



## Go ahead given for new pavilion

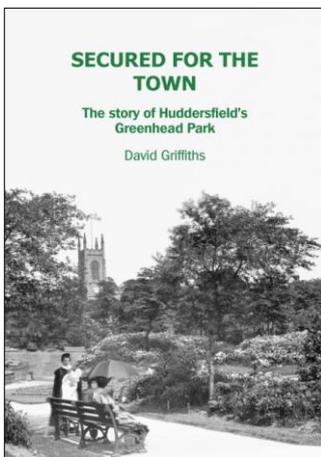
The Friends of Greenhead Park and Greenhead Park Bowling Club are celebrating a big milestone towards securing a new base in the Park. After much discussion, planning permission has now been granted for a modern timber pavilion - pictured below. The pavilion will replace the now-demolished information hut and concrete bowling pavilion which were previously home to the Friends and bowlers. The new structure will overlook the two bowling greens, replacing the 1930's timber pavilion which was past repair and had not been in use for many years.

The council will cover the cost of the basic structure but the Friends and Bowling Club will need to raise funds for the interior fittings. We'd love to complete the building with a 'green roof' too - if we can find the money.

Any ideas about possible funding - or offers of cash! - would be very welcome.



## Read all about it!



Interested in the history of Greenhead Park? Now you can read all about it in our newly published book, *Secured for the Town*. Written by local historian and Friend of Greenhead Park, David Griffiths, the book tells the story of the Park from its earliest days to its renovation in 2010. As well as relating the main events in the Park's history, the book includes childhood recollections and many historical photographs, while five 'park heroes' are honoured in short biographical notes.

The book costs £5 and is on sale at the Park cafe, local bookshops and other outlets. You can also buy it direct from the Friends at our events and Wednesday drop-in, or by post (add £1.25 for P&P).

We are grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund and Kirklees Council for financial support for this project.

## Friends launch Wednesday History Hours

David Griffiths will be the guest speaker at the first of a monthly series of informal history talks and activities in the Park. These 'history hours' will be on the **first Wednesday of each month from 12.30-1.30pm** in the **Greenhead Park Community Room** (in the cafe building near the tennis courts). The talk on **April 6** will throw more light on how Greenhead Park came about, illustrated with some fascinating old maps of the area. The History Hours are free and all are welcome. Watch out for details of future sessions!

## Coming up roses (we hope!)

Chris Smith and the Friends have got together to revive the Rose Garden. This area, next to the Conservatory, was last revamped in the 1990s and badly needs some TLC. Local horticulturalist, Graham Porter, has already given us some helpful suggestions and the Youth Offending Team have provided volunteers to do some of the groundwork.

All we need now is a few more green-fingered Friends to help give the Rose Garden a new lease of life! So if you've got ideas for planting or just want to get your hands dirty, please get in touch (see box for details).

## Wild about the Park!

Plans are afoot to develop a wildlife activity area near the war memorial. We hope to provide a variety of new habitats incorporating native planting as well as creating a much-needed base for nature and hands-on conservation activities.

We're just waiting for the outcome of a funding bid to the Big Lottery Community Wildlife Fund and then it should be all systems go!

## Committee elected

At a well-attended AGM on Saturday 12 March, Friends of Greenhead Park heard about activities and achievements in 2010 and elected the committee for this year.

A short film was also shown, courtesy of the Huddersfield Film Makers Society, giving members an interesting insight into the work that has been going on in the Park in the past year. The film makers are currently working on a full-length film documenting the Park's restoration which is eagerly awaited.

### The Committee for 2011 is:

Helen Claydon (Chair), Paul Mullany (Vice Chair), Jane Griffiths (Secretary), Elaine Price (Treasurer), Ron Berry, Sue Bray, Ian Brooke, Trevor Brown, Philip Jackson, Alan Meredith, Geoff Ramm, Graham Tayler and Tom Taylor.

We would welcome more volunteers to join the committee or help out with projects in the Park - see box for contact details.

## Dates for your diary

- April 6** History Hour - How the Park began (see front page)
- May 4** History Hour - Collecting Park memories with Chris Webb of Huddersfield University Centre for Oral History Research
- June 1** History Hour
- June 4, 11am** Friends of Greenhead Park Open Meeting in the Community Room
- June 12** Celebration event - more details soon

Park Activity Officer, Chris Smith is also working hard - with a bit of help from the Friends - to make sure there are lots of events and activities in the Park for all ages and tastes. These include community events celebrating St George's Day, Easter Day, May Day and Yorkshire Day; Nature, Young Wardens and Magic Clubs; sports activities and musical and drama productions.



*Don't forget to catch the train, weekends 2-4pm*

Events will be publicised in the Park, on the Greenhead Park Facebook page and on our own website. Or contact Chris on 07814 387426 to find out more.

Chris would also like to hear from anyone who would like to run events or activities in the Park.

## Contact us

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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