



Happy children and healthy ducks

The Friends of Greenhead Park have been hard at work this summer on projects to enhance our beautiful park. You can read below about our challenge to improve the baby & toddler play area, and we've also launched a campaign to keep our ducks healthy. As bread is bad for ducks, we're encouraging people to feed them healthy alternatives, and are very pleased that both cafes in the park have agreed to sell small bags of duck pellets for us at just 20p each. You'll also see posters like this around the lake displaying the message about healthy feeding.

We hope park users will support us with both these projects.

Plans for play train getting on track

Fundraising for this play train for the enclosed play area by the top cafe is now underway. With a target of £10,000 to buy and install the equipment and safety surface, it's quite a challenge but with grants and generous donations from friends of the park, we've already raised £1185! Huddersfield Society of Model Engineers who run the park's miniature railway have offered to donate a day's takings too and we're looking out for possible business sponsors and other funding opportunities.



We've just set up a crowdfunding page to make it easy for supporters of the project to donate online. You'll find it at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fogp-playtrain - or follow the link on the Friends of Greenhead Park website. We are happy to receive cheques or cash donations too - see box overleaf for contact details.

Reading the Cards: Postcard Collecting and Local History



Wednesday 6 September, 12.30pm - 1.30pm, Greenhead Park community room (next to the top cafe by the tennis courts)

The next Friends of Greenhead Park History Hour is an illustrated talk by Trevor Ellis from the Huddersfield Postcard Society who has an extensive collection of old postcards of the local area, including Greenhead Park. Trevor will tell the story of the development of the postcard and talk about some of the fascinating insights that the cards can give us into local history.

Help keep our ducks healthy



Bread is bad for ducks and can make them ill

-  Offer alternatives to bread; lettuce, defrosted frozen peas, sweetcorn, oats, left over rice, bird seed or duck pellets* are all good.
-  Feed the ducks while they're in the water and only give as much food as they can eat while you're there; keep the rest for later.
-  NEVER feed ducks mouldy bread.

Bread is bad for ducks because

-  Ducks need a varied diet to be healthy. Bread fills ducks up so they don't forage for natural foods, which can lead to malnutrition.
-  Uneaten soggy bread can spread disease and encourage rats. It can also lead to a build-up of bad nutrients causing algae growth in the water.

* You can buy small bags of duck pellets from both the cafes in the park

Poetry in the Park

Join poets and poetry-lovers for a readaround in the Pavilion by the bowling greens on

Saturday 30 September

1pm to 3pm

Part of a Global Event
Day to promote peace,
justice and sustainability

100
Thousand
Poets
for Change



Herbaceous borders in full flower caught on camera by Alison, one of our gardening volunteers

We'd welcome more green-fingered volunteers to help our hard working council gardening staff keep the park looking good. Our main session is on Wednesday afternoons after the drop-in (see box) but help at other times is welcome too - just contact us if you're interested.

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 or go to www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk
- call in at our drop-in session, in the Pavilion by the bowling greens, Wednesdays 1.30 - 2.30pm

Keep fit in the park all year round

A Huddersfield Croquet Club match on both bowling greens on Sunday 1 October will mark the end of the season and the greens will then be closed for annual maintenance work. But there are still plenty of opportunities for all year round sporting action on the petanque terrain and tennis courts. You can also keep up your fitness through the winter months by joining the weekly parkrun, Buggymovers or Nordic walking sessions - or a gentle indoor yoga class.

You can find details of all the events and activities in the park at www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk.

Explore the history of Greenhead Park

Take a walk back in time and explore the history of Greenhead Park with David Griffiths, author of *Secured for the Town: The Story of Huddersfield's Greenhead Park*. This free guided walk on **Friday 8 September at 6pm** starts and finishes at the Trinity Street gates by the Park Lodge.

We've organised the walk as part of Heritage Open Days, a national celebration of our heritage running from 7 - 10 September. Nearby Holy Trinity Church is also taking part, and the Greenhead Park walk will finish in time for participants to join a guided tour of the church at 7.30pm followed by refreshments.

There's a directory of all the HODs events at www.heritageopendays.org.uk, and you can pick up a Kirklees brochure at The Park Cafe in the conservatory as well as libraries and other public buildings, bus and train stations, cafes in Huddersfield town centre etc.



Hade Edge Band entertain visitors to the park

This year has seen another successful season of free summer concerts on the bandstand organised by the Friends.

We are very grateful for a grant from the Huddersfield District Committee and audience donations which helped towards the costs. We aim to put on another programme in 2018 and would welcome any suggestions for bands - and offers of financial support!