PLATT FIELDS PARK UPDATE JUNE 2025

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Skate Ramp Engagement

We are currently working with colleagues from MCR Active and Sporting Assets to help shape proposals for potential new skate ramps in Platt Fields Park.

As part of this process, a survey will soon be circulated to individuals with an interest in skateboarding. This will give people the opportunity to share their views and help influence the design of any future skate ramps, ensuring the feedback reflects a wide range of perspectives.

Safe and Sound...



A little gosling who had a rough start to life on Platt Fields Lake—through no fault of its own—has now found a safe haven. It's been taken to a rescue centre, where it's joined by other young geese and is settling in well. The centre offers a gentle "soft release" environment, giving the goslings time to grow stronger and more confident before returning to the wild.

Bird Feeder

We have secured a 'free' solar powered bird feeder which I am hoping will be delivered mid-June. This will give our park users the opportunity to purchase appropriate bird food (£1) for our wildlife on the lake and hopefully reduce the amount of bread etc that is currently being fed daily.

The Lake

The aeration system on the lake has been repaired and all air pumps are working. This has improved the quality of the water and even cleared it for a while. However, the recent warm weather increased the temperature of the water and long day of sunlight provided the ideal conditions for algae to flourish, accelerating their growth and causing the green hue. This green hue should be temporary, and algae will slowly return to a normal growth rate as the water cools down again.

Volunteers

Where would we be without our dedicated volunteers.

Friends of Platt Fields Litter Picking Group

The group is growing steadily in numbers but there is always room for more volunteers. If you are interested and need more information, please contact friendsofplattfields@gmail.com





Friends of Platt Fields Shakespeare (Shakey) Gardens Volunteers.

The group meet every Thursday from 10 am and always looking for new volunteers to help maintain theses stunning gardens and the hidden gem of Platt Fields Park.







If you are interested in joining the 'Shakey Gang' and need more information, please contact friendsofplattfields@gmail.com

Platt Fields Park Bike Hub

Open Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm. Telephone 0161 879 8684, www.plattfieldsbikehub.org.uk

Places for the Big Bike Revival must be booked - www.cyclinguk.org/bigbikerevival



Please contact the Bike Hub for full details

Platt Hall



Please contact Platt Hall for full details www.manchestergalleries.org or Tel No. 0161 224 5217

Events Held in May

BMX Nationals

Over the bank holiday weekend, Platt Fields Park hosted two thrilling rounds of the British Cycling National BMX Series. The event showcased the very best of UK BMX talent, featuring riders from across the nation — including world and Olympic champions. With race classes ranging from 6 and under to 50+ and elite categories, the competition was fierce and inspiring. The event was very well attended, drawing enthusiastic crowds and celebrating the vibrant BMX community.







Upcoming Events and Activities taking place in Platt Fields Park in June

1. Eid al-Adha Morning Prayers Friday, 6 June Show Field Area, Platt Fields Park

Morning prayers will take place on the show field area of Platt Fields Park to mark Eid al-Adha, a significant religious celebration observed by the Muslim community. It's a time of prayer, reflection, and community gathering. Parking restrictions will be in place around Platt Lane.

2. Market Garden Art Market Sunday, 8 June Market Garden Area, Platt Fields Park

The Market Garden will host an Art Market.

3. Luli Festival Saturday, 14 June Show Field Area, Platt Fields Park

The Luli Festival is an international charity event that brings people together through faith, culture, and community service. It features traditional African cultural displays, religious performances, music, and raises funds for charitable causes. The infrastructure for this event will begin on Thursday 12th of June and the site will be clear by Tuesday 17th of June. There will be on-site parking.

4. Market Garden Folk Festival Saturday, 14 June Market Garden Area, Platt Fields Park

The Market Garden will play host to a Folk Festival

5. Balloons and Beats Friday, 27 June - Saturday, 28 June Show Field Area, Platt Fields Park

This vibrant two-day event includes stunning hot air balloon displays, live music, family-friendly activities, fairground rides, and a variety of food and drink options—perfect for a fun summer outing.

The infrastructure for this event will begin on Monday 23rd of June and the site will be clear by Wednesday 2nd July. There will be on-site parking and parking restrictions around Platt Lane on both event days.

And finally for this month......

I just wanted to share some of the fantastic photographs that have been shared by Mary, one of our Friends of Platt Fields members, who captured some amazing photos .

Latest members of Platt Fields Duck Culb











