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The grass is greener in Piccadilly Gardens

The fencing around the grass in Piccadilly Gardens has been taken down in time for the bank holiday weekend, following six weeks of work to improve the lawns ready for the summer. The gardens were re-turfed with a special, hard-wearing grass with roots that grow up to a metre and a half deep. The 2,500 sq metre public space is now fully open to the public.

Councillor Pat Karney, Manchester City Council's city centre spokesperson said: "It's good to see Piccadilly Gardens so lush and green for the start of the summer. It looks magnificent and is a fitting standard for the heart of the city. The gardens host dozens of events each year and also provide a great place for people to just meet up and enjoy sitting in the sun watching the world go by. We're fortunate to have this friendly and inviting green oasis in the centre of the city."

Alex King, Piccadilly Partnership Manager said: "It's great to have Piccadilly Gardens fully open again ready for the bank holiday weekend. This green space is becoming increasingly popular with more than 80, 000 people walking through every day. It's important to create the right environment for everyone to enjoy. We've chosen a particularly durable grass that requires little water to maintain its colour and is used in other public places with a large footfall such as Chester Zoo."

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