



Case Study

Everton Park

Location: **Liverpool**

Size:	40 hectares
Client:	Liverpool City Council
the Land Trust's Role:	Sustainable management
From:	Neglected community park
To:	Thriving community park

Everton Park in north Liverpool has suffered from neglect, vandalism and anti-social behaviour as a result of reduced funding and increasing pressures on the City Council's parks team.

The Land Trust is working with Liverpool City Council to identify a long term solution for Everton Park, to secure the investment in order to restore and improve it, enhancing the local economy and provide vital green space for the surrounding communities.

Despite its central location and large population in the surrounding communities, the park is under-used and although there is a passionate 'Friends' group, they are limited in what they can achieve without the long term investment and support.

The Land Trust is working with Liverpool City Council to enable the transfer of the park in the next few years to secure its future. Resources needed to manage the park will come from:

- Future land sales of a part of the park
- Potential income through services charges
- Grant funding

So far, with grant funding from Nesta and the J Paul Getty Charitable Trust, we have recruited a Project Coordinator to support the Friend's group to make some improvements and engage the local community. However, long term investment needs to be in place to fully restore and improve this park.

This will then significantly improve the area's economic value; provide a recreational space for the communities, increase the value of the new homes, ensure it is a lasting legacy for Liverpool and secure the heritage of the park.