

VICTORIA PARK TIMELINE

- 1885** Land for Victoria Park was acquired and the park opened in 1887
- 1885** Fossils were unearthed and the Fossil Grove building opened in 1890
- 1900** Partick Curling Club clubhouse opened
- 1960s** South East corner of park lost to the construction of Clydeside Expressway and Clyde Tunnel
- 2000s** Proposal to use blaes pitches as a car park for Scotstoun Leisure Centre
- 2005** 'Strategic Best Value Review of Parks and Open Spaces' published
- 2007** Management of the Fossil Grove transferred from Glasgow Museums to GCC Land and Environmental Services
- 2009** Friends of Victoria Park (FoVP) set up
- Sep 2012** Victoria Park 125th anniversary commemoration event
- 2013** Victoria Park Development and Management Plan 2013-2018 published
- 2013** FoVP orchard proposal developed and submitted to GCC
- Sep 2013** Jubilee Gates refurbished
- Sep 2013** Blaes pitches feasibility study; pitches were put up for lease by Ryden Property, on behalf of the Council in Aug 2014
- Sep 2014** 'Arms around the Park' protest event
- Sep 2014** Three proposals submitted for blaes pitches – FoVP orchard and cycle track; Broomhill Sports Club sports pitches; Victoria Park Residents Association grassed area
- Feb 2015** GCC Victoria Park blaes pitches consultation launched
- Jul 2016** Jordanhill Community Council publish 'Victoria Park and Open Spaces Community Plan'
- Jul 2016** GCC blaes pitches consultation report published
- Sep 2016** GCC launches two year long Parks and Green Spaces consultation
- Nov 2016** GCC Victoria Park Community Placemaking
- Jan 2017** GCC Parks and Green Spaces stage 2 report published
- Feb 2017** Community Placemaking draft Action Plan and Development Plan produced
- Mar 2017** Victoria Park Working Group established facilitated by Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust
- May 2017** New Victoria Park electoral ward comes into effect
- Feb 2018** Victoria Park Working Group develops into the Victoria Park Action Group to establish a new charitable organisation to take forward the strategic development of the park.

A more detailed timeline can be found at www.dumbartonroad.com



NEXT STEPS AND HAVE YOUR SAY

Over the coming months the Victoria Park Action Group will be working to set up the new organisation which will represent a new collaborative partnership which will bring forward the identified opportunities and delivery of the Development Plan.

A key element of this will be ensuring that the wider community has plenty of opportunities to be involved and to have your say.

You can let us know your thoughts by completing our short survey. If you want to be kept informed of progress please let us know at the end of the survey. If you require the survey in a different format please contact DRCE using the details shown below.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/VictoriaPark-Spring2018



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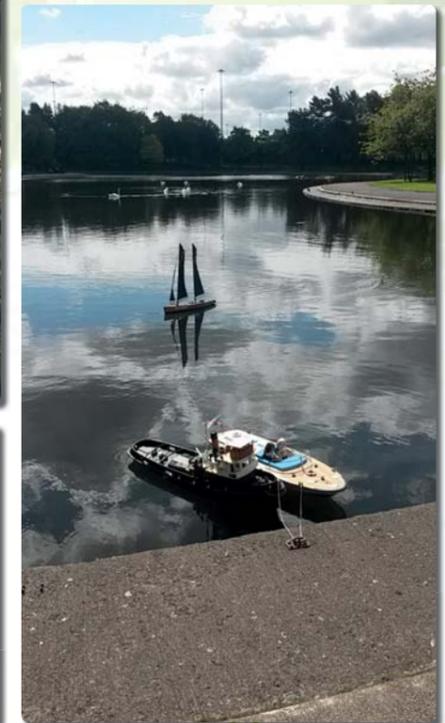
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VICTORIA PARK UPDATE REPORT

Spring 2018



This report has been written by Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust, a local environmental charity. www.dumbartonroad.com

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this Victoria Park update report which gives an overview of what has been happening with regards to the development of the park over the past couple of years.

There is a useful timeline of the park as well as details of what will be happening moving forward, how you can have your say and how you can keep up to date with progress.



Victoria Park is an extremely popular park in Glasgow. It contains a wide range of exciting features and activities including extensive formal and informal Gardens, an Arboretum, a pond, bowling greens and tennis courts, 330 million year old pre-historic fossils, a recreation ground and a children's play area. There is also a range of events held in the park annually which are popular with the local community. The park has proved a source of attraction to many thousands of visitors. Victoria Park is listed on Historic Scotland's Gardens and Designed Landscapes Inventory.

Recently there has been a lot of community interest in supporting how Victoria Park is managed and developed to ensure it remains a vital and valued asset for its neighbouring communities. There is already much good work being carried out in the park by various organisations but without a shared vision, this can sometimes seem isolated and disjointed.



COMMUNITY PLACEMAKING

In Autumn 2016 Glasgow City Council commissioned EKOS consultants to undertake Community Placemaking for Victoria Park.

The Community Placemaking aimed to build on previous consultation findings and development ideas to find a way forward in collaboration with the stakeholders and community representatives of the surrounding areas of the park.

Community Placemaking is a process to:

- design a public space together with the communities and stakeholders;
- engage in a collaborative process so that all interests can be addressed in a holistic way; and
- ensure that the public space is valued and used.

The aim of the Community Placemaking was to:

- find a shared vision
- design an action plan

66 individuals were invited to the workshops and over 40 individuals participated in at least one of the organised workshops capturing the input of 17 organisations.

The Community Placemaking showed that there are numerous ideas to improve Victoria Park which confirm it as a much valued and imaginative green space. However key barriers to improving Victoria Park include:

- poor communication and collaboration between stakeholders;
- poor co-ordination of activities; and
- fragmented, isolated, development initiatives.



The Community Placemaking concluded that a collaborative partnership is essential to bring forward the identified development opportunities.

At the end of the process the consultants produced two reports – a draft 15 point Action Plan and a draft 10 year Strategic Development Plan for the Park which included the following Vision Statement.

VISION STATEMENT

Victoria Park will provide high quality, accessible facilities which are freely available and meet the recreational, leisure, health, educational and environmental needs of the community.

Victoria Park will be managed by an effective collaborative partnership that recognises and protects the park's historic and landscape significance for the benefit of its local communities and visitors in an inclusive, imaginative, and environmentally friendly manner.

All the Placemaking related documents are available on the Council website www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20509

VICTORIA PARK WORKING GROUP

Following the Community Placemaking a short term Working Group was established, facilitated by Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust (DRCET), in order to work on the Action Plan.

The aim of the Action Plan was to **bring together an effective, representative/management group, which will work together as equal partners to create a long term Development Plan for Victoria Park** with the aims of:

- **Strengthening the developing relationship** between local stakeholders and Glasgow City Council as a new collaborative community of interest;
- **Putting in place formal structures** which will oversee the implementation of the Victoria Park Development Plan
- **Completing the evolving Development Plan**

The Working Group had representatives from the following organisations:

- Glasgow City Council (inc Parks officers and Ward 12 Councillors)
- Glasgow Life (Scotstoun Sports Campus)
- Friends of Victoria Park
- Fossil Grove Trust
- Partick Curling Club
- Broomhill Sports Club*
- Butterfly Conservation Trust (Glasgow)
- Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust (DRCET)
- Victoria Park Allotments
- Victoria Park parkrun
- Broomhill Community Council
- Jordanhill Community Council*
- Scotstoun Community Council
- Thornwood Community Council*
- Whiteinch Community Council
- Scotstoun Conservation Area Residents Association (SCARA)
- Victoria Park Residents Association (VPRA)*



The Working Group has agreed to establish a new organisation (a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SCIO) that would be responsible for securing resources to deliver the Development Plan.

The Working Group has developed into the Victoria Park Action Group, which will oversee the creation of the new SCIO. Membership of the group is as above with the exception of organisations marked * who have chosen to no longer be involved.

Further information about the Working Group and Action Group can be found on the Council website

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