

Joining forces with the National Trust to improve parks

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A view of a park

A new £10million Future Parks Accelerator initiative aims to secure the future of urban parks and green spaces

We've joined forces with the National Trust to find and back ambitious and sustainable solutions to protect and enhance public parks and green spaces.

Future Parks Accelerator (FPA) is a UK-wide £10m strategic initiative.

It will enable up to eight local authorities and communities to develop and implement bold and innovative funding and management solutions for all their green spaces across, against a challenging backdrop of financial uncertainty.

How it will work

The FPA will support places to grow the contribution parks make to civic life while becoming financially sustainable. It will involve discovering how parks and green spaces could be better used, managed and funded to serve community needs and aspirations now and over the next generation.

With grant funding and support from a team of experts, the places chosen to be FPA pioneers will work together to catalyse and share innovation, learn rapidly together and build their capacity to lead for ambitious change both in their place and to benefit the rest of the UK.

It will encourage new partnerships while supporting the role of local authorities as vital owners, funders and co-managers of green spaces

The FPA will promote an holistic approach, ensuring that all parks and green spaces in an area are protected and enhanced to deliver quality and fair access to green spaces for free for everyone.

The initiative will run over two years and combine £5m in grant funding with £5m in value of the National Trust's expertise.

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