



The train has arrived!

The play train we've been fundraising for has arrived in the under 5s play area near the top cafe. With funds for the train in place, Kirklees Council agreed to carry out extra work which has transformed what was once a rather dark and neglected area. Surrounding trees have been cut back or removed to allow more light to flood in and the whole area is being resurfaced too.

We've done it thanks to donations from a host of Friends and supporters, plus many generous grants.



Thanks are also due to everyone who backed our bid to the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme, helping us scoop the top award of £4,000 by voting for the play train in local Tesco stores.

A great BIG thank you to

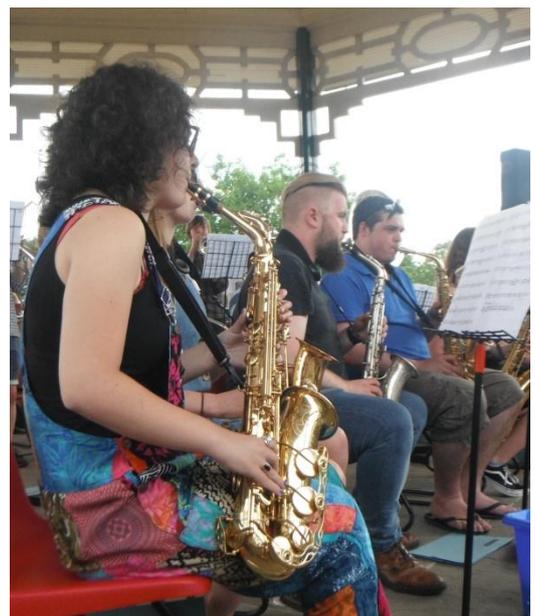
- ☀ Individual donors
- ☀ Huddersfield Round Table
- ☀ The Freemasons of the Province of Yorkshire West Riding
- ☀ Tesco Bags of Help Scheme
- ☀ Greenhead Ward Active Citizens Grant Scheme
- ☀ Huddersfield Rotary Club
- ☀ Huddersfield Pennine Rotary Club
- ☀ Huddersfield Lions
- ☀ Kirklees Council Participatory Budget whose generous financial support made this project possible

Weathering the weather

The sunny weather has been fantastic for events in the park, but there are one or two downsides like the low water level in the lake and the grass turning brown. Here's a couple of things to help keep the park and its wildlife safe:

Don't feed bread to the ducks - it's bad for them anyway, but low water levels mean excess bread is even more likely to cause harmful algae to grow in the water. Soggy bread also spreads disease and encourages rats. We're really pleased with the take up of our bags of special duck pellets - on sale at both cafes at just 20p - which shows that the message is getting across.

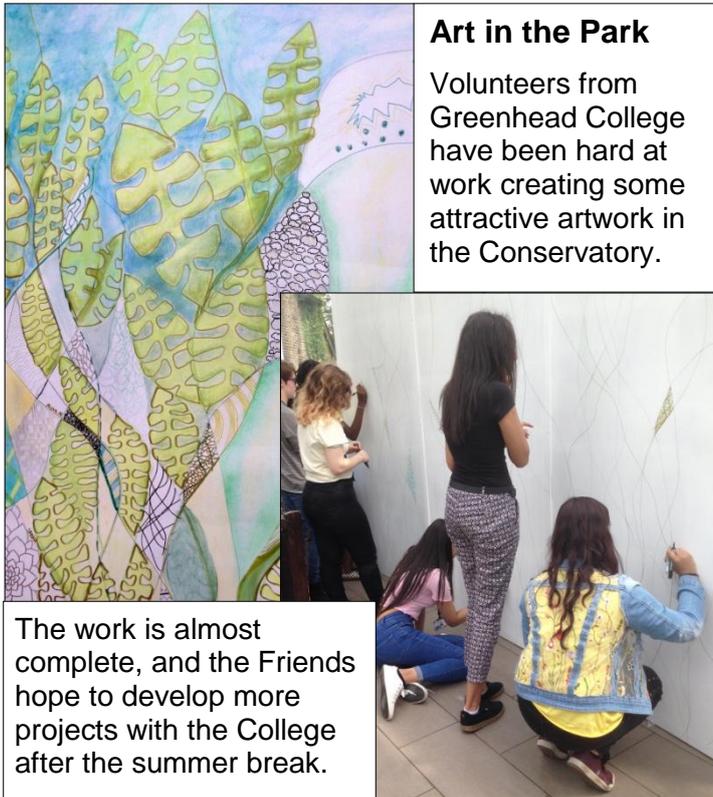
Banish barbecues - they've never been allowed in the park because of the damage they can cause, but this year there's also a Public Space Protection Order in place banning barbecues, fireworks, sky lanterns, naked flames and bonfires on all public land in Kirklees. Anyone caught breaking the order faces a £75 fine.



Greenhead College All Stars Big Band performing on the bandstand in our 2018 *Sounds of Summer* programme.

Slaithwaite Band bring the season to a grand finale on Sunday 12 August at 2pm





Art in the Park

Volunteers from Greenhead College have been hard at work creating some attractive artwork in the Conservatory.

The work is almost complete, and the Friends hope to develop more projects with the College after the summer break.

Family fun at Summer Gala

Natural Kirklees and the Kirklees Council Parks & Greenspaces Team will be showcasing the work done by community and voluntary groups in parks and open spaces again this year following a very successful event in 2017. The Gala is on **Sunday 12 August** from 12noon to 4pm. There will be stalls and activities in the marquee on the event field and all sorts of other family-friendly attractions throughout the park, including brass band music on the bandstand at 2pm.

The Friends of Greenhead Park will be serving tea and cakes in the marquee. We would welcome volunteers to help and donations of cakes and buns - see box below for how to get in touch.



I've never seen owt like it!

The Friends of Greenhead Park History Hour on **Wednesday 5 September** is an illustrated talk by Carol Hardy from Huddersfield Local Studies Library featuring odd and unusual Kirklees Curiosities. A website has been created to record oddities from past times which could otherwise disappear from local knowledge and Carol will show us some examples and tell their stories.

The talk is at 12.30pm in the Community Room next to the top cafe - all welcome, no need to book.

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 drop-in session, Wednesdays 1.30pm to 2.30pm, in the Pavilion by the bowling greens
- ❖ Go to www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk
- ❖ Sign up for FoGP e-mail updates
- ❖ Check out the Greenhead Park Facebook page

Want to get in touch?

- ❖ 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 Wednesday drop in

Celebrate our heritage

The Friends will once again be taking part in Heritage Open Days, a national festival of free events celebrating our heritage.

David Griffiths, our own park historian, will lead a history walk around the park on **Friday 14 September** starting at 6pm at the Trinity Street gates near the Park Lodge. The walk will finish at around 7.15pm in time for a visit - and refreshments - at nearby Holy Trinity Church, which was built by the then owner of Greenhead Hall.

For details of Heritage Open Days events - visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk or look out for the special Kirklees brochure available widely across Kirklees, including Greenhead Park, from mid August.

