

Present: Tom Huggon, Cherry Underwood, Sarah Manton, Fliss Hogg, Sandra Horner, Eddie Curry, Amanda Chambers, Nicola Hinton, June Perry, Lucy Kennedy, Chris Thompson, Pete Forster, Graham Pearce, Robin Stalvies, Brian Grocock, James Dymond, Martin Willis.

Apologies: Rob Kirkwood, Goran Selby, Liz Vivyan

- James Dymond was introduced in his new role of co-opted Trustee of NOSF having left his post as NCC Parks Development Manager to become Director of Bradgate Park Trust.
- Amanda Chambers, Programme Manager for GreenSpace the green social prescribing pilot project for Nottingham & Notts introduced the programme. Presentation slides are appended below. Green social prescribing is a way of connecting people to nature-based activities and green groups, projects and schemes in their local community for support with health and wellbeing. The scheme in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is all about improving people's mental health. Green providers, social prescribers, voluntary organisations and community initiatives will help connect many more people with nature-based activities, helping everyone to feel better. NOSF Trustees Cherry Underwood, Rob Kirkwood & Julia White are integrally involved with the project which is firmly rooted within the voluntary sector delivering a social rather than clinical model. Amanda posed two key questions to NOSF & it's constituent groups:  
How would we like to be involved with GreenSpace?  
What resources would we need to be involved?  
Discussion raised the following points: crucial need for strong buy in from primary care; importance of achieving the widest possible range of opportunities; appropriate matching will be essential; clarity of expectations of providers will be key.  
Amanda is happy for further discussion either individually or collectively.
- Eddie Curry outlined numerous recent staffing changes within Parks: Staff departures have led to revised roles so that Dave Stretton now responsible for Horticultural services in addition to Cemeteries; Rob Haque now responsible for Landscape services as well as Trees; Donna Cresswell-Dooley now replaces Rachel Onions as Business manager with additional responsibility for retail; Adrienne Kelly replaces James Dymond as Parks Manager with additional responsibility for strategy development whilst maintaining FPA role (with additional external consultant support). Fliss Hogg is now Senior Greenspace Development Officer & new GDO in post (Emma Taylor); 2 GDO posts out for recruitment. (These following departures of Leonie, Matt, Neil & Alan). Charlie Roberts has replaced Flis Atkin as Ecology Officer but in f/t post so 50% increase in that role now 1.5 fte.  
Developments: Forster Street Play area now complete; successful bid for Coppice Park play area > consultation shortly. Final submission of Victoria Embankment Memorial Gardens lottery bid due august.  
Discussion on additional Covid usage pressures: Crime & disorder issues on Arboretum & Forest required use of dispersal orders. Recent high usage of Colwick CP has led to H & S concerns but different vibe so no dispersal required. Assistance of volunteers with litter clearing gratefully acknowledged by NCC.  
Conundrum: increased usage a long held ambition but has been problematic.....  
Noted that decision not to lock Barker Gate Rest Garden at night has not led to disorder issues. Problems with graffiti tagging have surfaced though. Suggested control measures welcome. Idea of plant covering of target walls.

- NCC Volunteer & Tree planting co-ordinator: Sandra Horner introduced herself and her new temporary role & the Nottingham Green Guardians volunteer programme. Designed to offer a greater range of opportunities with improved support for and communication with volunteers. Dedicated website will launch in July & a new volunteer management system will be in place. Includes Parks, Museums & Libraries plus external partners with additional aim of increasing partnership working. Opportunity for FoGs etc to be featured on new website.
- Community groups & events on parks – concern raised over clarity of process & level of process, form filling etc. Agreed that simplification & clarification needed plus support with risk assessment templates (some already available on <http://nosf.org.uk/member-resources.html>) Eddie & Fliss will prepare brief with support from Cherry for next meeting.
- St Anns Allotments resilience master planning > 2030 – as part of which Nicola raised the possibility of providing training opportunities in conservation skills for volunteers from groups across the City, training would take place on St Anns & would also contribute to site enhancement. Nicola will provide a brief to share with NOSF groups.
- NOSF activities update:  
 Castle Oaks project has continued albeit with limits to planting events. Current planning to complete planting in the autumn with follow up events for those schools where planting took place during COVID restrictions.  
 NOSF also supporting the Woodthorpe Grange Park Hockley Hustle Holt & the NT funded Blossom Together project both scheduled for autumn planting season.  
 NOSF has supported NCC following the developers appeal against rejection of the housing application known as Bramcote Unity Park. Important test of Open Space & Biodiversity Planning policies. Tom appeared before the Inquiry on behalf of NOSF.  
 NOSF is also working to influence development briefs for significant NCC development sites which don't currently pay sufficient regard to Open Space & Biodiversity needs.
- AOB:  
 June highlighted issues around lack of information provided regarding commercial use of the Inclosure lands.  
 Work will continue to address this & FOI requests may be necessary. Tom highlighted the need for strengthened oversight of the Inclosure lands.  
 Chris requested discussion on the issue of designation & access of walking trails on NCC land. Eddie agreed to meet.  
 Sarah highlighted the Year of the Roses project & strongly recommended participation. Link [HERE](#)
- Next meeting – agreed that we should meet in late July/August for a social walk & get together. Details will be agreed & circulated.
- To close the meeting Tom highlighted the importance of our parks & open spaces, particularly during the pandemic, and commended the efforts of all concerned in keeping them accessible & in good order.

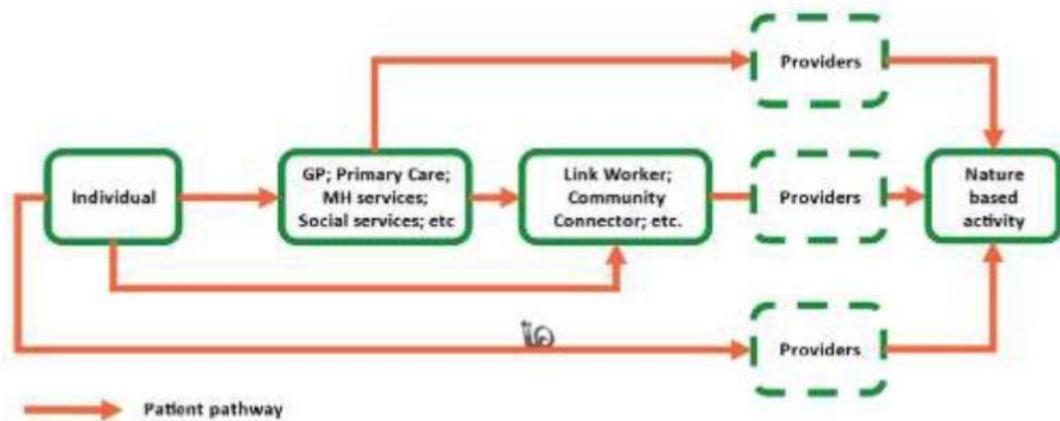
# GreenSpace: Green Social Prescribing in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire



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## Green Social Prescribing Pathway



# Green Social Prescribing Activities



Multiple + complex mental health Framework's Nature in Mind

Year 2: Expand into the county



St Ann's, Bulwell, Hyson Green



Self-referral Awareness of nature connectedness



## NOSF Members: how would you like to be part of GreenSpace?



## NOSF Members: what are the key factors that will help you to be part of GreenSpace?



This could be:

- understanding the prescribing system
- how to ensure appropriate referrals
- increase in capacity
- specialist support around mental health
- more resources
- relationship building with Link Workers and other prescribers
- risk assessment and safeguarding advice
- help capturing outcomes and evidence

