, and connecting trails.

Opportunities

- Family & casual angling promotion: Launch beginner fishing workshops or junior angling clubs, especially during school holidays.
- Healthy-living campaigns: Encourage visitors to use play, walking, and sport facilities through structured events or challenge trails.
- Facility enhancements: Improve café offering, refresh seating areas, and enhance toilet signage and accessibility information

Aspirations

- Community hub role: Position the park as a destination for all generations via regular social, recreational, and wellness activities.
- Inclusive recreation: Ensure all amenities—from splash park to bandstand—are accessible and welcoming to visitors of all needs and backgrounds.
- Educational integration: Combine recreation with learning opportunities like angling expertise, environmental workshops, and historic storytelling sessions.
- Sustainable and health-focused: Promote eco-friendly play options and healthy lifestyle activities across the park.

Results

- Higher visitation rates: Growth in family visits, dog walkers, anglers, and community groups.
- Improved community well-being: Enhanced physical exercise, mental health, and social engagement through park activities.
- Increased feedback and loyalty: Higher satisfaction scores and return visits from families and regular users.
- Recognition for inclusive facilities: Awards or commendations for accessibility, wellbeing programs, and green engagement.

Site Ecology



Pictured above: View from the top of the boathouse looking to the top of the lake.

The majority of Langold Country Park's area is designated as a Local Nature Reserve. Within the reserve are 6 Local Wildlife Sites (LWS's) and Dyscarr Wood, Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Maintaining and enhancing the ecological value of the park requires carefully planned and delivered management inputs. This includes managing areas largely for higher impact recreational uses; to reduce visitor pressure on the park's more sensitive areas of habitat.

The park is recognised as one of Nottinghamshire's finest examples of

limestone ash-wych elm woodland. Its varied mosaic of woodland, meadows, scrub and wetland margins provides a patchwork of habitats that support high biodiversity and offer visitors a peaceful and scenic natural environment.

We know through our most recent consultations, that the wildlife value of the park is a major reason to visit for a high percentage of park users.

This presents us with major challenges along with opportunities. These are to manage visitor impacts on wildlife, while improving the visitor experience of authentic contact with nature throughout the park.

Scoping Exercise

In August 2018, Bassetlaw District Council commissioned a scoping exercise to identify the potential training and development opportunities within conservation volunteering and heritage restoration projects in four major parks, including Langold Country Park. Social outcomes for volunteers were equally important as any potential physical improvements achieved. The result of the exercise identified a wide range of training opportunities that could engage and benefit community members. The training identified would be linked to numerous health and wellbeing outcomes, social inclusion, and employability. Langold Country Park was identified as the main hub for a conservation volunteering project, owing to its huge scope for learning practical conservation skills that would boost the park's ecological value. This park also has the greatest need and potential to reveal a largely hidden heritage story and involve local people in designing and contributing to the development of heritage interpretation and heritage trail features.

Funding bids for park-based projects

Biodiversity outcomes achieved with community involvement at Langold Country park present opportunities that could be better exploited with a Development Worker in a volunteer coordinator role. A large part of the role is to facilitate community involvement, with the long-term aim of building their capacity to take ownership of many tasks. This includes botanical and fauna survey work where the community and academic volunteers could have a major role in capturing baseline data and recording increasing species diversity. Funding applications are being actively pursued for pilot projects and a bid for a 5-year conservation volunteering project was recently unsuccessful as being too ambitious. This funding would have given immediate priority in developing bids for heritage projects sitting in more medium- term planning. The team will continue to explore other funding opportunities with our partner organisations.

Main Habitat Areas Managed

The following brief descriptions outline the principal areas of habitat in the park. Public access in each area allowing contact with nature is a feature held in common. The challenge of managing access increases with the sensitivity of the habitat.

Community Events

Langold village recently marked its centenary with a community walk through Langold Country Park. The event, organised by a local group, celebrated 100 years of Langold's history while showcasing the park's rich cultural heritage and demonstrating how Langold Country Park has long been cherished by the local community, and the walk highlighted its lasting role in village life.

Bassetlaw District Council remain committed to promoting Langold Country Park as a valuable venue for community events and will therefore:

- Continue to support and promote establishment of annual events.
- Support and assist newcomers in establishing and developing regular events and activities.
- Stage successful District Council led events and activities aimed at raising public awareness of the park's value.



Pictured above: A commemorative medal created for the Langold Centenary Walk, an event organised by local residents to celebrate 100 years of Langold.

The Parks and Open Spaces Management Team will use the corporate Marketing Strategy (currently in development) to advertise Langold Country Park as a 'Green Arena' for educational establishment, community organisations and local businesses to stage events.

Evaluation of Events

Events and activities held at Langold Country Park are evaluated around the following five key areas:

1. Pre-event social engagement.
2. Actual day attendance.
3. Attendee satisfaction.
4. Press and media coverage.
5. Post-event brief.

1) Pre-event social engagement

Through the Council's PR Team using social media channels to drive attendance, hype and engagement to the event.

Levels of interaction are monitored for tweets, likes, shares and comments in addition to audience demographics and clicks per post. Anticipated attendance figures are then generated.



Pictured above: Attendance at a community led event promoting Health and Wellbeing and Leisure in Bassetlaw.

2) Actual day attendance

Achieved through on-site engagement and interaction with attendees, conversation platforms, social media mentions and questionnaires.

By estimating actual attendance as well as audience profile and type.

Through feedback from event participants on public interaction and trade levels.

3) Attendee satisfaction

Attained through surveys, verbal conversation, social media, and data acquired.

4) Press and media coverage

Level of coverage and presence in local press and media post-event. Measuring positive and negative feedback.

5) Post Event Brief

Through event de-briefing sessions to evaluate success and improve future planning, setup, and delivery.

Local organisations/schools/community groups within catchment area of Langold Country Park:

Schools

- Langold Dyscarr Community School
- Ramsden Primary and Nursery School Carlton
- Kingston Park Academy Carlton

Nurseries

- Langold Nursery
- Lime Tree Nursery Carlton in Lindrick

Community Groups and Clubs

- Carlton Youth Centre
- Smiley Milers Walking Group
- SK58 Bird Watching Group

Councils

- Hodsock Parish Council
- Carlton Parish Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council

Churches

- St Luke's Langold
- Christian Community Church Langold
- St John's Carlton in Lindrick

Organisations / Partnerships

- Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
- Embryo Angling
- Natural England
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue
- Nottinghamshire Water Safety Partnership
- Safety Advisory Group
- Community Safety Group
- British Disabled Angling Association
- Dogs Trust

Marketing & Communication



Pictured above: Source Facebook

The Parks and Open Spaces Management Team will continue maintaining strong links with the local community, through regular consultation and public involvement, the park provides a valuable venue and facility for a diverse variety of events and activities throughout the year.

Improvements to the Council's website have led to a more user-friendly platform for mobile devices and

has a strong emphasis on self-service. Visitors to the site can submit general enquiries relating to its services, report incidents and book events and activities in the Council's parks and open spaces.

The Parks and Open Spaces Management Team have further developed and formally adopted this approach to facilitate its application to other key green space sites within the service.

Understanding the needs of visitors

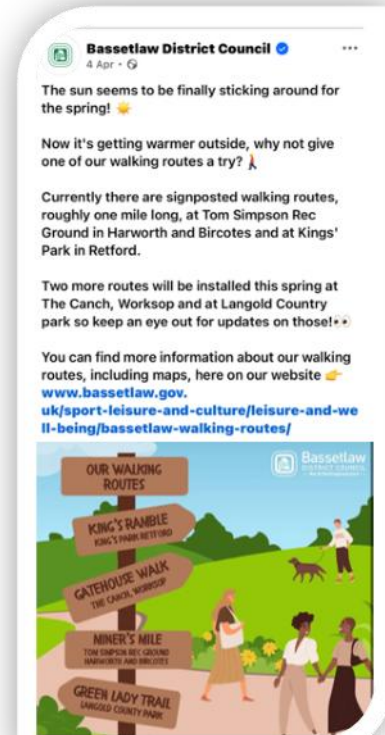
Consultation and engagement at community events staged in Langold Country Park. As well as delivering feedback on the event, it also provides a profile from park users based on age, gender, where they live and to some extent their economic profile.

In addition, further consultation can also be through a combination of the following:

- Random user surveys throughout the year.
- On-line surveys using the Bassetlaw District Council and the Parks and Open Spaces websites.
- Collecting feedback on specific proposals (e.g., The Service Assessment Report) at organised public meetings and drop-in sessions.

Fundamentally, the customer research will continue to identify:

- What the public like about Langold Country Park.
- What the public dislike about Langold Country Park.
- What would encourage the public to make better use of Langold Country Park.



Pictured above: Source Facebook

Environmental Performance Assessment

Operation	Activities	Aims & Objectives	Options & Opportunities
Grass Mowing (Low Amenity)	Cut twice/month growing season. No collection of arising	Carbon reduction	Reduce mowing around trees, wildflower margins. Plant native bulbs to increase biodiversity and interest.
Grass Mowing (Ornamental Lawns)	Cut weekly during season.	Arisings from mowing left on areas where appropriate and maintain high standard of maintenance.	Reduced waste disposal costs with clippings returned to disperse naturally
Reduce strimming around trees/bins	Monthly during season	Reduced use of herbicides	Relocate bins if on grass area. Add concrete pads where possible.
Hedge Cutting (Low Amenity)	Annual cut with tractor using side arm flail cutter.	Maintain perimeter hedges.	Leave 2m grass margin for wildlife refuge.
Hedge Cutting (High Amenity)	Twice/year after nesting season.	Maintain high standard.	Reduce cuts to once a year where appropriate.
Pesticides & Herbicides	Last resort use. Apply mulches around plants to suppress weed growth. within high amenity areas.	Evaluate the environmental impact and use droplet applicators where required	Manual traps. Companion Planting for natural control methods. Organic treatments.
Watering Seasonal Bedding	Irrigate first 4 weeks.	Aid plant establishment.	Install automatic watering system
Herbaceous Borders & Shrubs	Apply mulches around plants to	Reduction in the use of fertilisers,	Use drought resistant species

	suppress weed growth.	reduce phosphate run off & use of herbicides	of trees, shrubs & bedding plants.
Tree works	All arisings chipped and left on site, wherever appropriate and practicable. Where possible large timbers left on ground.	Reduced waste transportation. Creation of habitat piles	Explore options for use of surplus arisings and timber.

Machinery & Equipment	Commitment to reducing carbon footprint and convert to alternative fuels.	Reduce CO2emissions. Small machinery replaced every 3 years to ensure reliability and up to technology is used	Switch to alternative fuels when replacing machinery. Servicing intervals/hours of use between servicing is strictly adhered to for extended machinery life and reduction of emissions.
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Recycling & Composting	Provision of green waste skips for off-site composting i.e., grass clippings, shrub pruning's etc.	Improve recycling of green waste •On average 67% of all skip waste produced by the parks service is composted annually.	Create on site composting area to reuse green waste across sites. Reduce waste disposal costs
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Furniture & Fixtures	Inspect benches & bins. •Use recycled plastic timber substitutes where	Maintain safety. Minimal maintenance and extended lifetime of product when	Use recycled materials. Repair instead of replacing.
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	possible. Including benches, fencing, signs, and posts	recycled plastic timber.	
Dog Fouling Management	<p>Provide dual use bins for litter & dog waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dogs are banned from within enclosed children's play areas as part of the Council's Public Spaces Protection (Dog Control) Order 2024. 	<p>Reduction in bin requirement.</p> <p>Council's enforcement team monitor for compliance with Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness campaigns. • Encourage reporting of offenders. <p>Encourage responsible dog ownership</p>
Wildlife Boxes	Install bird & bat boxes.	Support biodiversity.	<p>Monitor usage.</p> <p>Expand programme.</p>
Peat Reduction	No peat-based compost used on site	Protect habitats	Use peat-free alternatives.
Painting & Timber Care	Use water based-high quality paints.	Extend lifespan.	Use eco-friendly paints.
Plastic Reduction	Minimise plastic use by using biodegradable alternatives e.g. tree guards.	Reduced environmental impact	<p>Switch to ecofriendly alternatives.</p> <p>Re-use or recycle plastics.</p>

New in 2025

This part of the plan provides an update on the new additions, improvements and activities/events that have occurred throughout the given year of the park and reflects on those successes and achievements that can sometimes be overlooked when striving forward with new schemes and initiatives. It also gives an opportunity to recognise the works that have been delivered through the previous year either as part of the action plans within this management plan or the wider 2040 vision to create a healthy district.

The following extracts are taken from all the Council's social media and press releases relating to the park and service area within this set timeframe.

Grants Boost Festivities for Village's 100th Anniversary- June 2025



Pictured: Cllr Gill Freeman, Gillian Wallhead.

A creative sewing group in Langold is busy putting the finishing touches to a colourful celebration that will help to mark the village's 100th anniversary this June, made possible by a £200 Councillor Community Grant.

The Magpies Sewing Club, based at the Village Hall, has been hard at work designing vibrant costumes and handmade bunting for the upcoming '100-Year Walk' around Langold Lake and Country Park.

The walk begins at the Doncaster Road entrance to the Country Park, the site of the original Langold Railway Station serving Firbeck Colliery and continues through the woods and around Langold Lake, finishing at the summit of Firbeck Hill. The bunting will be displayed at various stations along the route, telling the story of the village's history, while volunteers will wear costumes representing different eras.

Gillian Wallhead, Chair of the Magpies Sewing Club, said: *"It's wonderful to be part of the village celebrations, and I would like to thank Cllr Freeman for her generous donation to the Sewing Group.*

"We're looking forward to meeting people and sharing the story of the events that have shaped Langold over the past century."

The Langold Centenary Family Fun Walk will take place on Saturday 28th June, starting at 10am. Entry is £5 per family and registration can be made on the day at Langold Dyscarr Community School.

Cllr Freeman said: “Langold has a proud and vibrant history, and there’s a real sense of excitement in the village as we mark 100 years of community and heritage. The Magpies Sewing Club has played a key role in bringing the celebrations to life, with their beautifully handmade bunting and costumes. Their creativity and dedication perfectly reflect the spirit and talent within our community.”

The village of Langold dates back to 1924 and was established to provide housing for miners employed at Firbeck Colliery, which began operations in 1923. At its peak, the colliery employed over 1,800 people and played a central role in the local economy and daily life.

The lake, a focal point of Langold Country Park, was created alongside the colliery to provide a recreational space for miners, offering opportunities for fishing, boating, and relaxation.

Each Bassetlaw District Councillor is allocated a small budget and has the discretion to award grants to community activities that will benefit their respective electoral ward areas. Councillors will consider grant applications for sports; culture and heritage; environment and sustainability; social welfare; and community activities.

Green Flags to proudly fly over three of Bassetlaw’s parks- July 2025



Pictured: Cllr Darrell Pulk, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods along with Chairman Cllr Tony Eaton and Langold ward councillor Cllr Gillian Freeman.

Source: Facebook

Three of Bassetlaw’s parks will proudly fly Green Flags for the second year in a row after officially being recognised as some of the best open spaces in the country.

Bassetlaw District Council is celebrating Green Flag Awards for Langold Country Park, Kings’ Park in Retford and Worksop’s Memorial Gardens and The Canch.

The award is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces and Langold Country Park has received its green flag for the second time, Kings’ Park has reached this high standard for the 18th time, while

The Canch has won the award for 12 years running.

Cllr Darrel Pulk, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods said: “It is fantastic to get this recognition for these three much loved parks.

“Receiving these awards is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our Parks and Open Spaces team, our Ground Maintenance staff and partner organisations to maintain them at a high standard.”

Investment continues in improving facilities in our parks, including new accessible, community friendly outdoor gym equipment at the Canch, a new walking route at

Langold Country Park, while we continue to host events such as Panto in the Park by TaleGate Theatre.

Green Flag Award Scheme Manager, Paul Todd MBE, said: “Congratulations to everyone involved who have worked tirelessly to ensure these three parks achieve the high standards required for the Green Flag Award.

“Quality parks and green spaces make the country a healthier place to live and work in, and a stronger place in which to invest.

“Crucially, these three parks provide a vital green space for communities to enjoy nature, and during the ongoing cost of living crisis it is a free and safe space for families to socialise. It also provides important opportunities for local people and visitors to reap the physical and mental health benefits of green space.”

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

Love Parks Week July 2025



Bassetlaw District Council 28 Jul · 🌐

It's [#LoveParksWeek2025](#) and this week is all about appreciating our local open spaces and parks and showing you how great they are. Today we're covering [#Langold](#) Country Park.

Langold Country Park is located in the Village of Langold and covers an area of 300 acres. It boasts features and facilities such as:

- 🎣 A Fishing Lake
- 👶 Junior and Toddler Play Equipment
- 🎪 Bandstand Performance Area
- 🛹 Skate Park
- ⚽ Under 12s Football pitch
- 🌳 Woodland Walks
- 🦋 Wildlife and Butterfly Meadows
- 🍦 A Café and Ice Cream Kiosk
- 🚻 New Changing Places Toilets
- 🚰 Public Convenience Facilities
- 🐕 Dogs Trust Walking Route

Facilities at Langold Country Park were upgraded last year with the creation of a new café pod and a Changing Places facility, making the site more accessible and easier to enjoy for more people.

[#LoveParks](#) [#LoveParksWeek](#)

Source: Facebook

You said, we did

This part of the plan reflects on those successes and achievements. It also gives an opportunity to recognise the works that have been delivered through the previous year by taking on the feedback from the previous management plan and the 2040 vision to create a healthy district.

Category	Key Feedback	What we've done
A Welcoming Place	<p>Hidden Entrance</p> <p>Additional and better directional signage is needed around the park.</p> <p>Some of the pathways through the woodlands and outer park were uneven and rutted which could prove difficult for visitors with mobility issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Signage to be reviewed for all entrances. ✓ Look to add signs to main walkway. ✓ Any path upgrades will be subject to successful capital bidding.
Healthy, Safe & Secure	<p>The old cricket club pavilion was unsafe fenced off but this was broken and accessible, the fencing needs attention</p> <p>Some areas of the park are quite remote where pathways would benefit from opening up to provide greater sightlines where possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Not part of the Green Flag site. ✓ Main footpath inspections taken place, area cannot be identified.
Well Maintained & Clean	<p>Littering across the park.</p> <p>3 or 4 hung up trees and one fallen tree, a potentially dangerous balance beam that I advise to be removed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Now added work schedule hot spots. ✓ Regular tree inspections take place within the park-reported this

	<p>Some of the pathways through the woodlands and outer park were uneven and rutted and require attention. One exposed manhole needs a lid in the building behind the lake slipway. The brick culvert requires removal of graffiti.</p> <p>Some of the older benches on the southern side of the lake were green and grubby and would benefit from a clean or a programme of replacement</p>	<p>issue to the Tree Officer.</p> <p>✓ Inaccessible to the brick culvert. Repairs to be undertaken.</p> <p>✓ Bench replacement programme currently in place.</p>
Landscape and Heritage	Bandstand repairs.	<p>✓ Subject to a council report to determine its future and investment.</p>

Section 3 - Delivering the Vision:

Plans and Resources

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- **Aims and Objectives**
- **Action Plans**
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- **Staffing Resources**
- **Operational Maintenance**
- **Fishery Management**

This section sets the framework for delivering the park's vision. Aims and Objectives define goals, while Action Plans outline steps to achieve them.

Financial Resources shows the annual maintenance cost for the park, Staffing Resources shows the capacity, and Operational Maintenance highlights how the park is kept safe, attractive, and well-managed. The Fishery Management details the current partnership with Embryo Angling to oversee all fishing activities at Langold Lake.

Aims and Objectives

The future direction and development of Langold Country Park has been set out through the Masterplan 2022, which was produced after extensive consultation was undertaken with its users, visitors, and residents throughout the summer of 2021. Wider consultation included Members, local Parish Councils, stakeholders, organisations, and groups with an interest in the park.

The focus of the improvements over the next 10-year period (2022–2032) will be on built heritage and conservation to bring it to the same level of prominence as seen with the past developments on the infrastructure and new play/recreation facilities within the park.

Aim One - To encourage existing users and new visitors to Langold Country Park.

Two key actions have been identified to assist with the delivery of this particular aim:

- (1) Raise the profile of Langold County Park by:
 - Improving the information of Langold County Park on the council website.
 - Share updates via social media, council newsletters, and noticeboard.
 - Engaging with park users. 'Love Parks Week' on social media.
 - Encouraging local media to attend events in Langold County Park
 - Continue to work with Health and Wellbeing to highlight the health aspects of using the park.

- (2) To better inform users and potential users about Langold County Park by:
 - Working with other local groups to inform members about the park and its activities for Bassetlaw, e.g. voluntary services, local community groups, health and wellbeing charities, schools and young people's services.
 - Working actively with other agencies such as. the Police and the Council's Community Safety Team to address any specific problems if and when they arise, e.g. vandalism and abuse.
 - By continuing to prepare press releases to publish achievements, activities, and events in Langold County Park.
 - By continuing to build on the positive publicity achieved through press coverage of park-based activities and the installation and opening of new facilities.
 - Continuing to use Bassetlaw District Council's social media channels to promote events and activities and the Council's future plans for Langold County Park.

Aim Two - To encourage visitors to stay longer in their visit.

The key actions for the successful delivery of this aim will be achieved as follows:

- By staging a programme of events and activities in Langold Country Park, The Parks and Open Spaces Management Team have developed this initiative to offer advice and guidance to organisers on the administration and management of community events. They also act as an agent in approving and supporting other agencies to stage their own events, a practice which is actively encouraged.
- Promote themed trial.
- By continuing to work with the Council's Health and Wellbeing team to promote Langold Country Park as an accessible green space for sporting activities and games.

Aim Three - To actively encourage all sectors of the community to play a positive role in the use and development of Langold Country Park.

The key actions for the successful delivery of this aim will be achieved as follows:

- **Support Volunteer Engagement:** Continue to work closely with the volunteers, promoting inclusivity and encouraging broad community representation to ensure local views and opinions are reflected.
- **Public Consultation:** Organise and run consultation sessions to gather public feedback and input for the next stage of ongoing park improvement plans.

Aim Four - To encourage the use of Langold Country Park based on equal opportunity principles.

The key actions for the successful delivery of this aim will be achieved as follows:

- **Create Inclusive Opportunities:** Offer activities and stage events that reflect and represent the social, economic, and cultural diversity of the local community.

To achieve this aim, it will be essential for the Parks and Open Spaces Management Team to offer opportunities and stage events which reflect and represent the social, economic, and cultural profile of the community.

The consultation exercises previously outlined will help establish needs to address and therefore how best these equal opportunities could be delivered.

All the development works will be delivered in line with the Green Flag judging criteria as follows:

- Aim One – Create a welcoming place.
- Aim Two – Ensure that the Park is healthy, safe, and secure.
- Aim Three – Ensure that the Park facilities are well maintained and clean.
- Aim Four – Ensure environment management of resources.
- Aim Five – Ensure management of biodiversity, landscape, and heritage.
- Aim Six – Encourage and sustain community involvement.
- Aim Seven – Ensure effective marketing and communications.
- Aim Eight - Ensure future viability of the park through effective management

Action Plans

Sustainable, Resilient Planting Landscapes

Action	Timeline	Lead	Outcome
Expand wildflower meadows and native planting	Years 1–3	Parks Team	Phased schedule created and approved
Deliver staff training on sustainable planting	Year 1	Parks Operations	Training delivered to all staff
Install educational signage	Year 1–2	Comms & Parks	Signage installed in key areas
Create two pilot beds	Year 1	Parks Operations	Pilot beds established and monitored

Biodiversity & Pollinator-Friendly Planting

Action	Timeline	Lead	Outcome
Map priority biodiversity sites	Year 1	Ecology Lead	Site mapping completed
Install micro-habitats	Year 1–2	Parks Operations	Habitats installed and maintained
Conduct pollinator monitoring	Seasonal	Ecology Lead	Monitoring reports completed
Reduce Herbicide use	Annually	Parks Operations	Herbicide free site

Learning & Community Engagement Hubs

Action	Timeline	Lead	Outcome
Develop annual workshop programme	Annual	Parks Operations	Programme published and delivered
Form partnerships with schools and groups	Ongoing	Parks Management	Partnership agreements in place
Develop self-guided materials	Year 1	Comms Team	QR-linked resources installed
Create core volunteer group	Year 1–2	Parks Management	Volunteer group active and attending sessions

Visitor Experiences

Action	Timeline	Lead	Outcome
Introduce seasonal events (fitness, nature walks)	Year 1	Parks Management Health and Wellbeing	Group established and meeting regularly
Develop heritage trail with interpretation panels	Annual	Parks Management	Lists created and stocked
Coordinate with comms for promotion	Seasonal	Comms Team	Promotions released for each display
Improve signage to access the park.	Year 1	Parks Management	Greater visitor experience and footfall.
Resurfacing works to keep main access areas safe and presentable.	Year 1-2	Parks Management	Routes resurfaced, improved accessibility and safety.
Replace old litter bins with new, durable models.	Year 1-2	Parks Management	Better Capacity & Design: Weather Resistance: Visual Appeal encourages Proper Disposal.
Work closely with Community Safety Team to address issues.	Year 1	Parks Management, Parks Operational.	ASB incidents reported and resolved; joint patrols.

Recreation Development

Action	Timeline	Lead	Outcome
Enhance Sports Area and management through partnerships.	Year 1-2	Parks Management	Increased participation in activities, improved facility management, and stronger community ties.
Determine Future of bandstand.	Year 1-2	Parks Management	A revitalised facility serving diverse community functions and enhancing park heritage value.

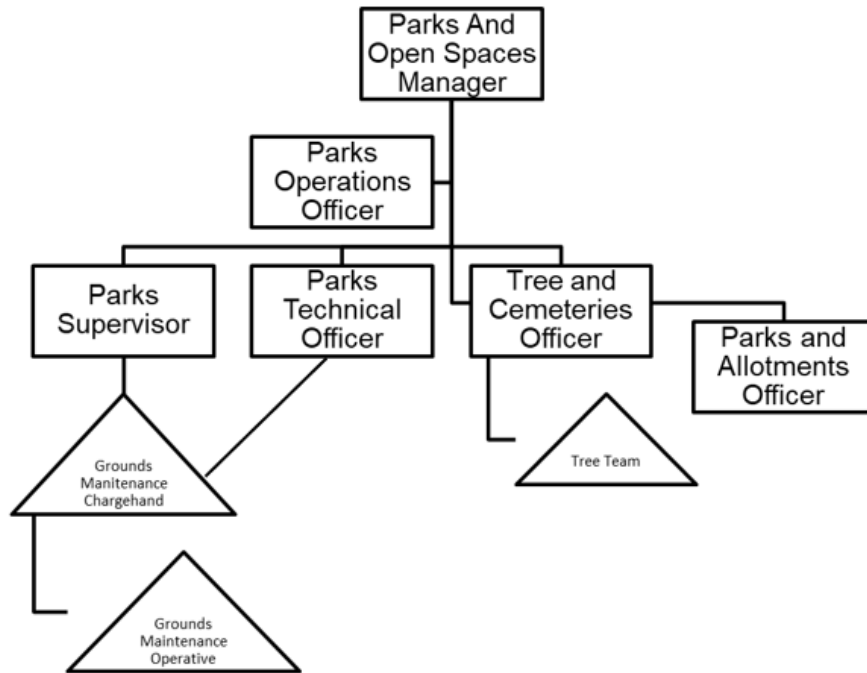
Financial Resources

Set out below is the annual maintenance budget associated with Langold Country Park.

Maintenance type	Breakdown of cost	Annual Cost
Grassland Management	Amenity Areas	£4,284.00
	Wildflower Meadows	£2,295.00
Hedgerow Management	Amenity Areas	£162.89
Play Areas and Skate Park Management	Inspections	£3,154.25
	Maintenance/repairs	£5,607.76
Waste & Litter Management	Collection/Disposal	£9,961.31
Security & Park CCTV System	Park Watch Patrols/CCTV	£1,068.14
Pool Management	Maintenance/Service Costs	£20,202.36
	Repairs	£4,794.00
Tree Management	Inspections	£2,244.00
	Maintenance	£22,616.83
Building Management	Maintenance/repairs	£3,904.66
	Repairs	£2,356.81
Building Management	Inspections	£3,023.13
	Maintenance/Repairs	£2,398.70
Total		
£88,073.84		

Staffing Resources

Structure



The above structure chart relates to Bassetlaw District Council's overall Parks and Open Spaces Management that covers Langold Country Park.

The rectangle shape illustrates the officers involved in the management of Langold Country Park while the triangle shape illustrates the staff who are directly involved with the ground's maintenance operations within the park.

The staff involved with the maintenance operations are not site based within the park itself but are brought in to carry out those works as required. This will often involve staff being on the site daily or throughout the working day during the peak season between March and October. At other times this may be less frequent or as and when necessary for additional works.

The unit's expertise in arboriculture work is particularly valuable for Langold Country Park given the park's substantial woodland cover and high levels of public access.

The workforce, resources and management at the park are subject to an annual review to ensure that needs and standards are being met.

It has been identified that the park would benefit considerably from the development of a volunteer work programme to achieve planned outcomes in partnership with park users.

Operational Maintenance Schedules

The below chart shows the monthly maintenance schedule for the park, the number indicates the frequency per month.

<u>Task</u>	<u>Month</u>											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	Jul	Aug	S	O	N	D
Grass Cut Amenity	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	0
Grass Cut Meadow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Splash Park Maintenance	0	0	0	10	31	30	31	31	30	0	0	0
Lake Overflow/ Embankment Inspections	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	4
Playground Inspection	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	4
Tree Inspections	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Litter Collection	10	8	8	10	8	8	10	8	8	10	8	8
Sweeping	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Footpath Inspection	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Throw Line Inspection	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Locking/Unlocking Gates	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31
Tree Works	As required											
Water Flow Rate Readings	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2
Clean Toilets & Open	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31
Legionella Control (Buildings)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Fishery Management

Overview

In April 2023, Embryo Angling was awarded a 5-year fishing licence agreement for all the angling at Langold Lake. Embryo are the fisheries branch of Korda (Specimen Carp fishing) and tackle Guru (Match and Course fishing). Due to the success of these brands within the fishing tackle industry, they are now able to offer a service to assist local communities and provide accessible angling opportunities for all.

As part of the agreement, Embryo will manage Langold Lake as a separate project from their other lakes and fisheries. They bring vast amount of experience with an established existing business model already in place.

The emphasis will be to reinvest 100% of the ticket sales into fish stocks, maintenance, and improvements.

The lake also benefits from free management, angling coaches, event planning, bailiffs, ongoing maintenance of water quality, fishing platforms and pegs, and a dedicated website and resource to provide media coverage through social media platforms provided by Embryo Angling, Korda, and Tackle Guru.

Coaching

Embryo have Angling Trust qualified coaches who are fully DBS checked and first aid trained. They will run events that cover all demographics throughout school holidays and some weekends. Some initial coaching sessions have already taken place through the summer of 2023 including the lets fish events, which have proved to be extremely popular giving local children and young people the opportunity to participate. The first year has seen over 120 participants being introduced to fishing. More coaching sessions are planned from catching the first fish to more advanced sessions. It is anticipated the demand for these sessions will continue to increase as they become more established.

All coaching sessions are fully risk assessed and are covered by public liability insurance. The Angling Trust coaching awards are supported by Sport England.

Ticket Sales

All of Embryo fisheries operate a cashless system for ticket sales with bailiffs having a portable card machine. Anglers can also pay in advance for a day's fishing on the dedicated webpage.

Bailiffs and day to day management

A voluntary bailiff team has been appointed to patrol the lake on a daily basis. They will take payments for fishing day tickets and inspect all angling areas to ensure that are tidy, free from angling litter and safe. A daily log is recorded and digitally stored. If any areas are found to be unsafe, they are closed until repaired. Embryo provide an on-call number for any angling issues at the lake.

Night fishing

Night fishing at Langold is available to anglers who hold a season ticket. This rule allows for known anglers to night fish the lake with the added security benefits their presence provides to the park.

Match fishing

Regular matches will continue to be organised. These match fishing events have already started to attract well known and recognisable international anglers to fish the lake.

Regular meetings

Parks Officers arrange regular meetings and discussions with representatives of Embryo to ensure accountability and to encourage and support their aims for improving the fishery for all.

Section 4- Review and Supporting information

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Having established a range of aims and objectives through the documented analysis process, it is essential that measures are in place to monitor progress and delivering and reviewing actions accordingly.

This Management Plan will be used to focus on this monitoring process as follows:

Monitoring and Review of Working Practices

Having achieved and retained Green Flag status, Bassetlaw District Council will ensure that a raft of recognised good working practices is applied to maintain the high standards already achieved in Langold Country Park.

Taking a proactive approach, the Parks and Open Spaces Management Team will regularly review and revise, where necessary its risk assessment procedures and response mechanisms.

Meeting quarterly with the Parks and Open Spaces Management Team, we will monitor and review the following:

- Grounds maintenance procedures.
- Risk assessment procedures.
- Remedial works.
- Inspection routines.
- Improvement works.

Monitoring and Review of Conservation and Heritage

Having recognised the many valuable heritage, landscape and ecological features of Langold Country Park, the Parks and Open Spaces Management Team will ensure that all such assets are regularly monitored for fair wear and tear and the adverse effects of possible abuse. This includes tree and enhancement planting schemes, natural and built heritage, along with infrastructure needed to access and enjoy these features.

Any such outcomes will be acted upon through appropriate practices to avoid further deterioration or long-term dilapidation. This is especially important for historic structures awaiting funding for full restoration.

In order to ascertain the success of conservation projects, the Parks and Open Spaces Management Team will continue to work in partnership with the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and volunteers, site maintenance staff and others as necessary to complete surveys of the following:

- Habitat provision and management works.
- Nest box surveys.
- Flora and fauna studies and reports.
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Monitoring and Review of the Plan

This version of Langold Country Park Management Plan will be used as a working document to deliver identified improvement and restoration projects. It will also enable the Parks and Open Spaces Management Team to focus on the maintenance and development of the site in so doing, consolidate the positive work undertaken in recent years.

The Management Plan has set delivery targets that are, in theory, measured and achievable. To ensure that as many, if not all, targets are reached, the Parks and Open Spaces Management Team will meet at regular intervals to monitor and review progress.

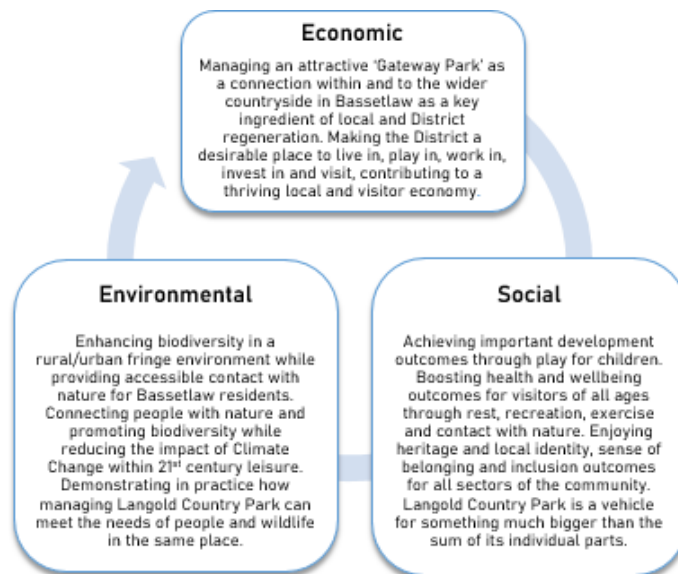
It is inevitable that the delivery process will meet with challenges and constraints, which could impact negatively on the development and use of the facility.

However, through the support of partnership working and with a strong commitment from its staff, Bassetlaw District Council are confident that its aims and objectives will be delivered and that its vision for Langold Country Park can be achieved.

Policy Context

This plan aligns Langold Country Park with key national, regional, and local policies. Rather than listing every policy, the diagram below highlights the main themes relevant to the park.

Full details of policies and guidance, including descriptions and links, are provided in the Appendices.



Supporting documentation and information items

The following supporting documentation and information items can be found within the separate appendices to this plan:

Section 1: Langold Country Park Masterplan 2022

Section 2: Maintenance/Inspection

- Risk Assessments
- Play Area Inspections
- Annual Reservoirs S12 Inspection and Report (Under Reservoirs Act 1975)
- Reservoirs Emergency Plan - Langold Lake
- Risk Control Sheets
- Water Play Park Maintenance
- Grounds Maintenance Specifications (examples)
- Tree Management and Inspections
- Vision 2040 – Bassetlaw (updated March 2026)
- Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2037

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