



## Your Park needs YOU!

Growing pressure on council resources means Friends of Parks and other voluntary and community groups are becoming more and more important. Volunteers have a key role to play, alongside the council and other agencies, whether it's organising and promoting events and activities, taking on improvement projects, or raising funds.



**Enjoying the music at a concert organised by Friends of Greenhead Park last summer. Could you help with next year's programme?**

The Friends of Greenhead Park already do lots of things - bringing music to the bandstand, organising history talks, weekly gardening, encouraging people to use the bowling greens and much more. As well as publicising our own events and activities, our website, poster displays, newsletters and electronic updates help to advertise the many and varied events in the park run by local groups and council services too.

As cuts bite, there are difficult decisions to be made but we are determined to make sure Greenhead Park continues to be safe, attractive and well-used. We work closely with the council on this and have an input to the park's Management Plan which

includes an action plan for the year ahead. We are also part of a new Kirklees-wide organisation, Natural Kirklees, which brings Friends groups and other organisations looking after our green spaces together to share ideas and provide practical support, such as a new group insurance scheme.

What we need most now is more volunteers to help with current activities and new projects. Here are some of the things we'd like to do in 2017:

- Organise another programme of events on the bandstand
- Involve local young people to brighten up the lakeside arbour with attractive artwork
- Improve the toddler playground by the top cafe with some new equipment

All these projects will need funding but we're sure that with enthusiasm and support they can all be achieved. If you can help in any way, however small, please get in touch now!

### Ways to get in touch with the Friends:

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

### Get in the Christmas mood with the Friends of Greenhead Park and Gledholt Male Voice Choir



Join us for a free concert of Christmas music & carols in the Greenhead Park Conservatory on **Saturday 3 December**, 4pm to 5pm. Mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee will be on sale from 3.30pm.

## Petanque Club on the up

Huddersfield Petanque Club, based in the park, is going from strength to strength and the Club have recently set themselves the new goal of improving the facilities on the terrain to match their growing membership.

To join or find out more, call in at the terrain from 1pm on a Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday, or e-mail [huddersfieldpetanque@outlook.com](mailto:huddersfieldpetanque@outlook.com).

## Buy now while stocks last!

We have now sold nearly 1,000 copies of *Secured for the Town*, the history of Greenhead Park written for the Friends by one of our members, local historian David Griffiths.

There are just a few copies left, so make sure you get one before it's too late. The book is on sale at £5 in The Park cafe, local bookshops, at our Wednesday drop-in or by post from the Friends (£6.25 including P&P).

You can also find out about four centuries of life at Greenhead Hall - part of whose grounds became the park we know today - in another publication by David for the Friends. *Huddersfield's Best Address* costs £4 from the outlets above or £4.95 by post from the Friends.



## Get crafty for Christmas

Make your own Christmas decorations from natural materials at this month's Greenhead Park Nature Club on **Wednesday 14 December**, 4pm to 5pm, in the Pavilion by the bowling greens.

This free monthly club offers fun environmental activities for families with children up to 12. Call 07528 988807 or e-mail [amanda.walker@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.walker@kirklees.gov.uk) to book a place or for more details.



## Always wanted to be a train driver?

Did you know that the park's popular miniature railway is run entirely by volunteers from Huddersfield Society of Model Engineers? There are lots of jobs to fill - driving the trains, track and train maintenance, selling tickets and more - and new helpers are always welcome. Interested? Contact Richard Lyons on 07930 330450 or e-mail [rlyons999@hotmail.com](mailto:rlyons999@hotmail.com).

Following a spooktastically successful Halloween night, the railway is now closed for essential track renewal and maintenance. It is hoped to reopen in March 2017.

## Thumbs up for new playground

After a few ups and downs, it was great to see so many children enjoying the park's newest playground during the summer holidays. Our thanks go to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen.

Most of the equipment is aimed at pre-school children, but a climbing net was added after consultation with users, to provide a challenge for older brothers and sisters. There are still a few things to sort out, mainly to do with surfacing, but all in all the new play area has been given a big thumbs up by families visiting the park.

Our thoughts are now turning to the baby and toddler area by the top cafe which could really do with some refurbishment. There is unlikely to be any council funding available, so the Friends are looking at other ways to raise the money for improvements. Please do get in touch if you have any ideas or would like to help with this project.

## How to find out what's on in the park

- ❖ Take a look at the park noticeboards and window displays in the pavilion, community room & conservatory
- ❖ Look out for details in the local press
- ❖ Go to [www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk](http://www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk)
- ❖ Sign up for FoGP e-mail updates by e-mailing [foghuddersfield@gmail.com](mailto:foghuddersfield@gmail.com)