

Site management summary: Poulton Park		
This is a working management document under continuous review and development		
Drafted	October 2026	
Expected document lifespan	5 years	
Area	7.2 Ha	
General Description	Managed as a park, with football pitches, play area, skate park, site of community events, and significant meadow habitat	
Current management	Play area Cleansing (litter, graffiti) General maintenance of infrastructure Grass cutting Football pitch cutting and lining Establishment of trees Path maintenance Scrub and vegetation management Tree management Events	
Ecology: overview	The site consists of the following habitat types: hedgerows, woodland edge, meadow, mature trees, scrub, ruderals, improved grassland, hard surfaces. The site is largely unlit. The site supports opportunities for the following fauna: bats, badgers, small mammals, reptiles, nesting birds, insects including butterflies	
Ecological potential	Increased diversity, improved connectivity across site. Improved management of meadow, tree planting, hedgerow planting and management, increased complexity of landscape, particularly with stepping stones and ecotones. Potential for managing rainfall on site to increase biodiversity	
Management	Maintain paths with open corridor onto park to maintain sightlines Manage boundary between Poulton Park and Youth Centre Litter bins relocated to site entrance/ exits Renew site signs Retain views Manage establishing trees and tree root protection areas Floral planting of skatepark banks Increase areas of meadow grass Improve habitat in fenced areas Maintain landscape for ecology, particularly dark zones and habitat connectivity Mown grass areas Keep unobstructed areas for events Address meadow Management Plan implementation issue with Wiltshire Council enforcement Note: there is a legacy issue at Poulton Park, where the meadow is to be managed by a developer, as part of the conditions of a planning consent. The Town Council is trying to address this with Wiltshire Council's planning, seeking enforcement of the terms or	

	another outcome to ensure that the meadow is managed properly.	
Opportunities	Take on meadow management Grass cuts as hay meadow, seed, scarify* Manage Blackthorn (<i>Prunus spinosa</i>) inundation of meadow* Manage scrub on approx. 3y cuts* Path improvements* Enhance Kennet Gardens entrance and path from canal car park* Consider future opportunities for area north of playing fields* Potential benches * Potential small tree and shrub/bed planting along 'terrace'* Consider future opportunities for pavilion building and environs* Improve Poulton site entrance to park and manage access* Low hedgerow around play area, play area planting (shelter, shade) Tree planting* Potential 'rain garden' scheme* Enhance football pitches* Restore/ plant boundary hedgerow Address Boundary Discrepancies <u>*Opportunities subject to funding and/or roles of other organisations</u>	

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Bradford-on-Avon



Mapping is illustrative, not to scale and subject to change

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Maintain paths with open corridor onto park to maintain sightlines

Manage boundary between Poulton Park and Youth Centre

Litter bins relocated to site entrance/ exits. Renew site signs

Retain views

Enhance Kennet Gardens entrance and path from canal car park*

Manage establishing trees and tree root protection areas

Address meadow Management Plan implementation issue with Wiltshire Council enforcement*

Grass cuts as hay meadow, seed, scarify*

Manage Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) inundation of meadow*

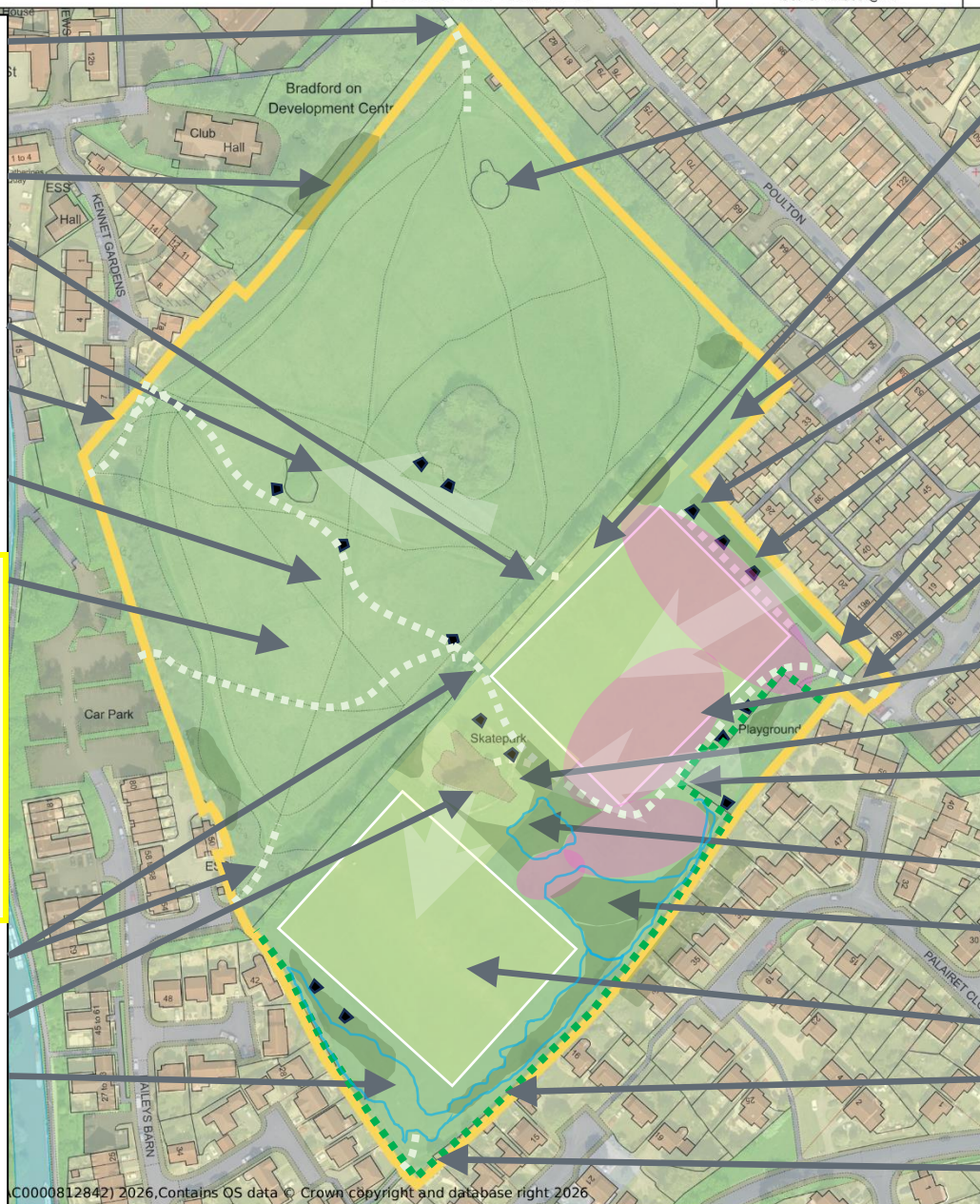
Manage scrub on approx. 3y cuts*

Path improvements*

Floral planting of skatepark banks

Increase areas of meadow grass

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Improve habitat in fenced areas

Maintain landscape for ecology, particularly dark zones and habitat connectivity

Consider future opportunities for this area*

◆ Potential bench locations*

Potential small tree and shrub/bed planting along 'terrace'*

Consider future opportunities for pavilion building and environs*

Improve Poulton site entrance to park and manage access*

Unobstructed events areas

Mown grass areas

Low hedgerow around play area, play area planting (shelter, shade)

Potential tree planting areas*

Opportunity area for 'rain garden' scheme*

Enhance football pitches*

Restore/ plant boundary hedgerow

Address Boundary Discrepancies