

## Alexandra Park, Manchester



Alexandra Park is a 60 acre park in the Moss side area of Manchester opened to the public in 1868. It is a Grade II listed landscape and is in receipt of a £5 million make over funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Manchester City Corporation. Community facilities are being refurbished and much of the landscape improved, re-instating its original historical features. Included was this cast iron drinking fountain cast by Andrew Handyside and Company at their Derby works, known as the Britannia Iron Works. It is one of three known of this style to survive.

The fountain was in a poor state in the park, the paint finish had failed with corrosion taken ahold. A number of decorative elements were missing, including the cast iron cherub to the roof. Heritage Project Contracts labeled and carefully dismantled the fountain, transferring the components to their workshop for restoration.



Each piece was carefully abrasive blast cleaned to remove old paint layers and corrosion so the full extent of repair works could be defined. The missing components were remade by copying pieces for an identical fountain in St Pancras Old Church Gardens, London, in particular the cherub and capitols to the columns.



The cast domed roof had collapsed and this required repair using stitching and plating techniques. The cleaned and repaired components were then re-painted using a 2-part paint system before it was re-erected on site in Alexandra Park.



Works completed - September 2014  
Main contractor - Balfour Beatty

GATES

RAILINGS

WINDOWS

GLAZING

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MACHINERY

SCULPTURE

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STORAGE

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