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### LOVE PARKS 2016

This Summer sees the return of Love Parks, the UK's nationwide celebration of parks and green spaces. Love Parks Week 2016 is a nationwide initiative aiming to get everybody outdoors enjoying their beautiful parks and green spaces in communities up and down the country.

Free events will be taking place across Cirencester's much loved parks and green spaces from **Saturday 23 July to Sunday 7 August**.

This year's programme has something for everyone with family fishing, pond dipping, craft activities, sports including the launch of the new outdoor gym equipment, nature walks and workshops, a scooter event, and the return of the popular dog show and the circus skills workshop.

There will be no time for your children to say 'I'm bored!' with two weeks of outdoor events to keep them occupied!

Martin Conyers, Estate Services Manager at Cirencester Town Council said: "We love Love Parks as it highlights how lucky we are in Cirencester to have such wonderful parks and green spaces."

Brona Langton, Project and Management Support Officer at Cirencester Town Council explained that 'the Town Council has enormous support from the Community and Friends Groups in helping to keep our open spaces attractive to residents and visitors and they assist us in developing and implementing our biodiversity plans for Cirencester. This year for Love Parks both the Friends of City Bank and Watermoor Community Group are putting on events.'

Councillor Andy Lichnowski, Lead Member for Estate Services, is a firm supporter of Love Parks: 'The Love Parks initiative is an opportunity for the Town Council to celebrate our parks with the

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community. Cirencester is fortunate to have such high quality and accessible parks and the Love Parks programme encourages people to get outside and enjoy themselves.'

#### Notes to Editors

A full programme of events (attached) is currently available at [www.cirencester.gov.uk](http://www.cirencester.gov.uk) A number of pop up events will also be happening during the week, so keep a lookout on our website and social media where more details for each event will also be posted.

Hundreds of events have now been organised across the country. To see a full list please visit <http://www.loveparks.org.uk/>

Love Parks is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2016 and in previous years more than 1.4 million people were inspired to head down to an event at a beautiful park or green space.

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