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Your request for information has now been considered and the Council’s response to your questions is shown below. The Council [holds / does not hold] the information.

**You asked:**

**A list of the bandstands currently within your local authority area that the council is responsible for and their locations (eg name of park).**

We currently have two band stands, Abbey Park and Western Park.

** What activities / performances / events have been held on the bandstands over the last 2 years and what events are planned for the next 12 months and whether organised by the council?**

We have a ‘bands on the parks’ programme which provides bands on a range of parks not just those with a bandstand.

In 2022 and 2023 we had three bands on both Abbey Park and Western Park. We also offered a total of 19 bands across all the parks in the city in each year requested.

We have three bands booked to play both parks during 2024 and a total of 16 bands will be playing across all sites.

** Is the bandstand available to community groups for hire and if so, at what charge?**

The band stands are available for community use at no charge and have been used for hubs for community picnics and gatherings.

** What is the councils budget for events for each bandstand?**

There is no dedicated budget for events on the bandstands.

** What is the current approximate condition of each bandstand based on the following:-**

**Recently restored so excellent**

**Very good**

**Adequate**

**Very poor**

**Unusable**

Adequate.

** Any future plans for each bandstand with regards to use, condition.**

A new band stand will be erected on Victoria Park this year.

** Would the council consider an external organisation eg Friends Group to manage events on the bandstand.**

We would be willing to work with Friends Groups to organise events on our bandstand and have done so in the past, with the Friends funding activities.

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