

Victoria Park Working Group

Victoria Park Timeline -1885 to 2018

As part of the Victoria Park Working Group a key activity has been compiling and collating various bits of information in one place for all the stakeholders to access. Some of this information has been used to create a timeline for the Park, a short version of which is included in the Victoria Park Update Report.ⁱ

The timeline provides a useful overview of the key developments and events in the park, particularly over the past decade or so.

Information at the start marked * has been sourced from Victoria Park Heritage Trail leaflet. Approximate dates are indicated by ???. Weblinks to the source of the information have been provided in the end notes.

The working group has been facilitated by Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust (DRCET), a local environmental charity – www.dumbartonroad.com

Acronyms used:

GCC – Glasgow City Council; FoVP – Friends of Victoria Park; WCC – Whiteinch Community Council

Timeline

1885	land for Victoria Park acquired *ii
1886	construction started *
1885	fossils unearthed *
1887	Victoria Park formally opened by the Lord Provost of Glasgow Sir Andrew McLean on the 2nd July *
1890	Fossil Grove building opened * iii
1900	Partick Curling Club clubhouse formally opened * iv
1960s	South East corner of the park lost to the construction of the interchange of the Clydeside Expressway and Clyde Tunnel *
1986	Fossil Grove designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) v
1989	Fossil Grove Trust established as a charity vi
Early 1990s??	last time blaes pitches used
2004??	proposal to turn blaes pitches into car park for Scotstoun Leisure Centre
2005	GCC published the 'Strategic Best Value Review of Parks and Open Spaces' vii
Mar 2006	Victoria Park added to Historic Environment Scotland's Inventory of Designed Gardens and Landscapes viii
2007	Management of the Fossil Grove transferred from Glasgow Museums to GCC Land and Environmental Services ix
Jun 2008	Scottish Natural Heritage Fossil Grove Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) site management statement x
2009	Friends of Victoria Park (FoVP) set up xi
May 2010	Fossil Grove Trust re-convened xii xiii

Nov 2011	GCC Open Space Strategy consultation launched ^{xiv}
2012	Fossil Grove Trust Heritage Lottery Fund application developed ^{xv}
Aug 2012	GCC Victoria Park Development and Management Plan consultation launched
Sep 2012	WCC Victoria Park 125 th anniversary commemoration event ^{xvi}
2013	GCC Victoria Park development and management plan 2013-2018 published including consultation responses (223 responses)
Feb 2013	GCC Vacant Buildings in Parks report ^{xvii}
Mar 2013??	FoVP orchard proposal developed and submitted to GCC
Sep 2013	Jubilee Gates refurbished ^{xviii}
Sep 2013	GCC Victoria Park blaes feasibility study (Ryden commissioned by GCC)
Feb 2014	Fossil Grove community consultation event ^{xix}
Apr 2014	FoVP EGM – Brian Butler presentation ‘The Vision for Glasgow’s Parks’ ^{xx}
Apr 2014	Bill Kidd MSP ‘Future of Victoria Park’ survey ^{xxi}
Jul 2014	Bill Kidd MSP survey report published (734 responses)
Jul 2014	Commonwealth Games Queen’s Baton relay (Day 38) ends in Victoria Park ^{xxii}
Aug 2014	WCC Commonwealth Connections event ^{xxiii}
Aug 2014	blaes pitches put up for lease by Ryden Property, on behalf of GCC ^{xxiv}
Sep 2014	FoVP Arms around the Park event ^{xxv xxvi}
Sep 2014	Three proposals submitted for park – FoVP orchard and cycle track; Broomhill Sports Club sports pitches; Victoria Park Residents Association grassed area ^{xxvii xxviii xxix}
Oct 2014	The Battle for Victoria Park blog by local resident ^{xxx}
Jan 2015	WCC Victoria Park public meeting ^{xxxi}
Feb 2015	GCC Victoria Park blaes pitches consultation launched ^{xxxii}
Feb 2015	STV Glasgow website article on blaes pitch consultation ^{xxxiii}
Feb 2015	Victoria Park Residents Association public meeting ^{xxxiv}
Mar 2015	GCC Vacant Buildings in Parks update report ^{xxxv}
Jul 2016	Jordanhill Community Council publish ‘Victoria Park and Open Spaces Community Plan’ ^{xxxvi}
Jul 2016	GCC blaes pitches consultation report published (1468 responses) ^{xxxvii}
Sep 2016	GCC launches 2 year Parks and Green Spaces consultation launched ^{xxxviii}
Nov 2016	GCC Victoria Park community placemaking event EKOS started ^{xxxix xli}
Jan 2017	GCC Parks and Green Spaces Strategy stage 2 report ^{xli}
Feb 2017	EKOS Community Placemaking draft action plan and development plan published ^{xlii}

Mar 2017	Victoria Park working group established facilitated by Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust (DRCET) ^{xliii}
May 2017	New Victoria Park electoral ward comes into effect ^{xliv}
Jun 2017	Historic Environment Scotland fossil grove mineralogical sampling report ^{xlv}
Jan 2018	Victoria Park Working Group develops into the Victoria Park Action Group, with an aim to establish a new organisation to take forward the Development Plan for the park. ^{xlvi}
May 2018	Victoria Park Update Report published ^{xlvii}

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ⁱ Victoria Park Update Report <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2018/05/11/victoria-park-update-report-published/>

ⁱⁱ Victoria Park Heritage Trail leaflet <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=16597>

ⁱⁱⁱ Fossil Grove information <https://www.geologyglasgow.org.uk/geoconservation/rigs/fossil-grove/>

^{iv} Partick Curling Club <http://www.partickcurlingclub.co.uk/>

^v Fossil Grove SSSI designation http://gateway.snh.gov.uk/sitelink/siteinfo.jsp?pa_code=654

^{vi} Fossil Grove Trust entry on charity register <https://www.oscr.org.uk/about-charities/search-the-register/charity-details?number=SC012033#results>

^{vii} GCC Parks and Open Spaces Best Value review <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=31886&p=0>

^{viii} Historic Environment Scotland's Inventory of Designed Gardens and Landscapes <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/GDL00382>

^{ix} Fossil Grove management <https://www.geologyglasgow.org.uk/news/article/concerns-about-the-condition-of-the-fossil-grove-glasgow/>

^x SNH SSSI register fossil grove entry http://gateway.snh.gov.uk/sitelink/siteinfo.jsp?pa_code=654

^{xi} Friends of Victoria Park <https://fovp.weebly.com/>

^{xii} Fossil Grove Trust reconvened <https://www.geologyglasgow.org.uk/news/article/concerns-about-the-condition-of-the-fossil-grove-glasgow/>

^{xiii} Fossil Grove Trust <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=21441>

^{xiv} GCC Open Space Strategy consultation <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2011/11/15/open-space-strategy-for-glasgow-have-your-say/>

^{xv} Fossil Grove Heritage Lottery bid <https://www.geologyglasgow.org.uk/news/article/concerns-about-the-condition-of-the-fossil-grove-glasgow/>

^{xvi} 125th celebrations <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2012/09/18/victoria-park-125-years-young/>

^{xvii} GCC Vacant buildings in parks <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewDoc.asp?c=P62AFQ81ZL0GUT2U>

^{xviii} Refurbished Jubilee Gates <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2013/09/02/new-main-gate-at-victoria-park/>

^{xix} Fossil Grove consultation event <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2014/02/19/fossil-grove-community-consultation-event/>

^{xx} FoVP EGM <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2014/04/09/friends-of-victoria-park-egm/>

^{xxi} Bill Kidd MSP survey <http://www.billkiddmsp.org/news-archive/268-victoria-park-s-future>

^{xxii} Commonwealth Games baton relay <http://www.glasgow2014.com/celebrate/queens-baton-relay/follow-baton/glasgow-0>

^{xxiii} Commonwealth Connections event <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2014/06/26/commonwealth-connections-going-for-gold/>

^{xxiv} Blaes pitches put up for lease <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2014/08/26/victoria-park-blaes-pitches-up-for-rent/>

^{xxv} Arms around the park event <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2014/09/09/arms-around-the-park/>

^{xxvi} Arms around the Park event <http://www.fovp-glasgow.co.uk/arms-around-the-park-event/>

^{xxvii} FoVP orchard proposal <http://www.fovp-glasgow.co.uk/our-orchard-proposal/>

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- xxviii Broomhill Sports Club proposal <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2014/10/16/victoria-park-development-proposals/>
- xxix Victoria Park Residents Association <http://www.jordanhillcommunitycouncil.org.uk/vpra-meetings.html>
- xxx The Battle for Victoria Park blog <https://cuilbay.com/2014/10/10/the-battle-for-victoria-park/>
- xxxi Public meeting <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2015/01/07/victoria-park-blaes-pitches-public-meeting/>
- xxxii Blaes pitch consultation
<https://www.glasgowconsult.co.uk/KMS/dmart.aspx?strTab=PublicDMartCompleted&NoIP=1>
- xxxiii STV Glasgow article <http://glasgow.stv.tv/articles/309228-public-consulted-over-future-of-west-end-victoria-park-blaes/>
- xxxiv Victoria Par Residents Association public meeting <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=27862&p=0>
- xxxv Vacant Buildings in Parks update report
<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewDoc.asp?c=P62AFQUTNTT10GNT>
- xxxvi Victoria Park and Open Spaces Community Plan <http://www.jordanhillcommunitycouncil.org.uk/vic.html>
- xxxvii Blaes pitches consultation report <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2015/07/22/victoria-park-blaes-pitches-consultation-report-published/>
- xxxviii Parks and Green Spaces consultation <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2016/09/12/parks-and-greenspaces-consultation-workshops/>
- xxxix Victoria Park community placemaking <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2016/11/14/victoria-park-community-placemaking-event/>
- xl Victoria Park community placemaking <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20509>
- xli Parks and Greenspaces report <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2017/01/24/parks-and-greenspaces-report/>
- xlii Victoria Park community placemaking reports <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20509>
- xliii Victoria Park working group <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20509>
- xliv New Victoria Park electoral ward <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2016/09/21/new-victoria-park-ward-created/>
- xlv Fossil Grove Trust <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=21441>
- xlvi Victoria Park Action Group <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20509>
- xlvii Victoria Park Update Report <https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2018/05/11/victoria-park-update-report-published/>