



Something to celebrate!

After two years of extensive renovations to bring it back to its Victorian splendour, Greenhead Park celebrated its birthday and official re-opening with a huge party on Sunday 25 September. Crowds flocked into the park for the event and a spectacular firework display brought the day's celebrations to a close.

The Friends of Greenhead Park organised Victorian games on the belvedere as well as mounting a special exhibition, *A Park for the People*. If you missed it on the day, you can still catch the exhibition in the conservatory.



Christmas is coming...

The Friends of Greenhead Park have teamed up with Marsh Forum to organise a Christmas carol concert on the bandstand this year with the Huddersfield Youth Brass Ensemble. The concert will be on **Sunday 11 December** from 2pm to 3pm and all are welcome to join in the singing. The carols will be followed by a Christmas social in the Community Room.

Watch this space!



After much hard work, and a few setbacks on the way, we're very pleased that the new base for the Bowling Club and Friends of Greenhead Park has now been given the green light. We hope to see construction underway soon - and definitely completed before the start of next year's bowling season! We have secured a grant from the Council's Environment Unit for a green (sedum) roof and are now working hard to find funds for fitting out the interior.

The Bowling Club are looking forward to returning to the park for their home matches and competitions next season - and the Friends are also very happy that we'll soon have a base in the park for our activities.

New places to enjoy

Visitors to Greenhead Park now have a choice of two eateries. The long established *Cafe in the Park* by the tennis courts is open from 9am to 5pm (summer) and 10am to 3pm (winter). And since August there's *The Park*, a new establishment behind the conservatory offering a good selection of food and drink from 10am to 6pm (4pm winter). Customers can choose to sit in the brand new building or the conservatory, and there's outdoor seating available too.

The newly renovated conservatory is now open to visitors (same opening hours as *The Park*) and is looking great with its flower-bordered pond and brightly coloured



exotic plants. This light and airy space is a tonic when skies are grey and the eco-friendly underfloor heating should keep the plants (and us!) cosy through the winter.

Get fit for anything!

Come on down to Greenhead Park if you fancy a bit of healthy exercise. There are regular activities for all fitness levels - from Parkrun's weekly 5k run to gentle Health Walks (pictured below) and a weekly Buggymovers session for new mums who want to get back in shape.



All meet by the top cafe (near tennis courts).

2nd and 4th Mondays Health Walks, 10.30am - 11.30am, free

Wednesdays Buggymovers, 10.30am - 11.30am, £2

Saturdays Parkrun, 9am, free but you need to register at www.parkrun.org.uk

There are plenty of facilities in the park to get you active too - including the newly renovated tennis and multi-game courts, bowling greens, skatepark and playgrounds.

Check our website (see below) for up to date details of events and activities in the park.

More places to park

The car park behind The Park cafe - 20 spaces with 2 disabled bays - will be opening soon. Parking will cost £1/hour for up to 3 hours but customers of The Park will get one hour refunded.

We are lobbying for parking improvements round the outside of the park too - do let us know if you have any views on this.

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or call in at one of our drop-in sessions in the Greenhead Park Community Room every Wednesday from 1.30pm to 3pm

Dates for your diary

Monday 31 Oct 5pm-7pm Special spooky train rides for Halloween

Wednesday 2 Nov 12.30pm-1.30pm, Community Room History Hour talk by John Rumsby on War Memorials

Friday 11 Nov 10.30am, Trinity Street gates Remembrance Day procession and ceremony at the war memorial

Saturday 12 Nov 1.30pm-3.30pm Bulb planting - meet by the war memorial

Woodland planting

Plans to transform the wooded strip along the southern edge of the park are starting to take shape. With the help of a grant from the Big Lottery Community Wildlife Fund, we have already bought some tools and chosen suitable wildflower seeds and bulbs for this area. The seeds are being grown into plug plants in the council's nursery at Bradley ready for planting out next spring. We are planning a bulb planting session in November (see diary dates) - and hope there will be plenty of volunteers to help with this and the wildflower planting.

If you'd like to get involved in this project, please get in touch with us (see box) or contact Activity Officer, Chris Smith, on 07814 387426.

Lending a hand

Green-fingered Friends of Greenhead Park are lending a hand to get the park in shape with a weekly gardening session on Wednesday afternoons. We meet at the Rose Garden (near the conservatory) at 2.30pm and finish at about 4pm. We've already tackled a variety of jobs from planting summer bedding in the Italian Gardens to rooting out chickweed!

We recently helped to plant up the long borders in the Rose Garden and are now fundraising to buy new roses for the circular beds.



Tidy beds waiting for roses!

New volunteers would be very welcome. Tools are provided, though you may want to bring your own gardening gloves.