

Edinburgh parks to be dedicated for Queen's Diamond Jubilee



With plans in full swing across the UK to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year, The City of Edinburgh Council has earmarked a number of parks, woodlands and playing fields as potential sites to be dedicated in honour of the anniversary.

A host of national and regional events are being prepared across the country to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, including the dedication of parks through Fields in Trust (FIT) and the creation of new woodlands through the Woodland Trust.

Following consultation with Neighbourhoods and elected members a list of 24 playing fields, parks and woodlands has been identified by the Council's Parks team as possible Diamond Jubilee Fields.

A site in Craigmillar has also been identified for the creation of a new woodland area that will be leased to and managed by the Woodland Trust as part of the Diamond Jubilee Woods project.

The proposed Edinburgh Diamond Jubilee locations will be presented to the Council's Transport, Environment and Infrastructure Committee for approval on 27 September 2011, before being verified by FIT.

The parks and greenspaces will then go head to head with places across the UK in a public vote.

Councillor Robert Aldridge, Environment Leader, said: "Edinburgh's beautiful parks and green spaces are among this

city's greatest natural assets and the Council is committed to protecting and conserving them for posterity. By dedicating our parks in honour of the Queen's 60-year reign, the Council will be able to safeguard the land's use as open space forever."

Fields In Trust (FIT) aims to dedicate a large number of open spaces and playing fields throughout the UK in a new scheme to be called the Queen Elizabeth II Fields, which would operate in similar fashion to previous dedication schemes.

All local authorities have been called upon to demonstrate their commitment to provide high quality, publicly accessible green spaces by dedicating their parks, gardens, woodlands and playing fields as open space in perpetuity.

LIST for approval (by neighbourhood)

North Edinburgh Neighbourhood

Easter Drylaw Park (Community Park)

Ravelston Park & Ravelston Woods (Community/Natural Heritage Park)

Starbank Park(Community Park)

Victoria Park (City Park)

East Edinburgh Neighbourhood

Brighton Park (Community Park)

Figgate Park (Community Park)

Lochend Park (Community Park)

Rosefield Park (Community Park)

South Edinburgh Neighbourhood

Braidburn Valley Park (Community Park)

Hermitage of Braid & Blackford Hill (Natural Heritage Park)

Morgan Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)

Morningside Park (Community Park)

Seven Acre Park (Community Park)

South West Edinburgh Neighbourhood

Colinton Mains Park (City Park)

Easter Craiglockhart Hill (Natural Heritage Park)

Hailes Quarry Park (Community Park)

Harrison Park (Community Park)

Saughton Park & Gardens (Premier Park)

West Edinburgh Neighbourhood

Ferry Glen (Natural Heritage Park)

St Margaret's Park (Community Park)

Union Park (City Park)

City Centre & Leith Neighbourhood

Dalmeny Street Park (Community Park)

Montgomery Street Park (Community Park)

Pilrig Park (Community Park)