

CHORLTON PARK



REGENERATION GROUP

news release

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Largest ever installation in the UK of Solar powered pathway Lights now in Chorlton Park

The Chorlton Park Regeneration Group is proud to report that Chorlton Park is now home to the largest ever installation in the UK of solar powered pathway lights.

Eleven solar powered lighting units have recently been installed along two sections of pathway providing a safer route of passage to and from the local primary school and floodlit tennis courts during the evenings. A photo of the lights is shown below.



The Chorlton Park Regeneration group managed to raise two thirds of the money for this project through the Manchester City council CAS:H grant scheme. The CAS:H grant scheme enables community groups to fund local projects that can make a real difference to people's local neighbourhoods. The rest of the money was provided through Manchester Leisure matched funding.

The Chorlton Park Regeneration Group Project Manager Paul Simmons stated that "poor visibility in the park was highlighted as one of the main factors affecting the safety of park users. The Regeneration Group wanted to address that need in as sustainable way as possible and these lights fulfil that aim. I would like to thank the city council and also the local councillors for supporting this project."

David Lindenberg, Managing Director of SolarTech UK based in Bury who supplied and installed the lights stated that " we believe this is the biggest solar lighting project in a UK park and hopefully the success of this project will encourage the city council and other local authorities to consider further similar renewable sources of energy in other projects"

Steve Dolan of Manchester Leisure stated that"solar lights were an ideal solution for this project due to the lack of power supply within the park and their low maintenance and operating costs"

The Chorlton Park Regeneration Group meets on the second Monday of each month and is actively recruiting new members. Examples of other park improvements secured through this group are a bird hide and skate park area (see additional photos below). For more information visit: www.chorlton.co.uk/parkregen/

For more information on SolarTech (UK) products visit: <http://www.solartechuk.co.uk/>

Bird Hide in Chorlton Park



Skate Park Area in Chorlton Park

