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## **Show your love for your park this #LoveParks Week**

Join in with the 100 million visits to UK parks this #LoveParks Week (14 -23 July) and tell the world why you love your park.

Love Parks Week, now in its 11th year, is Britain's biggest celebration of these valuable spaces. Hertsmere Borough Council is joining the celebration, and encouraging everyone to share why they love Hertsmere's parks.

This #LoveParks Week, we are encouraging as many people as possible to go out and enjoy their local park. Take a photo, video or simply post on social media, using the hashtag #LoveParks, telling the world why you love your park.

Using this tide of public support, with people sharing how much parks matter to them and why, environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy will campaign to secure the quality of parks for future generations to enjoy.

So, if you fancy chilling out with a spot of yoga in a beautiful rose garden? Got a teenager who likes footie? Or maybe you'd like to kick start the school holidays by keeping the kids entertained at a playground? Our parks are for you.

Cllr Seamus Quilty, Portfolio Holder for Environment, said: "Residents in Hertsmere are spoilt for choice when it comes to parks and open spaces, with green spaces across the borough currently holding a Green Flag Award for excellence.

"Visiting your local green space has physical and mental health benefits but it's not just about a simple walk in the park; our open spaces have numerous facilities and features including play equipment for all ages, sports areas, outdoor gyms, picnic areas, wildlife and animals, cycleways and not forgetting our popular new splash park at King George Recreation Ground in Bushey.

"With the glorious weather at the moment this is the ultimate celebration of the great outdoors so don't take green space for granted and go along to one of our parks to mark this year's Love Parks Week."

Paul Todd, Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award Manager, said: "We believe that everybody, wherever they live, should have access to a quality green space. We are

asking everyone to join us in showing how much they care and helping us to protect parks for future generations.”

**Note to editors:**

Keep Britain Tidy is a leading environmental charity that cares for the environment on your doorstep. We work to eliminate littering, reduce waste and improve public space. We run programmes including Eco-Schools, the Green Flag Award for parks and green spaces and the Blue Flag/Seaside Awards for beaches. To find out more about Keep Britain Tidy, our programmes and campaigns visit [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org). Contact the Keep Britain Tidy press office:

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