



Getting together gets results!

The Friends of Greenhead Park is an independent voluntary group bringing together everyone who loves the park and wants to help keep it safe, attractive and well-used.

We aim to encourage everyone - young and old - to use, value and look after the park and to make sure park users have a say in what goes on. We take on all sorts of practical tasks including gardening, organising events and fundraising to improve the park's amenities. Some examples from the past year were raising over £10,000 for the new play train in the under 5s play area, keeping up the tradition of summer music on the bandstand, and informing people about the history of the park and the local area through our History Hour talks and guided walks.



We are always looking for new volunteers to help plan and organise projects and activities; get stuck into a bit of gardening; come up with ideas for fundraising; put out chairs for band concerts; and much more. You can find out more about the Friends and our activities at our Annual General Meeting (see box) - or call in at our friendly drop-in session on Wednesdays from 1.30 to 2.30pm in the Pavilion by the bowling greens.

Other ways to get in touch

Write: c/o Refreshment Rooms, Greenhead Park, Huddersfield HD1 4HS

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Everyone is welcome at the Friends of Greenhead Park

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 23 March at 2pm

in the Community Room (in the cafe building opposite the tennis courts)

- Hear about our activities and plans for this year
- Tell us about things you'd like to see happening in the park
- Raise park issues with our local councillors and Park staff
- Elect the committee to run the Friends in 2019 (members only)

Tea and cakes will be served after the meeting

Find out what's on in the park

- ❖ Take a look at the park noticeboards and window displays
- ❖ Look out for details in the local press
- ❖ Call in at our Wednesday drop-in session
- ❖ Go to www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk
- ❖ Sign up for FoGP e-mail updates
- ❖ Check out the Greenhead Park Facebook page

Art in the arbour

Students from Greenhead College and FoGP volunteers are getting together to create a mural in the arbour by the lake. The project, led by artist and FoGP member Helen Williamson, is due to get under way at the start of April.

Inspired by the mighty oak tree, the artwork - featuring the oak's characteristic form, textured trunk, leaves and acorns - will fill the central section of the three-arched arbour creating an attractive and inviting space.

Looking after the wildlife on the lake

Our campaign to cut down the amount of bread fed to the wildfowl on the lake has been a great success. Sales of our small bags of specialist food hit over £600 in 2018 and we'd like to thank staff at both cafes for selling the food for us. The food is still on sale at the top cafe at just 20p a bag, and will be back in the conservatory cafe when it reopens after repairs - see below.



The lake environment is also being improved with marginal planting of native species to provide shelter for wildlife and increase biodiversity. Thanks go to the hardy band of park staff and volunteers who recently donned waders to install coir matting pre-planted with native wetland plants around the edges of the lake.

Talking about the past

Anyone interested in local history is welcome to come along to the free lunchtime History Hours organised by the Friends and held on the first Wednesday of the month in May, June, July, September, October and November. The sessions run from 12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Greenhead Park Community Room (in the cafe building opposite the tennis courts).

The 2019 programme starts on **Wednesday 1 May** when local historian David Griffiths will give an illustrated talk about the pioneering years of Huddersfield Corporation. Huddersfield was granted a Royal Charter as a borough in 1868, and the 150th anniversary was celebrated last year with the publication of a book, *Making up for lost time*, edited by David and published by Huddersfield Local History Society. Providing public parks was one of the many projects tackled by the new Corporation, including Greenhead Park which opened in 1884.



Friends of Greenhead Park volunteers - and a little helper - working hard on mulching flower beds in the spring sunshine.

Our friendly gardening group works alongside gardeners Peter and John on Wednesday afternoons - new recruits are always welcome!

Don't miss the park's first MayorFest!

Join the Mayor of Kirklees for a great family day out on **Saturday 13 April**, 11am to 4pm.

There'll be live performances, a fun Dog Show, Have a Go Agility, local trade stalls, an Easter Egg hunt, and more! Entry is free but donations are welcome. All funds raised will go to Kirkwood Hospice and the RSPCA.



The conservatory and cafe are still closed for essential works. The latest news is that they will not be able to reopen until the summer due to the amount of work needed to the Grade II listed structure.



If you love Greenhead Park, why not show your support by becoming a Friend? You can join at a one-off cost of £5 per household. Just pick up an application form at our drop-in session - or the AGM on 23 March - or download the form at www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk.