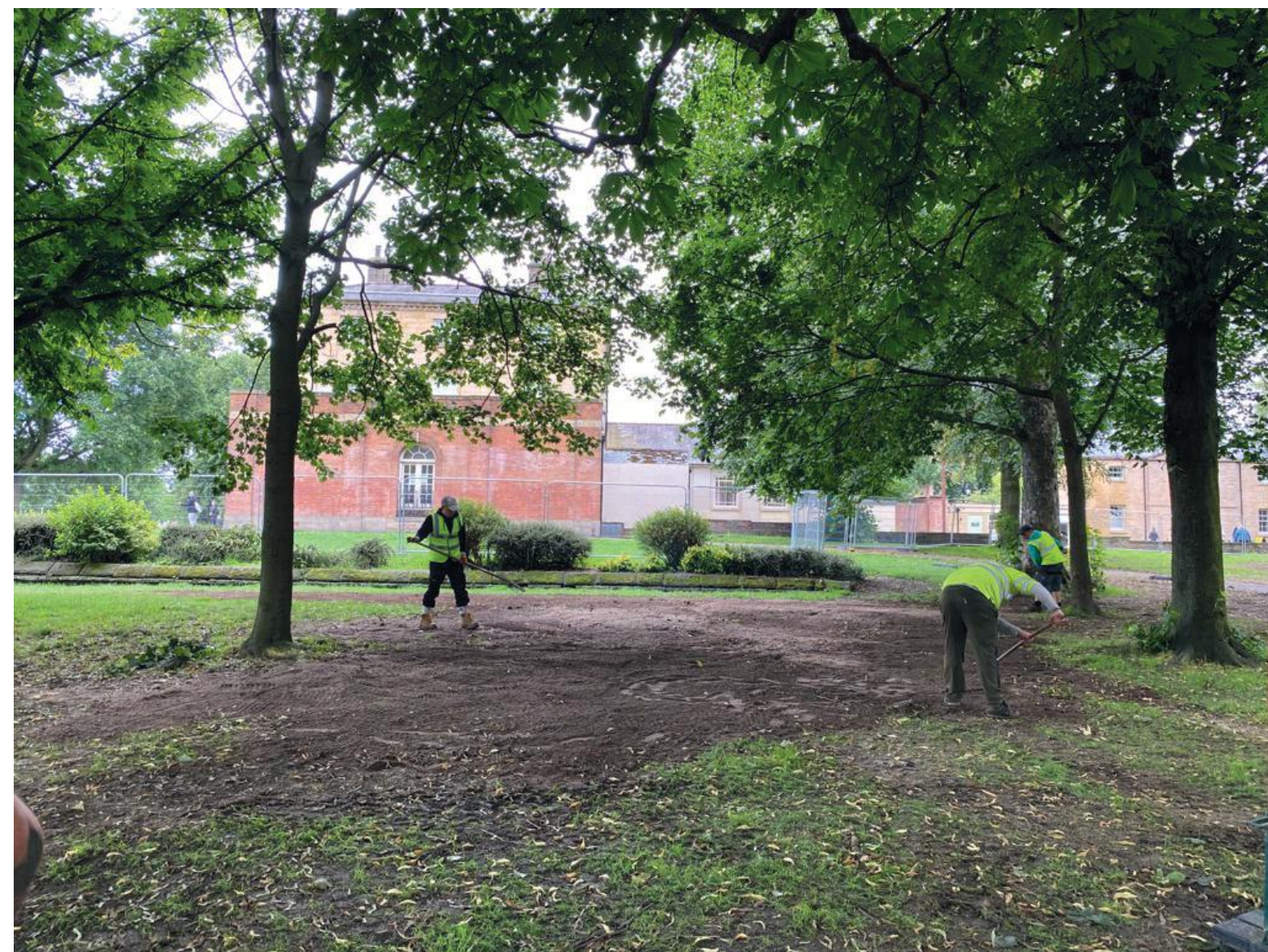


Tramlines is committed to returning Hillsborough Park back to its original state after each event. Due to the adverse weather experienced over the festival weekend, comprehensive ground reinstatement works were needed across the entirety of the park.

On **31st July**, Sheffield City Council-approved contractors began work, comprising of the following stages:

Stage 1: Removal of debris, the top layer of soil and all festival infrastructure.

With limited vehicle movement across the site, the majority of this work had to be done by hand by a large workforce.



Stage 2: Laying of top-dressing; a mixture of topsoil and sand.

A completely new layer of topsoil was laid across the park complete with a specific type of sand that aids grass regrowth and drainage. This was completed on **30th August**.

The next key piece of work was to re-fertilise the repaired areas, which could only be done once the initial new growth of grass had been established.

During this time, we worked hard to ensure that local agencies could continue their activities in the park, including the movement of fence lines and deployment of a road sweeper to ensure paths were clear.



Stage 3: Re-seeding and fertilising.

Due to continued wet weather and after advice from our grounds team, the re-seeding and fertilising was delayed by several weeks due to some challenging weather conditions. All major groundwork was completed on **13th October**, by which point individual rows of top growth could be seen.

On **15th October**, the fence lines between the main field and HASA's playing fields were removed to re-open the middle section of the park.



Stage 4: On **7th November**, we removed all of the fence lines to open up the majority of the park again for public use. This was in line with the timeline we had set out in October and we'd like to thank the local community for your patience and support.

In the coming months, we will continue to do top up repairs on any areas of the ground that need attention. We would once again like to reiterate the promises we have made to the community which will continue to guide our commitment to returning the park to the condition we all expect:

We'll get it done
We'll get it right
We're paying
We'll keep you informed

Path Improvement Work

Fencing around the footpath that runs from the centre of the park down past the Library will remain in place while Sheffield City Council (SCC) approved contractors rebuild and widen this path to 4m, increasing space for cyclists, runners, dog walkers and casual park users.

Paid for by Tramlines, work began on Monday 16th October and is expected to last 7 weeks. Following advice from SCC's Tree Officer, there will be changes to the current layout to protect trees and root zones, with revised placement of lampposts, new benches, bins and drainage gullies.