

Friends of Greenhead Park

Newsletter

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Exciting future for our park

The restoration is making huge changes in the park and we are very excited about the future. The planning and construction is in the hands of the Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund, but the Friends of Greenhead Park are very much involved too. As a voluntary organisation, there is a limit to what we can do as ultimately the park is managed by the Council, chosen by the people of Kirklees. We are determined however to try our best to improve and make the best use of our beautiful park.

The contractors have been enthusiastic about their work and are always ready to tell us what is going on, and we have regular contact with the Park Manager and others involved in managing the restoration work. A new Park Ranger, Chris Smith, has been appointed. He has come from Oakwell Hall and is full of ideas and enthusiasm.

Some of the things we are doing are:

- ❖ Helping the local Children's Centre with regular pram walks round the park.
- ❖ Planning to publish a short history of the park.
- ❖ Setting up a new web site and hoping to compile an archive of photos and memories of the park.

There is a lot going on and we would welcome your support. Come to our AGM and find out more.

**Friends of Greenhead Park Annual General Meeting
on Saturday 6 March
at 11 am**

in the Training Room, Maintenance compound (near the top Park gates)

Before the AGM there's a short walk in the park with Park Manager Robert Whittaker to look at progress with the restoration work. Join us for this at 10 am at the top Park gates.

Inside look at the new community room

As part of the restoration project there will be a new community room in the café building. We recently looked at progress with the building work and talked about possible fixtures and fittings. The room could be used for educational visits, lunchtime talks, exhibitions, weekend Tai Chi and more!

The Friends group look forward to being involved in its development and we'd love to hear your ideas too.



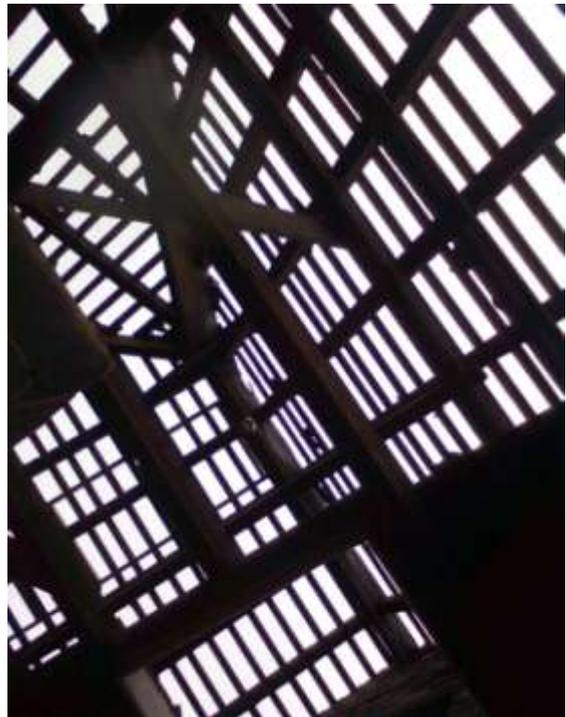
Be part of the Big Picture

Every day new views of the park have appeared because of the work being done.

We want to capture these moments through peoples' pictures, poems, prose and photographs. When the contributions start coming in we hope to hold exhibitions of the work around the town and of course in the completed park itself.

You may have seen THE BIG PICTURE posters in the park. This is what it is all about. Send your work in now!

*Post your work to Friends of Greenhead Park, PO Box 1588, Huddersfield HD1 9PA or e-mail it to us at fogphuddersfield@googlemail.com
Alternatively you can bring it to one of our drop-in sessions in the Information Centre (opposite the Bowling greens), every Wednesday from 1.30-3pm.*



Try Bowling!



Bowling is a traditional part of park life and last summer the Bowls Club held a session sharing the joys of bowling with children and teachers from Castle Hill School. The Friends group also asked the club to run an open session one Sunday afternoon where they showed newcomers to the game what it was all about.

We are putting in a bid for a new wooden pavilion near the bowling greens to be shared by the Bowlers and the Friends group. Hopefully this will be a base for bowling and other activities for visitors to the park.

If you have any spare crown green woods, please let us know!

Plans for playground

Children's play is really important to the success of the park. The restoration work has meant taking out the existing playground, but a temporary play area has been put up so that children still have somewhere to play. Plans are now being made for the new permanent playground (funded separately from the restoration).

The Friends group asked playground users for their views last summer and autumn, and produced a report, 'Play in the Park', with the results of our survey. Earlier this month there was a consultation session on proposals for the new play area and we invited all members of the Friends of Greenhead Park, and others who have told us they are interested in the development of play in the park, to join us in putting forward views and ideas.

The Council will soon be submitting a planning application for the play area, to be on the extended corral area (between the cafe and the path by the war memorial).

Join the Friends of Greenhead Park

Do you care about Greenhead Park?
Would you like a say in future plans for the park?
Do you have ideas about events or activities in the park?
Then why not join us?

Get in touch (see box above for contact details) or come along to our Annual General Meeting