

Master Park, Oxted



Environmental Policy

Master Park consists of 11 acres at Church Lane Oxted, presented to the community in March 1923 by Charles Hoskins Master to be held in trust for ever thereafter for the healthy recreation and amusement of the inhabitants of the parish of Oxted and their friends. The Park is a prominent part of community life. Master Park is a registered charity and the land is held by the charity.

The Park is open to the public 365 days a year. The Oxted Tennis Club, Cricket Club and Football Club make regular use of the courts, pitches and pavilion in the park. Regular annual events include the Donkey Derby organised by the 1st Oxted Scouts, the Carnival organised by the Rotary Club, a Fun Fair, a Circus, 'Proms in the Park' and the Scouts' bicycle sale. The children's playground is very popular and well used. A children's nursery operates in the pavilion and many other meetings and events are also held in the pavilion. Families and young people make full use of the open space and playing fields, and people of all ages enjoy the open space, walk their dogs and value this green gem in the heart of the town. The sports facilities are important for teenagers and adults alike and are an important aspect of the quality of life in the town.

Whilst recognising that the Park has a minimal adverse impact on the environment, Master Park Management Committee (MPMC) strives to maintain and improve on the Park's environmental impact. MPMC is committed to the principle of the "three R's" - reduce, reuse, recycle - and seeks to achieve this by:

- providing Park users with the opportunity to enjoy the natural environment in a way that has minimum impact;
- working to reduce littering, encouraging the use of litter bins, clearing litter daily and emptying litter bins regularly;
- working to eliminate dog fouling, encouraging the use of special dog waste bins and emptying dog waste bins regularly;
- monitoring and reviewing the amount of waste generated with a view to the reduction of pollution;
- facilitating the segregation and recycling of waste generated from the pavilion;
- minimising the amount of water and energy consumed and CO₂ produced;
- sustaining the attractive appearance of the Park by diligent and regular grass cutting, weed control, tree care and maintenance of grounds and buildings;
- preventing fly-tipping, fly-posting and graffiti;
- preventing commuter car parking;
- preventing nuisance to neighbours;

- planning and implementing a programme of tree planting;
- complying with all relevant environmental legislation;
- considering environmental issues in all decision making;
- informing contractors about environmental issues that may affect them and the Park;
- This environmental policy will be reviewed as necessary. A copy of the policy is available for all interested parties.

Master Park Management Committee

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