



The Friends of Springfield Mill Park Newsletter Three - September 2006



Summer Success

Summer fun, and a huge success, the first ever "family fun day" to take place on the park attracted over 450 people and was officially opened by the Mayor of Morley, Cllr Bob Gettings.

Fun was had by all, with children and adults participating in numerous events including a football tournament, face painting, pony rides, bouncy castle and children's sports. The photos say it all!



Football Crazy, Football Mad!

The football tournament alone attracted over 60 young people, varying in age from 4 to 16. This event helped bring young people of all walks of life together to start appreciating and taking better care of the park facilities.

When's the next one? Was being whispered throughout the day, so due to popular demand the next tournament will take place on:

Saturday 21st October 2006

Football Tournament - Starts at 1:00pm

Please pre book places by no later than Thursday 19th October by ringing 252 5737 or 07703 121267. Register as an individual player or as a team in one of the following categories:

**Under 7's
Under 11's
Under 17's**

Would you like to know more or be added to our mailing list?

Please either telephone 0113 2539007 or email springfieldpark@beeb.net

Improved, but could be better!

The amount of damage caused to the park by anti-social behaviour has diminished dramatically over the last 6 months.

A heart warming comment was made by a girl who used to use the Park "I used to come to the park a few years ago with my friends from school. We got shouted at, sworn at and I got a bottle thrown at me. At that point I told my Dad, and we both agreed that I should stay off the park. It's great to be able to come back here and enjoy the park again, it's really nice."

There are still problems and we must not be complacent. Difficulties still lie ahead and the work must go on, but, this year has seen a turning point which we must ensure continues into the future.

Winter Work

Woodland Autumn Project

During the autumn a major refurbishment of the woodland is being planned. Children and young people from the three local Primary Schools and Bruntcliffe High School will be working with the local community to carry out various improvements to the woodland area. We have secured funding of £950 from charity, "Arise South Leeds" to help pay for the improvements.

The project commences with a clean up and preparation day on:

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 2006
starting at 10:00am

Everyone welcome - We need your help

Phase II of the work will include:

- **Laying a formal path from the top entrance through the woodland to a new entrance at the opposite side of the wood**
- **Planting 5000 Bluebell bulbs, seeding wildflowers and grasses and planting Primroses and Foxgloves**
- **Fitting bird nesting boxes and bat boxes in the trees**
- **Planting of new trees in the woodland and on the park**
- **Planting Daffodils and Crocuses on the park**

Please join us at our next meeting!!

Tuesday 21st November 2006 at
8:00pm
Arkle pub, Springfield Avenue

Get involved, have your say, join the committee or just come along to listen.
Everyone is welcome!

A big thank you to dog walkers, there has been a marked improvement in the area, can we please remind you to take dog waste home and not put in the park bins. To those who are still not cleaning up beware; the Council's Dog Warden has been busy over the summer. He has visited several people and £50 penalty fines have been issued in some cases.

In a few weeks time children from local primary schools will be helping in the wood, planting bluebells and wildflowers. Please continue to keep the area clean for them to work in.



"We will actively campaign for the promotion of and the positive engagement of, all residents living in the vicinity of Springfield Mill Park to facilitate the aesthetic development of the facilities of the park and thereby enhance the quality of life for the mutual long term benefit of the community."

