



Park Bridge Residents' Action Group and Fund

Positive action by and for **ALL** Park Bridge residents and visitors

“Unadopted roads – not council responsibility”

“No council resource”

Constant fly-tipping

Unsafe access and highways

Anti-social behaviour / drug use hot spot

Conservation and education of local heritage



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For more than 200 years, residents in Park Bridge have proven their resilience and community spirit

While the Iron Works opened in 1786, Park Bridge became one of the largest and most successful works in the North-West thanks to the ingenuity, resolve and relentlessness of a woman, Hannah Lees, who inherited the company, while raising her six surviving children, 104 years **BEFORE** the 1918 Representation of the People Act, which allowed women over the age of 30 who met a property qualification to vote.

Now, Park Bridge is one of the most unique biodiverse environments in the North-West and years of local government cuts, disregard and decline have enabled the area to become everyone's cut through and dumping ground, a place where antisocial behaviour and neglect threatens the safety of residents, visitors and the environment.

It's time for ACTION.

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Identifying local issues that require action



Fundraising to provide resource for action



Being a voice for all residents and visitors when lobbying Tameside and Oldham council, as well as local business



Raising awareness of local issues and holding authority to account



Encouraging positive and respectful visitors to the area



Working together with PB Institute committee and other groups in the local area



Ensuring Park Bridge is accessible to all



Park Bridge Heritage Centre: the catalyst for a welcoming,
accessible, council-led community focused heritage and
environmental site

Saving the Park Bridge Heritage Centre from private sale and reopening as a council-led community asset

Community

Since its closure to the public and cutting of funding in 2010 there has been a significant increase in:

- Antisocial behaviour
- Fly-tipping
- Recreational drug use

We want to create a positive, welcoming attraction where community groups can be hosted, children educated, and visitors return to the area.

While closed its full potential as a community asset remains untapped.

Heritage

The Heritage Centre is a magnificent example of pristine Victorian industrial architecture and must be protected and safeguarded for future generations.

The age, condition and story of Park Bridge makes it a heritage site of national importance and significance.

The Heritage Centre and surrounding area must retake its place as a crown jewel for Tameside on a national stage, and not be relinquished for private sale.

Environment

Following cuts to services, regular maintenance of the area has declined, habitats have been destroyed and protected species are potentially at risk

Large parts of Park Bridge are designated as Sites of Biological Importance and must not be neglected.

The Heritage Centre can be a beacon of net biodiversity, and a national research hub into the impact of climate change on heritage landscapes.

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In 2026, Park Bridge will celebrate 240 years of history.

We have provided you with an example of a management plan for Park Bridge in 2026 and beyond.

This outlines the four strategic pillars we recommend to ensure the preservation of the Park Bridge Heritage Centre and surrounding heritage and environmental site.



Example Park Bridge management plan for 2026 and beyond

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Thank you