



## **Diary Date**

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## **Love Parks Week 2009 launches**

This year's Love Parks Week, organised by parks charity GreenSpace, will take place between Saturday 25 July and Sunday 2 August.

The national campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance of Britain's parks and green spaces and the central role that parks play in communities across the country. This is the fourth year that GreenSpace have held the campaign, and in 2009 the focus is on encouraging as many people as possible to get into parks to join our campaign for continued investment and support for these valuable assets.

Throughout Love Parks Week there will be scheduled events in some of the UK's best-loved parks and green spaces that will provide a wide range of fun activities for all of the community to get involved in.

Paul Bramhill, Chief Executive of GreenSpace, said: "Love Parks Week is a great opportunity to celebrate what parks and green space mean to communities. In the current financial climate parks are more important than ever – they are free to visit and provide opportunities to improve health, relax and unwind, enjoy nature, play and have fun.

"This year we want as many people as possible to show support for the campaign by attending an event and taking advantage of what these fantastic places have to offer."

Visit [www.loveparksweek.org.uk](http://www.loveparksweek.org.uk) for more information and to find out what's on in your local area.

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### **-Notes to Editors-**

- GreenSpace is a registered charity which works to improve parks and green spaces by raising awareness, involving communities and creating skilled professionals. For more information please go to [www.green-space.org.uk](http://www.green-space.org.uk)
- Love Parks Week was launched in 2006, and has been growing steadily each year. In 2008, 300 events took place during the week and encouraged over 200,000 people to get out into their local parks and green spaces.
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