



Have your say on the future of parks

Major cuts to the Parks budget are being considered which would have a big impact on the maintenance of Kirklees parks and open spaces, including Greenhead Park. You can have your say on the latest proposals by filling in the council's budget survey - either on-line or via a questionnaire available in libraries, customer service centres and museums. But hurry, this phase of the consultation closes on **Friday 5 December!**

And please consider adding your voice to a national plea to 'Save our Parks' too. The National Federation of Parks and Open Spaces are collecting signatures for an e-petition calling on the Government to protect and invest in the UK's public green spaces. You can find a link to this petition on the Friends of Greenhead Park website, www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk.

Christmas in the Conservatory

This year you can treat yourself to a special 3-course Christmas lunch at The Park restaurant.



Starting on December 3rd, the Christmas menu will be served from 12noon to 2pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and costs £13.95 including tea or coffee. Bookings are being taken now - £5 deposit per person - call in at The Park or

ring 01484 223456 for more details.

As well as booking a festive lunch in the Conservatory, you can do a spot of Christmas shopping too. Showcasing a wide array of gifts, Christmas goods and cards, the Greenhead Park Conservatory Christmas Fair on **Saturday 6 December**, 10am to 3pm, is the place to come to find the perfect present. Delicious festive food will be served between 12 noon and 3pm or treat yourself to a nice warming mulled wine with a mince pie, available throughout the day. Santa will be visiting too and there's entertainment and merriment aplenty, with Christmas themed crafts and fun for all.

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Don't Keep It Under Your Hat!

Join the Albert Poets and Friends of Greenhead Park for a special Poetry in the Park session, part of the Huddersfield Hat fringe to the Festival of Light 2014, on **Saturday 29 November**, 1pm to 3pm, in the Pavilion by the bowling greens. Bring two or three short poems by you or anybody else, to read aloud. They can be on any subject but poems about Hats are particularly welcome!

Poets have always had plenty to say, and reading and listening to a range of poems, original compositions or other people's work, is inspiring, satisfying and fun.

Buy a card and support the Friends of Greenhead Park

Attractive note cards featuring scenes of Greenhead Park will be on sale soon to raise funds for the Friends. Five different designs will be on offer priced at £1.25 each or £5 for 5.

The cards will be launched at the Conservatory Christmas Fair (see below) where the Friends will have a stall. You'll also be able to buy them at The Park restaurant in the Conservatory and at the Friends' Wednesday afternoon drop-in.

Petanque proves popular

More than 50 people have joined the park's Petanque Club which plays on the terrain by the top gates on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm. New members are always welcome to join this friendly group.



All change at 'temporary' play area

Five years ago a 'temporary' play area (pictured) was installed to fill the gap while the new play area was being built. Due to popular demand this playground stayed, but drainage issues and the deterioration of some of the equipment has meant its time has now run out. The council originally planned to grass over the site, reusing serviceable items on an area by the new playground.

However, following pleas from parents not to remove a popular and well-used facility, they've decided to develop a new play area in the same spot. The site has now been cleared and work is already under way to improve the drainage. Work will continue through the winter with the aim of re-opening the new area in April/May 2015.

The Friends are pleased that the council have taken note of people's views and recognised the need to keep two play areas in our very busy park. We hope to have an input to the design of the replacement play area and people have already told us they'd like to see this continuing to cater for younger children.



Don't miss the Santa Special

Get in the mood for Christmas on the Greenhead Park miniature railway. Fares for the Santa Special are £1.30 a ride or £3.50 for a family ticket (up to 5 people), plus £1.50 per child to visit Santa and receive a small gift.

Rides are weather permitting and will be on offer every weekend up to Christmas.

Help plan our open spaces

The public are being asked for their thoughts on open space in Kirklees, as part of a district wide assessment being undertaken by the council. They want to identify the demand for different types of open space (e.g. parks, recreation grounds, play areas, local food growing, allotments, footpaths/cycle paths and cemeteries) and find out what people think about the quantity, quality and accessibility of current provision. The results will feed in to future strategic planning across the district.

The council is keen to hear the views of as many people as possible and has created an online survey for local people to complete - you'll find a link to this on the Friends website.

If you prefer, you can pick up a paper copy of the questionnaire in the Conservatory, and these will also be available on the Friends of Greenhead Park stall at the Christmas Fair on December 6.



A capacity crowd at the Friends of Greenhead Park November History Hour enjoying Cyril Pearce's talk on Huddersfield's conscientious objectors to the Great War. History Hour is taking a break but we hope to start the 2015 programme next May.

How to contact the Friends of Greenhead Park

- ★ c/o Refreshment Rooms, Greenhead Park, Huddersfield HD1 4HS
- ★ e-mail fogphuddersfield@gmail.com
- ★ via our website www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk
- ★ at our drop-in session, Wednesdays 1.30pm to 2.30pm, in the Pavilion by the bowling greens