



## New play area - what do you think?

The new play area for younger children is finally open, although still not fully completed. The ill-fated maze has been removed, but there are 12 swings, 1 seesaw, a 4 way springy, a roundabout and a climbing frame/slide unit to have a go on.

Proposals are now being developed for the area where the maze was, and the council want to hear people's views on these before making a final decision - see box for details. The remaining work to the play area won't be carried out until next spring, but hopefully it will all be done by Easter.

## WANTED - people to perform on the Greenhead Park bandstand!

The Friends of Greenhead Park and Kirklees Council are keen to encourage brass bands, jazz bands, choirs and other performers to use the park's restored bandstand, keeping the musical heritage of Greenhead Park alive.

We are not able to offer a fee for performances, but it's usually possible for groups to have a bucket collection to raise funds.

If you'd like to perform in 2016, or just want more information, please get in touch (see box overleaf for contact details).

### Want to know what's planned for the new play area?

Come along to a drop-in consultation session on

**Wednesday 25 November**  
**between 9.30am and 11am**  
**in the Pavilion** (by the bowling greens)

Council staff will be on hand to explain the plans, answer questions and - most important - hear what you think.

Parents/carers of pre-school children are particularly welcome.



Friends of Greenhead Park committee member Glenis Ireland captured these beautiful autumn reflections in the paddling pool

## Carols in the Conservatory

The Friends of Greenhead Park and Gledholt Male Voice Choir have got together to put on a free carol concert in the attractive surroundings of the Greenhead Park Conservatory. The concert is on **Saturday 5 December** from 4pm to 5pm and everyone is welcome.

Mince pies & mulled wine will be on sale to raise funds for the Friends and there will be a collection in aid of the Choir.



## Christmas shopping with a difference!

The Conservatory is also hosting a Christmas Fair on **Sunday 6 December**, 10am to 3pm, following on from the success of last year's event. There'll be a wide variety of goodies, gifts and cards on sale plus tempting seasonal food and drink to get you in the festive mood. Children can enjoy Christmas themed crafts and Santa will be paying a visit too.

The Friends of Greenhead Park will be there with a stall and we'd love to see you.

## Getting together with our Friends

At a time when budget cuts are really starting to bite, Friends groups and other community organisations that care about green spaces in Kirklees are getting together to share information, ideas and skills.

Natural Kirklees (previously Kirklees Wildlife & Landscape Partnership) are leading this initiative and are confident that a united approach will give us a stronger voice and help us all to achieve our goals. The Friends of Greenhead Park very much welcome the chance to join forces with other like-minded groups and look forward to working together to protect our vital green spaces.



Why not join the party at The Park on **Friday 11 December, 7.30pm to 12.30am**. Enjoy a sparkling wine reception and delicious 3 course dinner, then dance the night away with a disco and Dezzie Dee tribute act. Cost £26.95 per person - £5 deposit to secure booking.

Call 01484 221515 or e-mail [GHPark.conservatory@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:GHPark.conservatory@kirklees.gov.uk) for more details or to book.

## Halloween runners and riders

Two Halloween themed events brought record crowds of witches, ghosts, vampires and other spooky types into the park this year.

A record **655** runners joined Huddersfield parkrun's 5k run on Halloween morning and later in the day, Mr Spook's magical ghost train attracted a massive **580** riders to the miniature railway.



Visit [www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk](http://www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk) for all the latest on the Friends and details of what's on in the park

## Christmas treats at The Park

Treat yourself to a delicious Christmas lunch at The Park café – available on **Thursdays 3 & 10 December** and **Fridays 4 & 11 December**. Festive lunches will be served from 12.30pm to 1.30pm and cost £11.95 for two courses or £14.95 for three, including tea or coffee. Booking is essential - with a £5 deposit per person - you can pick up a booking form in the café. For more details call 01484 221515 or e-mail [GHPark.conservatory@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:GHPark.conservatory@kirklees.gov.uk).

*Please note that there will be no café menu available on these dates.*

You can also have breakfast with Santa on **Sunday 20 & Monday 21 December**. The special 'all you can eat' menu will be on offer from 9.30 am to 11.30am for £9.95 or £3.95 for under 12s.

After all the excitement, The Park will be closed from 2pm on Christmas Eve, reopening on Saturday 2 January 2016.

## Take the train to visit Santa

The ever-popular Santa Special will be running on the miniature railway from 1pm to 4pm on December weekends up to Christmas (weather permitting).

Fares are still just £1.30 a ride or £3.50 for a family ticket (up to 5 people) - plus £2.50 for a gift from Santa.



## How to contact the Friends of Greenhead Park

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