



Summer fun in the park

There's no need to be bored in the summer holidays, just come on down to Greenhead Park and enjoy a whole host of events and activities as well as all the regular attractions. Here are some things to look out for:

- ☀ Xplorer is a great way for youngsters and their families to explore, using a simple map to find markers located around the park. No experience of map reading is necessary and parents are encouraged to join in the fun! The next session is on **Thursday 23 July**, 11am and 1pm. Meet at the playground near the railway (look out for the Xplorer banner). Cost: £2 per child.
- ☀ Also on **23 July**, 11.30am to 12 noon, there's a free coaching session with East Pennine Orienteering Club for anyone, no matter how old, young or fit, who'd like to have a go at orienteering or improve their skills. Meet at the Xplorer table (see above). And thanks to EPOC, a permanent orienteering course will be in place in the park very soon too.
- ☀ Fun environmental activities for children up to 12 (with an adult) at three special sessions of the Greenhead Park Nature Club on **Tuesdays 4, 11 & 25 August**, 10am to 12noon. Free. Call Amanda on 01924 326240 or e-mail amanda.walker@kirklees.gov.uk for more details or to book.
- ☀ The Council's summer programme for young people aged 13-19 offers free weekly crown green bowling (Wednesdays, 1.30pm to 3pm) and multisports sessions (Wednesdays, 3.30pm to 5pm & Fridays 2pm to 4pm) from **22 July to 28 August**. Open access - no need to book. And don't forget, anyone can bowl in the park - there's almost always at least one green free for public use.
- ☀ The miniature railway will be running on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as well as weekends during the summer holidays (weather permitting) and there's a variety of daily children's rides plus horse & carriage rides on the belvedere too.

Find out what's on ★ Take a look at the park noticeboards and window displays in the pavilion & community room ★ Look for details in the local press ★ Sign up for FoGP e-mail updates
★ Go to www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk ★ Check out the Greenhead Park Facebook page



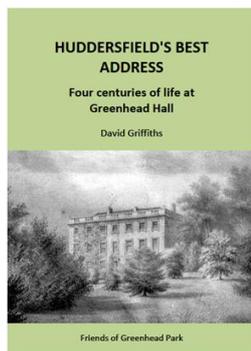
On with the Show

We're delighted that the popular Kirklees flower, vegetable & handicraft show is taking place in the park for another year - although cutbacks mean it will be for one day only, **Saturday 8 August**. Anyone can enter their vegetables, flowers, crafts, jams, baking, beer & wine, and there are lots of prizes and trophies to compete for - see our website for more details.

You can visit the show for free from 12noon to 5pm (presentations from 4.15pm) and as well as admiring the exhibits, there's lots to see and do for all the family including wine tasting, craft activities and food demonstrations. As usual the Friends will be serving refreshments and running a stall with children's craft activities. Donations of cakes and biscuits would be very welcome - see box overleaf for how to contact us.

The best address in town!

From Tudor times until the early 20th century, one of Huddersfield's grandest houses stood where Greenhead College is today. It was home to some of the town's most prominent citizens, always at the centre of local affairs and sometimes linked to great events of national and even international history.



You can read all about four centuries of life at Greenhead Hall in our latest publication by local historian, David Griffiths. David is a member of the Friends and author of our popular history of the park, *Secured for the Town*, published four years ago to celebrate the park's restoration.

Huddersfield's Best Address costs just £4 from The Park cafe (adjoining the conservatory) and local bookshops, or direct from the Friends at our Wednesday drop-in session and at Friends' meetings and events. It's also available by post at £4.95 including P&P – from FoGP at the address below.

Bandstands then and now

The next of our free History Hour sessions on **Wednesday 2 September**, 12.30pm to 1.30pm, is an illustrated talk by Paul Rabbitts, parks historian and author of *Bandstands of Britain*, on the fascinating history of the bandstand in our public parks.

Paul will take us from the origin of bandstands in the mid-18th century and their heyday during the Victorian park-making era, to their post war decline and the recent welcome revival in their fortunes.

Paul has recently started a campaign to help bring bandstands back to life. Find out more at www.bookabandstand.com.

History Hour sessions are held in the Greenhead Park Community Room, in the cafe building by the tennis courts.



Enjoying the music in the sunshine at one of four Saturday afternoon concerts organised by the Friends of Greenhead Park and Kirklees Music School thanks to a grant from Kirklees One Community. Next up, join Honley Male Voice Choir for a good sing at a free concert on Sunday 6 September, 1pm - 4pm.



Crowds at a model boating display in 1952

Remembering days gone by

We are celebrating Heritage Open Days 2015 with two events in Greenhead Park.

Friday 11 September: Explore the history of the park with David Griffiths on a guided walk starting at 6pm at the Trinity Street gates.

Sunday 13 September: Huddersfield Society of Model Engineers will be back by popular demand with a model boating display on the paddling pool from 11am - 3pm.

You can find out more about Heritage Open Days events at www.heritageopendays.org.uk - and look out for a local brochure of events in Huddersfield too.

How to contact the Friends of Greenhead Park

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