

Dundee is keeping the green flag flying for environmental excellence.

Six attractions in the city have been awarded with this prestigious recognition for their quality and cleanliness.

Dundee City Council is being presented with six awards under the national Green Flag Scheme for its work at:

- Barnhill Rock Garden
- Baxter Park
- Templeton Woods
- Trottick Mill Ponds Local Nature Reserve
- Dundee Law
- Slessor Gardens

This is the first year that Slessor Gardens has been presented with this impressive award.

Depute Convener of Neighbourhood Services Councillor Anne Rendall said: "I am delighted that five of Dundee's Parks have retained their Green Flag Status and that we have achieved a Green Flag for Slessor Gardens for the first time!"

"This is a fantastic achievement, a credit to all those involved and a result of the excellent work by council staff and partnership working with community groups." The Green Flag Award, administered in Scotland by Keep Scotland Beautiful, is the UK's benchmark standard for parks and green spaces. The awards recognise parks and green spaces that exhibit excellent management and provide a high quality space.

This year 71 parks and green spaces across 14 Local authorities in Scotland achieved this accolade. These successful parks are run by local authorities, universities and community groups.

Parks are assessed by volunteer judges with a background in parks management, conservation or ecology. Applicants are judged against criteria which include assessing whether the park or green space is welcoming, well maintained, safe and secure in addition to the level of community involvement.

The event is part of the Take Pride in Your City campaign, which aims to motivate city residents to help in the effort to prevent litter, dog fouling, chewing gum, fly-tipping and graffiti from blighting neighbourhoods.

More information on Take Pride in Your City can be found at www.dundee.gov.uk/takepridedundee

The campaign can be found on Twitter at #takepridedundee

