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### When is it open?

Glen Gardens opens at 8am every day and closes at dusk. It is closed on Christmas Day and may be closed on occasion in the interests of public safety.



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### Background to the site

Glen Gardens is owned and managed by the City of York Council, but the site can be found on the Ordnance Survey maps from as far back as 1892, being part of the estate known as The Glen. On The 2nd June 1915 the Lord Mayor J.B Morrell officially opened Glen Gardens. This is when the paths, green network and bowls pavilion dates from. The children's play area was added in the mid 1980s.



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### What facilities are there?

The Gardens has two bowling greens with a pavilion between the two, a separate Ladies Bowls Club pavilion, two tennis courts and a basketball court. It also has a good range of children's play equipment and well-stocked shrub beds and flower borders including a rose garden and a sensory garden. Toilets are available at the Pavilion.

### What about disabled access?

Everyone is welcome to use Glen Gardens and all entrances are located close to drop kerbs to enable easy access. A wide tarmac path serves the Gardens which is monitored and maintained to ensure it is clear of vegetation and over hanging branches and is in good repair. There are also a number of benches with space alongside them for prams or wheelchair users and for visitors to take a break and enjoy the scenery.

### What can I do there?

Bowling is a popular sport and social activity in Glen Gardens with the bowls club being very active. Bowling takes place from 2pm Monday to Fridays and from 10am on Saturdays and Sundays. The season runs from late April to late September.

Season tickets apply from May to September and allow unlimited use of the bowling greens. Tickets need to be purchased from the on-site attendant and players do not have to pay again once they have purchased a season ticket.

There are two county standard tennis courts available on a pay and play basis. They are generally available at most times other than Wimbledon fortnight when they tend to be busier. If you are a bowls club, tennis club, school or similar organisation who would like to block book bowling greens or tennis courts, please contact the City of York Council on 01904 553440.

For the younger members of the community there is a play area surrounded by a small wildflower meadow and picnic benches. There are also children's activities on offer in the holidays run by the Rangers. See the notice board and the 'Schools Out' magazine for details.

Enjoy the rose garden, sensory garden and well-stocked shrub beds which stand out throughout the year. A variety of insects and birds can also be spotted making use of the Gardens – why not take a rest on one of the benches and see what you can spot?

### Where can I find out more?

For general information the Parks and Open Spaces Service can be contacted by email at [parks@york.gov.uk](mailto:parks@york.gov.uk) or by calling 01904 553392. For information about getting involved in the Gardens contact the Rangers by email at [rangers@york.gov.uk](mailto:rangers@york.gov.uk) or by calling 01904 553423.

Also, check on the notice board located on the park keepers hut for details or see the 'Schools Out' magazine and Ward Newsletters for projects and activities that are happening throughout the year.

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### Responsible use of the site

We welcome all people to the Gardens but please respect the site and other people by taking all litter home with you and by cleaning up after your dog. Dogs on leads are permitted, but not in the children's play area. No cycling is allowed in the Gardens.

### How do I get there?

Foss Islands cycle route crosses Hawthorn Grove just west of the Gardens and there are cycle racks available. Cycle maps are available from Council receptions and from the City of York Council web site and for bus details contact the First Bus Group direct. The nearest bus stop is adjacent to the Gardens on East Parade. There is a small pay and display car park off East Parade.



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# Glen Gardens

Glen Gardens are approximately 1.7 hectares (4.2 acres) in size and are approximately 1½ miles to the east of the City Centre on East Parade, Heworth. The Garden is owned by the City of York Council and is in Heworth Ward.

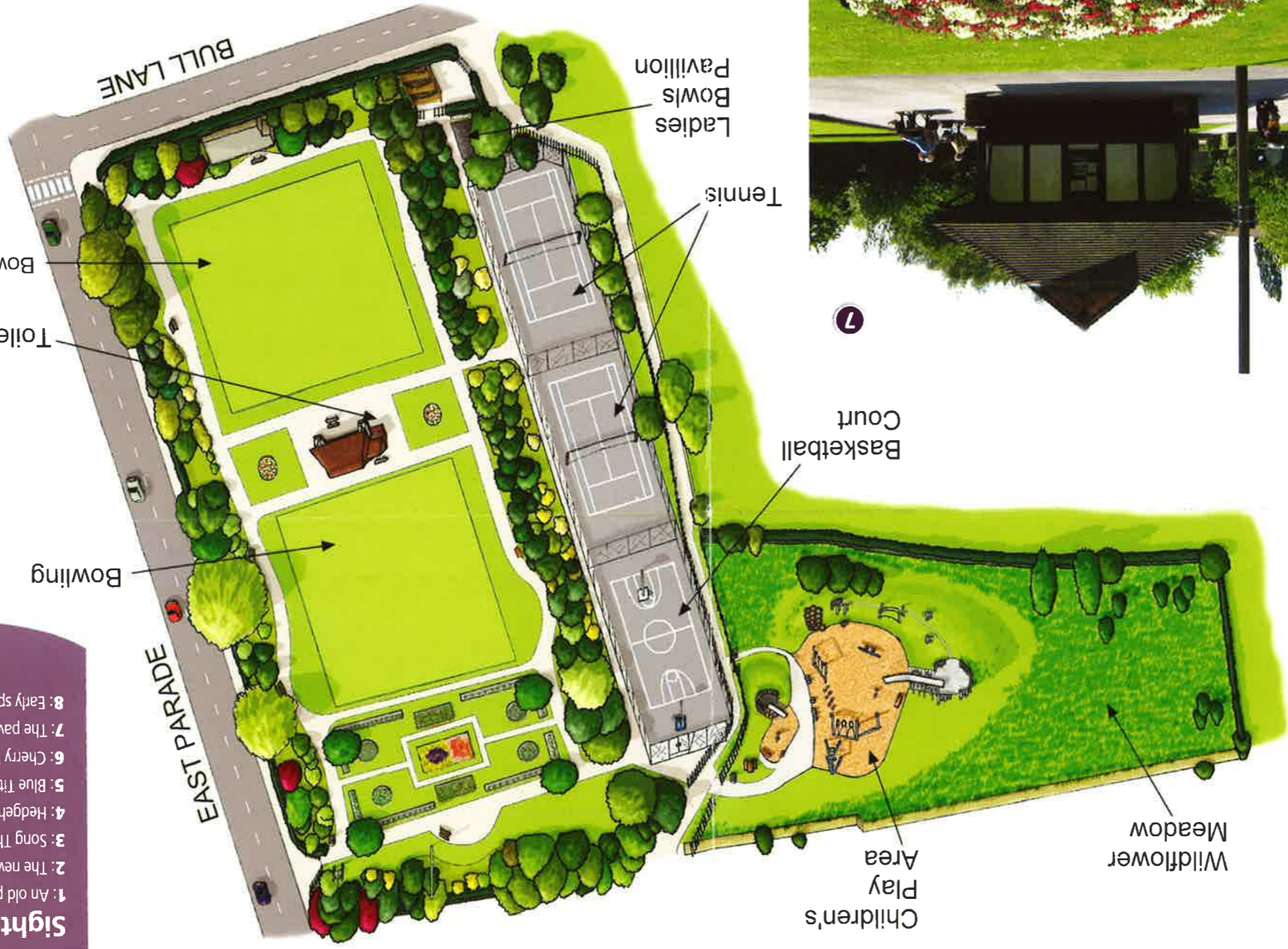
## Site Management

The Gardens have a management plan which the City of York Council's Parks and Open Spaces Service implement and keep up to date. The aims of the Management plan are to:

- Maintain to the satisfaction of the stakeholders and the wider community
- Provide a safe and attractive public open space for formal and informal recreation
- Continue to provide a wide variety of leisure opportunities that are accessible to all, whilst protecting it for future generations
- Encourage and support the local community in its use of Glen Gardens including informal and formal educational opportunities.
- Preserve its Green Flag status



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Wildflower Meadow

Children's Play Area

Basketball Court

Tennis

Ladies Bows Pavilion

Bowling

Toilets

Bowling

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## The animals of Glen Gardens

Although the Gardens are small they form part of the wider green network in York which is linked together by residents' gardens, verges and cycle paths, allowing insects, animals and birds to traverse across the city. There is an ongoing programme of works aimed at increasing the wildlife value within the site. Bird and bat boxes made by local residents have been installed in the shrub and tree borders.

Bird surveys are carried out annually where Coal Tits, Blue Tits, Great Tits, Chaffinch, Song Thrush and many more species have been spotted. Families are invited to take part in the Big Garden Bird Watch and the annual bat walk. Further improvement to the variety of trees and shrubs will take place during coming years to increase habitat ranges encouraging more and new species to the Gardens.

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## The plants of Glen Gardens

Although it is a small urban site we have tried to maximise its local wildlife benefits and contribution to the city wide biodiversity.

The area to the rear of the play area has been used to create a wild flower meadow within Glen Gardens. Further plant species continue to be added as wildflower plugs to increase the variety of species present. There are a wide variety of ornamental plants and shrubs within the Gardens including the rose garden and sensory garden which give scent, colour and ground cover throughout the year. If trees are required to be removed, then replacements are selected with due consideration to the species to be felled and the habitat and location from which it was removed.

## Sights to delight

- 1: An old photo showing the Glen Gardens pavilion
- 2: The newly refurbished rose gardens in full bloom
- 3: Song Thrush can occasionally be spotted
- 4: Hedgehogs are one of the nocturnal visitors to the gardens
- 5: Blue Tits are a common sight in the gardens
- 6: Cherry Blossom is abundant throughout the spring months
- 7: The pavilion inbetween the two bowling greens
- 8: Early spring sees a spectacular display of daffodils