



IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARDS – ASSESSOR(S) REPORT

Entry:	Friends of Didsbury Park, Manchester	Date:	5 th July 2023		
Assessor(s):	Stephen Lowe				
Total Marks:	96	Level:	5	Award:	Outstanding

SECTION A Community Participation	Possible Marks	Marks Awarded
Has a neighbourhood action team been formed?	15	15
Has there been an attempt to engage with the neighbourhood and other bodies?	25	24
TOTAL SECTION A	40	39
SECTION B Environmental Quality		
Was the area clean and tidy?	15	14
Has there been any environmental initiatives undertaken e.g. recycling, composting undertaken by the neighbourhood?	15	15
TOTAL SECTION B	30	29
SECTION C Gardening Achievement		
Design features, plant choice and impact	10	9
Standard of maintenance	10	9
Enhancement through creativity and innovation	5	5
Has gardening improved the area?	5	5
TOTAL SECTION C	30	28
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED	100	96

Areas of Achievement: This friends of group is to be commended to the highest order. The number of volunteers is fantastic and the work they undertake is invaluable in keeping this charming much loved (and used) oasis to the impeccable state I witnessed on the day. The wildflower area, Flower walk and Bird garden were all lovely and alive with pollinators during my visit. The group have had an eye on improving the environment with all the projects they have undertaken, and their choice of plants was wonderful. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and very much hope to see you again in the coming years, please keep up the great work.

Areas for Development: It was certainly very difficult to come up with suggestions for development as the group has done so much in the park over the past years to bring it up to a high standard. However, the joint conversations we had on the walk round brought up a few ideas. A Tree trail with QR codes not just holding tree species information but fun facts for youngsters would be a great addition to the park. Look to hold a dusk Bat walk in conjunction with the wildlife trust or bat group. As a group you have already done great work in securing volunteer worker days from large companies, create a shopping list of project costs to directly ask for company funding from their social responsibility funds. Seek to spread your community bloom message

Level 1 Establishing 0 - 35; **Level 2** Improving 36 - 52; **Level 3** Advancing 53 - 68;

Level 4 Thriving 69 - 85; **Level 5** Outstanding 86 -100

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across neighbouring streets and the wider community.