



# The Friends of Springfield Mill Park Newsletter Six - February 2008 *Autumn/Winter Work*



## Continuing the good work



Local school children with teachers and a number of friends group members, spent an afternoon planting bulbs in November. Approximately 500 crocuses and 3000 daffodils were planted on the park.

## Tree Planting Morning – Sunday 24th February 2008 from 10am

If you wish to sponsor a tree, we still have a couple left at £25. Please contact - details on page 2.



We have about 100 trees to plant so please come along and lend a hand, even if you can only spare half an hour.

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## Funding Secured – Future Plans

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We have obtained funding from Barclays/Yorkshire Evening Post community fund and from Greggs environmental fund which have provided funds for our autumn and winter planting programme.

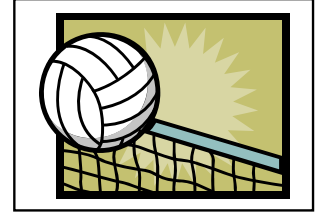
We have also submitted 4 funding bids to Morley Town Council, Leeds South Area Committee small grants scheme, Parks and Countryside and Npower. We have received some funding through the Morley Lord Mayor's fund and from local Councillors. We have also raised money through fundraising activities and through donations from members of the local community. We are awaiting a decision to learn if we have been successful with an application to the BBC Breathing Places scheme - fingers crossed!

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## Highly Commended

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The friends group have been awarded a certificate of commendation by West Yorkshire Police for the work through the Park Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The regular residents patrols, the provision of improved facilities and engaging young people in more constructive activities has been recognised as making a significant difference and lowered the level of anti-social behaviour on the park.



Football organisers with some of the participants in last autumn's tournament. Next tournament is planned for 10<sup>th</sup> May. Watch this space!

### Improvements to "Dog Free Zone"

The football pitch now stays quite clear of dog fouling but during the winter a 10 metre strip surrounding the pitch has been quite heavily fouled. The result is that young people have to walk through this to get to the pitch. Plans are afoot to construct a low level dog deterrent fence around the whole of the football pitch and picnic area, with special access for pushchairs and wheelchairs. An application has also been submitted to Leeds City Council to have this area, plus part of the woodland, designated under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act as a dog free area, thereby making it an offence to allow dogs onto this part of the park. It is hoped that these improvements will allow young people (and adults) to walk on this area without having to look where they are stepping!!

### Shine a Light!

Proposals have been considered to provide lighting on some of the footpaths across the park. Getting the funding together for this project will be no small undertaking but the first step is to seek planning permission. In addition to this being a requirement, the planning process will also allow for community consultation to take place about the proposals.

*Please join us at our next meeting!!*

**Tuesday 19th February  
2008 at 8:00pm  
Arkle pub, Springfield  
Avenue**

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*Get involved, have your say,  
join the committee or just come  
along to listen.*

*Everyone is welcome!*

For more information either  
telephone 2539007  
or email  
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### Advanced Notice – Future Events

Football Tournament – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
Table Top Sale – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008  
Family Fun Day – Sat 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008

**Please try and support your local group by  
attending the meetings and/or events, it is  
very much appreciated.**

**If you can't make the meeting but would like  
to comment on any of the items please either  
phone or email with your thoughts and  
details.**



"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."

