

# Vinall Park Management Plan – October 2022

## Introduction

Vinall Park is an area of about 8 to 10 acres, given to the local community when the neighbouring homes were built in the 1930s, by the developer and owner of the land Mr Vinall.

The park is mainly grass land surrounded by 110 trees which contain a wide variety of different species. There is a small area of shrubs, close to the children's play area which contains two separate parts for children of different ages, with a part set aside for basketball practice.

Bulbs have been planted along two sides of the park, as have some tree whips for the future. The park is important because it contributes to the health and well-being of those who use the park. It provides a safe and secure place for children and young people to play, meet and enjoy the open space.

In an area where young people have limited access to the countryside it provides an educational resource for them to learn about nature.

The park is a source of information about the history of the area, a space for children, for dog owners and for the older generation to sit and relax.

We are privileged to have the park and need to cherish and maintain what has been given to us.

This Management Plan, compiled by the Committee of the Friends of Vinall Park (FoVP), sets out to summarise the key areas in which the Committee will seek to initiate and take forward future improvements or changes to the park whilst taking note of the circumstances in which the Committee will need to operate. In taking action to progress the Management Plan the Committee will seek advice and guidance from Medway Council, Medway Urban Green Spaces Forum (MUGS) and other interested parties.

## Key Strategic Areas

The Committee:

- is aware of the privilege of having the Park donated by the original owner to the Community for its long-term benefit.
- will seek to take account of any environmental impact of its decision making and plans particularly in the current times of high pollution and climate change.
- will seek to contribute to how the Park is maintained and consider any opportunities to develop it for the benefit of users.
- will be conscious of the opinion of the range of opinions of users of the park and have these in mind as and when discussions are held with Medway Council.
- recognises the value of the park as a natural and educational resource and will seek to develop this including involvement with local schools and nature organisations.
- is aware of its limited resources and its reliance on Medway Council to help provide resources for the enhancement of the park.

Agreed by FOVP Committee at its meeting on 14 September 2022

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