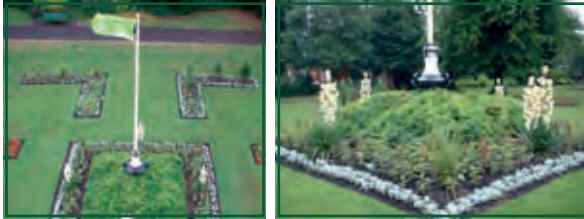


Facilities & Features

Cale Green Park has won a Green Flag Award for several years running, showing that it achieves the high standard required by the Civic Trust who administer this prestigious openspace award.



The park has a formal layout with many trees and shrubs of horticultural interest, and a superb example of formal bedding which is a blaze of colour every summer.

Formal rose beds have been successfully replanted in 2005 and these provide colour interest and fragrance during the summer months.

Shrub beds have been replanted as the original planting scheme became over-mature, and these compliment the formal layout and the Victorian style gates and railings. A small rockery feature can be found close to the bowling green.

There is a wildlife strip along the boundary of the park beyond the Pavilion shelter where mowing and tidying has been reduced to encourage native plants, insects and small mammals to live and thrive in the park. This area is marked with English oak posts as pictured.

The park provides a welcoming greenspace for the community with outdoor leisure facilities for all ages.



Stockport Council works in partnership with community groups to provide a wide range of outdoor recreational facilities, including:

- Allotments
- Urban Parks
- Countryside sites and country parks
- Outdoor Sports pitches
- Woodlands
- Walks and trails
- Local nature reserves
- Playgrounds
- Events

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Cale Green Park



A short history of Cale Green Park

By the late 1890's Stockport was a thriving industrial centre. The town's population was booming as more people migrated from the country to the town in search of work. Living conditions for mill workers were dirty and squalid. Pollution caused by the smoke from factory chimneys filled the air. New housing for this expanding population was urgently required.

The village of Davenport developed when the railway station was built and between 1880 and 1914 there was a building boom in this area. Local people were concerned about the fast rate of building development. Belts of new housing were fast encroaching on all the greenspaces in this area which had been semi-rural until just a few years before.

The area known as Cale Green was originally the Cale Green Estate, a country estate owned by the aristocratic Davenport Family. The estate was sold off in the late 1890's, and most of the land was built upon and became the residential areas that you see around the park. When this piece of land adjoining Stockport Cricket Club was under threat of being purchased and built upon, the members of the Club sought to save it from development and approached the president of the Cricket Club, Mr Henry Bell, to see if he could buy the land and lease it to the cricket club, so that it might be kept as an open space. Bell, a wealthy local brewery owner and Magistrate who lived close by, purchased the land for £3500 and offered it to the public as a free gift. He gave the land on the provision that it should be laid out as a public recreation ground.

Stockport Cricket Club collected £500 from local residents to pay for the fencing of the park and raised £600 from its own members to pay for the purchase of two further parts of land now within its own site and used for bowling and lacrosse.

The park cost £5000 to lay out and was officially opened on July 28th 1902.

General Information



Bus routes 309,310,372,374,377,and 378 from central Stockport run along Bramhall Lane close to the park. For up to date public transport information, please call **0161 228 7811.**



Most parts of the park are wheelchair accessible. A disabled toilet is available.



Toilets available during park opening hours.



Please clean up after your dog – scoop bins are provided. Dog restrictions exist in some areas of the park.

Recycling facilities are available for brown glass, clear glass and drinks cans.



To check the availability of facilities, please call **0161 474 4512**

We welcome your views and suggestions about Cale Green Park. If you would like to complete a park survey on-line visit **www.greenstat.org.uk**

Greenstat is an independent survey which gives people the opportunity to comment on the quality of their open spaces.

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Facilities & Features

Sports facilities

- A multi-use games area including tennis courts and netball
- Basketball
- Five-a-side football / grass kick about area
- Bowling Green
- Bowls pavilion

The play area is popular with local children and their parents.



Fully equipped safe childrens play area

Local community organisations and schools get involved with task days and events in the park.



Basketball & Netball Courts

Cale Green Park - History, Heritage & Horticulture



Why did Henry Bell donate land to the public for a park?

Public Parks were an invention of the Victorian Age. Rich Victorian Mill owners liked to promote themselves as being "Altruistic Philanthropists". That is, they liked to show that they had an unselfish concern for the welfare of the working people, and that through their charitable donations of land they could increase the well-being and welfare of working people in the town. They provided land for public parks so that working people could escape the polluted town centre for exercise and recreation, and so become more healthy.

In Stockport, Vernon Park was the first public park opened in 1858, and the creation of Cale Green Park in 1902, followed on this tradition.

Henry Bell owned the Bells Brewery on Hempshaw Lane. He was a magistrate and Alderman of Stockport, as well as President of Stockport Cricket Club. From 1904 he conducted the orchestra at the annual Festival in Vernon Park which raised money for Stockport Infirmary. In his role of Mayor in 1907 he laid the top stone of the 130ft clocktower at the newly built Townhall.

Henry Bell also gifted to the public the corner of land where Cale Green meets Bramhall Lane, now known as 'Bell's Paddock'. This small area supports many mature trees and produces a bright display of daffodils each spring.

Henry Bell conducts the orchestra during the 1904 Annual Festival in Vernon Park



Residents enjoying the park in Edwardian times

Cale Green Park



An illustration of the parks original layout viewed from Heath Road



Mr. Henry Bell, J.P.