

# Safer Cleaner Greener

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# Safer Cleaner Greener Service

Our aim is to keep Calderdale clean and green

- Locality based working – a front line service that is responsive to local communities
- Work closely with our partners and community groups to achieve our aim
- 4 Operational Area Teams – Upper Valley, Halifax North & East, Halifax Central and Lower Valley
- 145 members of staff
- Service budget of just under £5m

# Safer Cleaner Greener Service

## Green

- Parks
- Grounds Maintenance
- Allotments
- Play Areas
- Countryside & Woodland
- Forestry
- Environmental Education
- Green Flag & In Bloom
- Bowling greens
- Manor Heath Nursery

## Clean

- Street cleaning
- Litter bins
- Graffiti removal
- Removal of fly tipping
- Leaf clearance
- 24/7 Emergency Response to RTA's, spillages, flooding
- Community clean ups
- Litter Education

# Parks and Open Spaces

Safer Cleaner Greener manages and maintains;

- 26 parks
- 52 recreation grounds
- 159 other open spaces and gardens
- 89 sports pitches
- 48 school grounds (maintenance)
- 19 bowling greens
- 122 children's play areas
- Provides 35 allotment sites (over 1000 plots)



# Street Cleaning

In the last twelve months Safer Cleaner Greener have;

- Cleaned 32,775km of public roads and footways
- Emptied 1,500 litter bins
- Removed 1,973 reported incidents of fly tipping
- Removed 253 reported incidents of graffiti



# Countryside & Woodlands

- Biodiversity & Conservation
- Land management at a landscape level (750ha)
- Site management of 84 sites
- Access & Green Infrastructure
- 10 Local Nature Reserves
- 11 Local Sites
- Forestry – tree safety & advice





# Safer Cleaner Greener for our Community

- Support over 240 partners, community groups, In-bloom groups, schools and youth groups
- Provide facilities for young people;
  - 122 inclusive play areas
  - 7 skate parks
  - 6 multi use games areas
  - 17 kick about areas



# Safer Cleaner Greener for our Community

- Improving health & wellbeing – 11 outdoor gyms in parks provided in partnership with NHS England
- 7 Green Flag Parks
- 1 Green Heritage Park
- 14 In Bloom awards
- 196,598 plants grown at Manor Heath Nursery
- 673 hanging baskets made for our town centres





# Safer Cleaner Greener for our Community



- Environmental Education
- Over 5000 children a year
- Family learning
- Countryside Guided walks
- Jerusalem Farm
- 60 active Countryside volunteers
- Friends groups

# Safer Cleaner Greener with our Partners

- Safer, Cleaner, Greener area teams work closely with partner agencies e.g. Pennine Housing, NHS England, Calderdale College, Workwise
- Multi agency action days such as the Big Clean Up campaign have proved to be very successful at responding to local community needs and tackling environmental issues
- Excellent working relationships have been established with emergency response teams. This has proved successful in responding to flooding in the Upper Valley

# Our Vision for the future

- Closer working relationship with other front line services to enhance the work we already do for local communities
- Build on our partnership work e.g. maintenance agreements with Pennine Housing, use of Manor Heath by Calderdale College, funding apprenticeships
- Support community groups to work more independently

# Our Vision for the future

- Since 2010 staff numbers have reduced by 50 and the budget has reduced by almost £1m
- Despite this SCG are still delivering, many compliments are being received and the KPI's are consistent. The YTD result for litter is 4% and for detritus is 8% (low is good).
- Rationalisation of vehicles from 60 to 39 has saved the Council £96k since 2010. The Councils Transport Services Review may require us to further rationalise vehicles down to 27 meaning a 55% reduction since 2012

# Our Vision for the future



- A large service area constantly facing changes
- Maximise the use of fewer vehicles e.g. double shift arrangement
- Introduce a 7 day working week
- Proposals in line with APSE report findings on 'Efficiencies in Street-Scene Services'