

# EXCELLENT PARKS

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North Tyneside Parks have always been well loved places within their local communities. Over the years it was acknowledged they required significant investment to improve their appearance and purpose

“Our Four Parks” project was born

This developed and later became known as the “Excellent Parks” project



# The importance of parks:

- Play a significant role in creating an attractive and vibrant place to live, work and visit
- Benefit the local and regional economy
- Improve the health and well being of our communities
- Provide an important role in our past and future society and heritage







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WIDENING HORIZONS  
Parks North Tyneside

# Healthy Parks, Healthy People, Healthy Communities

A Parks Strategy for North Tyneside

2011-2021



# Our key aims:

- Place parks at the centre of our community
- Create parks with an individual focus
- Restore our parks
- Ensure parks are at the centre of the council's larger vision
- Recognise and promote positive influence of parks on the local economy
- Ensure parks management and maintenance standards are raised
- Encourage and support community ownership and involvement



# Key Objectives

- Manage our parks to the highest possible standard
- Recognise and develop our parks as a community resource
- Provide space for nature
- Provide space for leisure and relaxation
- Embrace good design quality and observance of our cultural heritage
- Develop parks as a source of good health and well being
- Integrate parks as part of the local economy



# The Model – based on success of Rising Sun Country

- Dedicated team
- Ring fenced budget
- Visitor facilities
- Management plan
- Partnership working





# Community Consultation





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**The Forgotten Orchard**  
A Community Orchard for Walsend  
Community Spaces

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**Be Involved**  
Volunteer Here

**3D Visualisations**  
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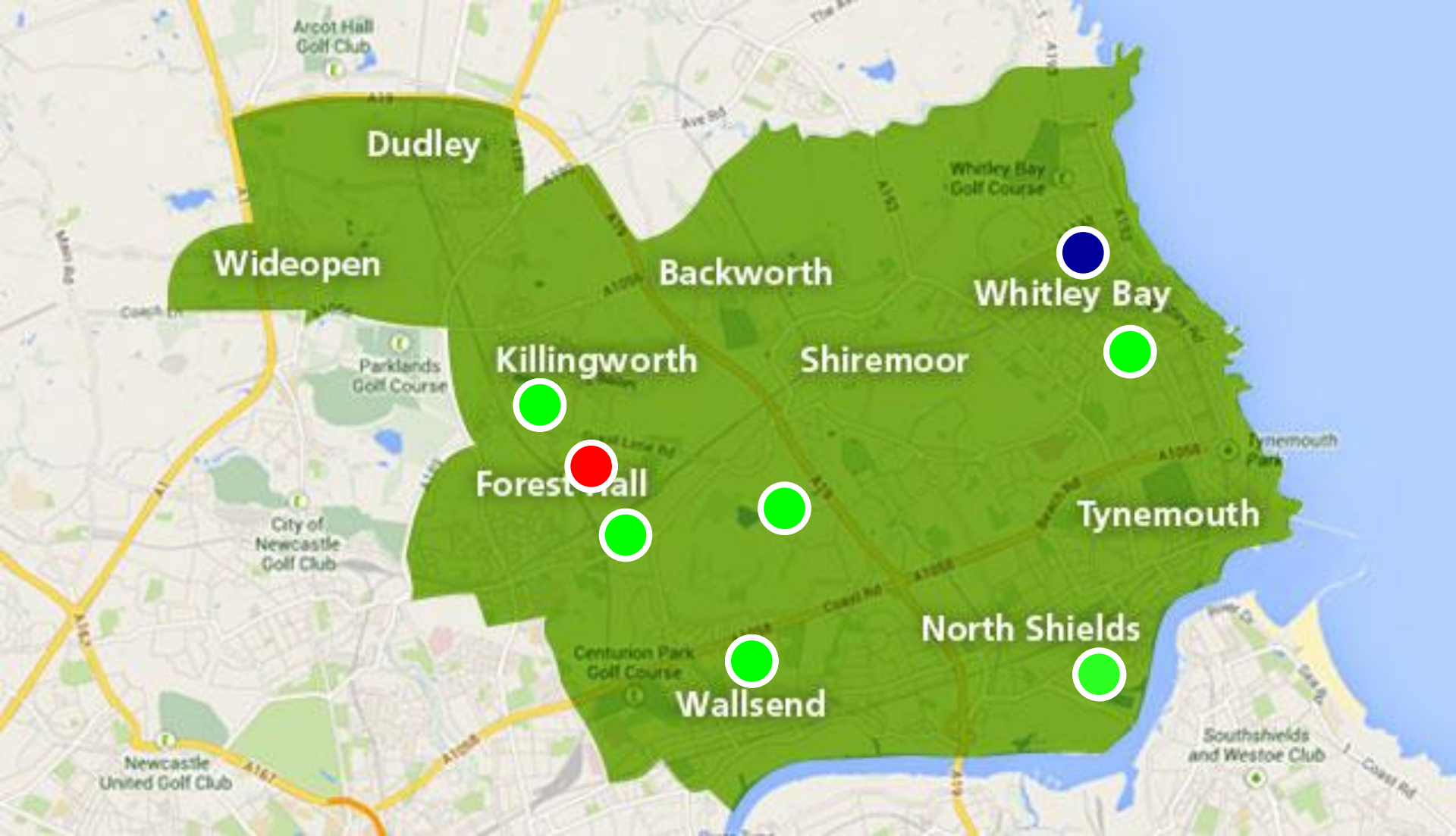


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# Green Flag Award



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# Killingworth Lakeside Park

















# WALLSEND PARKS



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WALLSEND  
**PARKS**

**£7.6m**

**Capital: £4.6 million**

**Revenue: £3.0 million**

























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# THE TALE OF THE SLEEPING GINKGO TROLLS



# Wallsend Park Visitors

**2012-13: 808k**

**2013-14: 984k**

**2014-15: 1115k**

**2015-16: 1199k**







# Northumberland Park



**Northumberland  
Park**

**£5.2m**

**Capital: £3.4 million**

**Revenue: £1.8 million**





















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2014



Saint Leonards  
Hospital

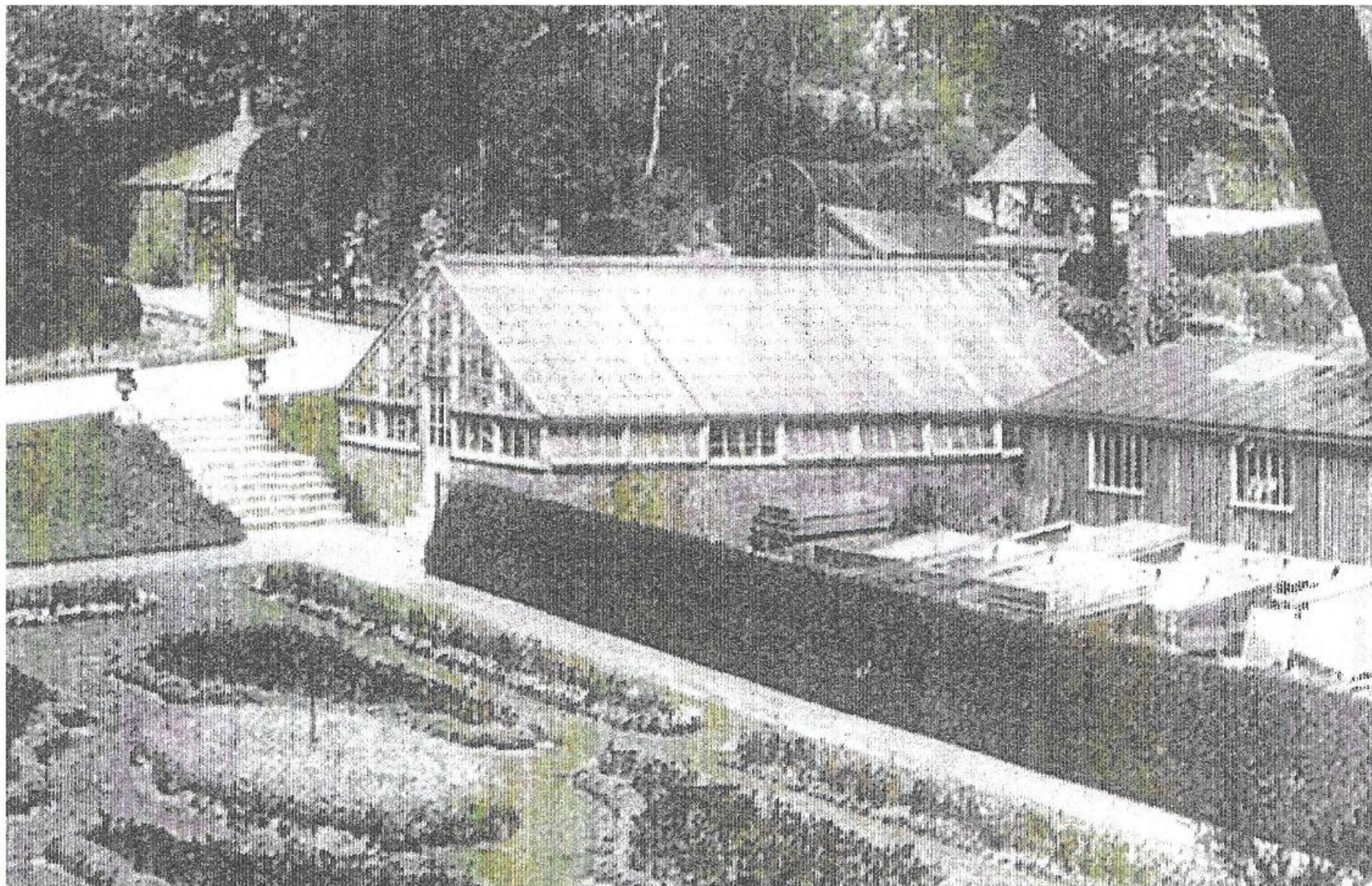
Play Area  
Fish Quay



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# PROGRESS REPORT PAVILLION CONCEPT





**Friends or Foes?**  
The benefits and challenges of  
involving friends groups and  
volunteers  
in parks and green places

Dr Susan Annabua  
Tees Valley Wildlife Trust

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# Souter Park

















# Park Volunteers



# Volunteer Days in Parks Annual

2012-13: **696**days

2013-14: **744**days

2014-15: **926**days

2015-16: **834**days

\*1x Day = 7 hours















# Outdoor Education



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A wealth of educational experiences are waiting to be discovered by you ...

Explore ...  
woodland walks  
historical gardens  
natural watercourses  
diverse wildlife habitats



Wallsend Parks provides an ideal location for our range of interactive outdoor learning activities. Our sessions are interesting, creative and practical. We provide a unique learning experience a world away from the classroom.

Our fully qualified outdoor learning team are experienced and knowledgeable at facilitating activities outdoors, with all age groups and in all weather conditions. They will work with you to ensure your visit meets your teaching aims and objectives.

Some of our most popular activities include:

- Mini beasts
- Woodland exploration
- Campfire cooking
- Orienteering, map making
- Archery, local history
- Seasonal activities.

We offer much more than this and can also provide bespoke activities to meet your needs. For an extensive list please get in touch.



We offer outdoor learning and training opportunities to cater for schools, adult learning, community groups, business and organisations.

Our purpose built pavilion room is a warm, dry space right in the centre of the park. Ideal for safe storage of belongings and an area to grab lunch. The room comes fully equipped with an HD projector and LED TV. Toilet facilities are easily accessible from this room.

At Wallsend Parks, we aim to promote environmental responsibility, sustainability and an understanding and appreciation of nature and wildlife.

We want to showcase the parks from an educational perspective, encouraging learners to return with deeper connections, pride and ownership of their local green spaces.



# Educational Visits in Parks

Annual

**2012-13: 4,942**

**2013-14: 5,602**

**2014-15: 5,758**

**2015-16: 9,147**

**\*Children & Adults**















# Events



# Event attendance in Parks

## Annual

**2012-13: 10,328**

**2013-14: 18,774**

**2014-15: 20,501**

**2015-16: 37,144**



















