



Celebrating success - and looking forward to 2020!

Despite a background of continuing cuts in parks' budgets, this year has seen huge numbers of visitors enjoying the park's attractive environment and taking part in a wide variety of events and activities. The Friends of Greenhead Park would like to put on record our thanks to our hard working gardeners, and all the other staff who contribute to the upkeep of the park. Thanks are also due to the many volunteers who help keep our park looking good and provide activities for park users to enjoy.

Positives in 2019 include:

- ✓ Making a start on improvements to the lakeside arbour – thanks to students from Greenhead College and FoGP volunteers who completed an oak tree mural in the central section. Volunteers clean the space up regularly and we have now raised funds to install extra litter bins inside the arbour. We know there are still problems to tackle but will continue to work to make the arbour an attractive place to sit and shelter.
- ✓ A successful programme of summer concerts on the bandstand organised and funded by the Friends. We are also pleased that the bandstand is now being repainted ready for 2020.
- ✓ Reopening of the conservatory and The Park cafe in September following major repairs. The cafe will have a full relaunch next Easter with a new menu, shaded outside seating and much more.
- ✓ Another Green Flag award for 2019/20 recognising the high standards achieved by staff and volunteers.



The Friends are now looking forward to 2020 with plans for a campaign to cut littering and increase recycling, as well as organising events and activities, fundraising, and keeping up our support for the gardening staff.



Please get in touch if you would like to help or have any suggestions about improvements to the park.

To find out more about the Friends and our activities:

- Call in at our friendly drop-in session on Wednesdays from 1.30 to 2.30pm in the Pavilion by the bowling greens
- E-mail fogphuddersfield@gmail.com
- Write to us c/o Refreshment Rooms, Greenhead Park, Huddersfield HD1 4HS
- Go to www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk or visit the Greenhead Park Facebook page

Get down to the park for some healthy exercise!

If you fancy some outdoor exercise, there's plenty to choose from in the park.

Here are some of the activities on offer – full details are on our website:

- Fun and social fitness sessions for new mums with Buggymovers at 1pm on Mondays and 11am on Wednesdays & Fridays. Cost: £5 per mum and buggy
- Free health walks for all ages and abilities on Thursdays at 11am starting at the Trinity Street gates, followed by refreshments at Holy Trinity Church
- A special Breast Cancer Support walking group meets at the Trinity Street gates every other Wednesday at 11am – and there's also a new monthly Macmillan Health Walk on the first Thursday of the month. Meet at the conservatory for a gentle walk round the park starting at 1pm, with an optional drink in the cafe afterwards. More details from Macmillan Information Service on 01484 343614 (Helen) or 01422 222709 (Mandy)
- A Nordic walking session on Fridays at 10am starting from the Community Room in the cafe building near the tennis courts. It's free and sticks are provided
- Free weekly 5k timed parkrun on Saturdays at 9am, open to everyone who has registered at www.parkrun.org.uk. There's a junior version (2k) for 4-14s on Sundays at 9am too.



JOIN LINDLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIR AND
THE FRIENDS OF GREENHEAD PARK FOR A

Christmas concert in the Conservatory

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER | 3.15 PM | GREENHEAD
PARK CONSERVATORY

- MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE ON SALE FROM 3PM
- RAFFLE FOR A CHRISTMAS HAMPER
- FREE ENTRY -COLLECTION FOR FRIENDS OF GREENHEAD PARK

E-mail fogphuddersfield@gmail.com to get monthly e-mail updates about park activities



Park hero returns!

FoGP celebrated Heritage Open Days 2019 with a re-enactment of Alderman Thomas Denham's plans for Greenhead Park set out in a letter to the Huddersfield Examiner in 1870.

Planting for the future

Tackling the climate emergency is a huge challenge - but one where every little helps. Planting more trees is recognised as a great way to reduce CO2 in the atmosphere, and the Woodland Trust are giving community groups a helping hand by

providing free native trees to be planted in open spaces throughout the country. FoGP successfully bid for 60 saplings which volunteers have planted out in a nursery area until they are big enough to move to their permanent positions.



**Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year
to all our members and supporters
from the Friends of Greenhead Park**