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**Support floods in for Love Parks Week**

Politicians have been lending their voices in support of Love Parks Week as it gets underway. The campaign has attracted broad cross-party support, demonstrating how universally popular public parks and green spaces are.

Love Parks Week is supported by Communities and Local Government and John Denham, Secretary of State, said: 'Love Parks Week reminds us what a wonderful resource we have on our doorsteps. When the sun shines there is no better place to be than the park. I encourage everyone to get out and have fun in their local park this summer.'

Mayor of London Boris Johnson has already demonstrated his support for parks and green spaces through recent initiatives in the capital, and lent his voice to the campaign by saying: 'I am delighted to offer my support to Love Parks Week and urge Londoners to take advantage of these wonderful events. London is fortunate to be a very green city and we need to preserve and protect our parks.'

Parks have an important environmental role today, so we were pleased to receive a statement of support from Caroline Lucas, Leader of the Green Party: 'I'm delighted to support Love Parks Week in its aim to raise awareness of the enjoyment that can be gained from our country's many beautiful green spaces. Parks have a crucial role to play in creating happier and more sustainable communities, and this is a great way to celebrate what they have to offer.'

The campaign has attracted further support from Polar Explorer Pen Hadow, who said: 'Parks are important in so many ways. They provide a space for exercise, a place to socialise, are crucial to the sustainable regeneration of our towns and cities and offer an ideal place to escape from the busy world. We should all make the most of them, which is why Love Parks Week is so important. I'm pleased to support it.'

The campaign takes place between Saturday 25 July and Sunday 2 August and is organised by parks charity GreenSpace to celebrate all that parks have to offer and to call for continued investment and support for these valuable community assets. There are over 600 family-friendly events taking place in parks and green spaces during the week.

Full event details can be found on the What's on guide at [www.loveparksweek.org.uk](http://www.loveparksweek.org.uk).

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- Love Parks Week is an annual campaign, organised by parks charity GreenSpace. Founded in 2006, the campaign has grown steadily and is now established as a major event that is celebrated in parks across the country. Each year hundreds of events take place, enabling thousands of people to get out and enjoy their parks. Over 600 events will be taking place across the UK, with an expected 400,000 people attending a Love Parks Week event.

- 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)
- For more information about specific events, organiser contact details can be found on the Love Parks Week What's on guide at [www.loveparksweek.org.uk](http://www.loveparksweek.org.uk).
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