

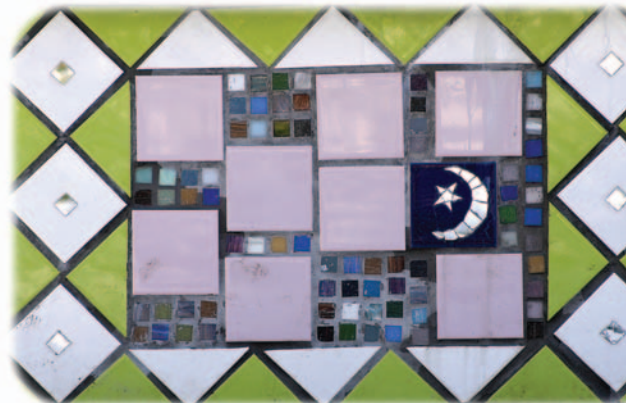


to the city of Manchester, so the changes are very visible to many passers by. In fact, the improvements have made such an impact that the City Council has been inspired to follow this model, and soon palm trees will be springing up all over Manchester!



The Future

BEN is consulting local residents' groups and working closely with Manchester City Council to identify open spaces, which would benefit from similar schemes.



FACTFILE

- **Funders:** Voluntary Action Manchester, Community Chest, Manchester City Council Cas:h (Clean and Safe), Viridor Community Fund distributed by Red Rose Forest, Living Spaces and Cheetham and Broughton Single Regeneration Budget.
- **Partners:** Black Environment Network, Groundwork Manchester Salford and Trafford and the multi-agency Environment Working Group in Cheetham
- **Target group:** All members of the Al Hilal Muslim faith group, and the wider community of Cheetham in Manchester
- **Numbers:** 100 children of various ages, their parents,
- **Resources:** For a fuller account of this project, please see Green Space of the Month on the BEN web site at http://www.ben-network.org.uk/participation/green_spaces/gs_intros/Oct03.htm

An information sheet is available from BEN detailing the kinds of palm trees, which can be grown in the British climate.

- **Key points:** Because Al Hilal is not only a faith group but also a community organisation promoting a multi-cultural, inter-faith approach, this has helped them to secure funds, which would be hard to access for organisations with purely religious aims.



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