



## Nearly there!

The restoration work in Greenhead park is moving into its final stages and, although there have been some delays, most of the work should be complete by Christmas. The main exception is the events field which had to be dug up to put in new drainage. The area has been reseeded but will need time to allow the grass to bed in. It should be back in use by next spring and we're looking forward to a full events programme in 2011!

### New attractions

It's really good to see the cafe back in business in the restored Refreshment Rooms. It's open daily from 10am to 3pm during the winter months and longer in summer. The new public toilets and the Community Room - where we're holding our Christmas Social (see below) - are great additions too. The restaurant behind the conservatory and the exciting children's playground will be new attractions in 2011; both will hopefully open next spring.

### Greening the park

You will have seen lots of new planting throughout the park, and some of the Friends have met up with the Nursery Manager to talk about planting in the new conservatory too. Together with Chris, the Park Warden, we have also been brainstorming ideas for restoring the Rose Garden. There are lots of exciting possibilities once the restoration work is complete and horticulturally-minded volunteers can be sure of a warm welcome!

### New base for Friends and Bowlers

Plans are afoot to provide a new base for Greenhead Park Bowling Club and the Friends, replacing the concrete bowling pavilion and the information hut. Originally it was hoped to renovate the old timber pavilion, but this was found to be beyond economic repair.

Fortunately the council have come up with the funds to provide a brand new building for the two groups to share, and the Friends and bowlers have been working together to plan a base which will meet the needs of both groups well into the future. If all goes well, we hope the new pavilion will be up and running in time for next year's bowling season.

*You are cordially invited to the*

## **Friends of Greenhead Park Christmas Social**

on Sunday 12 December, 2-4 pm

in the new Community Room (in the Refreshment Rooms)

You can join us for a short walk round the park, starting outside the Refreshment Rooms at 2 pm, or just drop in to the Community Room any time between 2 pm and 4 pm.

There'll be seasonal refreshments, a children's quiz, information about Friends' events and activities, and a chance to meet committee members.

## Going wild in the Park!

During the summer, our Park Warden, Chris, organised fun activities for children and carers to increase awareness of the wildlife in the area. Volunteers from the Friends helped too and we all had a great time. The sun shone!

Everyone loved pond dipping in TP Woods - next year we hope to investigate wildlife in our very own restored lake. Children also enjoyed helping to plant the new lake and threw in lots of small plantlets. Ducks have already visited and Chris is monitoring developments.

Chris and the Friends have lots of plans for nature and wildlife activities in the park next year. As always, volunteers to help would be very welcome.

If you want to keep up with what's happening read the Park Warden's blog – coming soon to our website.



*Here we are pond dipping in TP Woods*

## Highlighting history and sharing stories

Informing the public about the fascinating history of Greenhead Park is an important part of the Heritage Lottery funded restoration project and the Friends are very much involved with this. We're currently working with the council on a history trail with information boards at key points in the park and an accompanying leaflet. For those who want to know more, we'll also be publishing a more detailed history of the park next year.

As well as consulting the archives, we're also helping Chris Webb from the Centre for Oral History Research at the University of Huddersfield to collect people's memories of the park and how it has been used over the years. You can find out more and hear people talking about their memories on the project's website, [www.greenheadstories.co.uk](http://www.greenheadstories.co.uk). If you have memories to share, you can call the Greenhead Stories Memory Box on 01484 478412.

## Visit [www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk](http://www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk)

With the help of Voluntary Action Kirklees and Ben Childs at the Media Centre we have re-vamped our web site. We are still working on it, but there are new postings and items of interest all the time. Do let us know what you think.

For those who prefer non-electronic forms of communication, we are hoping to get our own post box set up in the park soon. In the meantime the cafe staff have kindly said they will take in any mail addressed to the Friends.

### Join the Friends of Greenhead Park

Do you care about Greenhead Park?  
Would you like to be part of its future?  
Could you help with events or activities in the park?  
Then why not join us?

You can contact us by post at:

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via our website: [www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk](http://www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk)  
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or call in at one of our drop-in sessions in the Community Room  
every Wednesday from 1.30pm to 3pm