**Green Space Business Award**

Supporting parks and green spaces

Awarded to businesses that demonstrate a commitment to improving our parks and green spaces by volunteering and fundraising.

**Criteria**

To achieve the Award businesses must meet the following criteria;

**Commitment**

Demonstrate a long term commitment to a park or green space and will have been engaged for at least 6 months prior to application for the award.

Senior management will need to demonstrate a commitment to allowing and encouraging staff to become involved with local green spaces and encourage continued engagement.

**Volunteering**

Businesses must evidence that their staff volunteer on a regular basis to support a green space, or a specific project within a green space, and staff are given volunteer hours/days to encourage participation. Applicants must provide details of number of volunteer hours and number of volunteers engaged.

**Fundraising**

Businesses will be expected to fundraise to support specific projects identified through the volunteering that deliver improvements to the park or green space. Details of projects and funds raised must be provided with the application.

**Improvement**

The volunteering and fundraising must deliver improvements to the park or green space which can be evidenced with before and after pictures and confirmation from the management organisation. This may also be evidenced by the park or green space achieving the Green Flag Award or Green Flag Community Award.

**Assessment**

Each application will be assessed by a panel of experts, the panel may ask for additional information/evidence.

**Maintaining the Award**

Businesses must provide an annual report highlighting the number of volunteers and volunteer hours, funds raised, projects delivered and improvements made since the last report, details of future plans should also be provided.