

P&C update of issues in the park for FoMP Steering Group 17.7.12

Summary

Since the Steering Group Meeting on 12.6.12 ...

Leeds Parks Volunteers

- Horticultural work on one of the shrub beds and vegetation cut backs from the path between Hall Pond and St Mary's Church

The Middleton Park Estate Volunteers got involved with ...

- Horticultural work on the flower beds at the bowling greens (unfortunately a number of sessions have been cancelled due to the weather recently)

Corporate Volunteers

- Halifax brought 9 volunteers to the park. Undertook work on the steps from the Clearings to Tramway.
- Mazars (an accountancy firm) brought 10 volunteers to the park. Painted the metal fence around the bowling green.

School involvement included

- Over 4 weeks the Middleton Park Schools History Project saw 270 year 4 pupils from 6 different schools learn about the history of Middleton Park. Thanks to FoMP who supported WYAS in the delivery of the project. Any Friends wish to join me when I meet with WYAS to see some of the children's output from the project and discuss opportunities for future projects? 30/7/12 10am.
- Graeme attended the Middleton St Mary's Fun afternoon (12/6/12) to publicise the park and the Parks for People project.
- 150 children from Windmill Primary visited the park on 10/7/12.

Events in the park

- Bird survey on 16.6.12 recorded 28 species in the park
- Family Sports Day on 16.6.12 organised by staff at John Charles Centre for Sport attracted 250 attendees.
- As part of the Middleton Railway Trust Big Celebration North Wakefield Radio Club broadcast to the world. A display on Middleton Park & the Parks for People Project was placed at the Moor End station.

Things of note for the near future include:

- opportunities to volunteer with the Estate Volunteers (every Thursday)
- Sharp Lane primary visiting the park
- Department of Health will be volunteering on 20/7/12
- Young people as part of Youth Reparation will be taking part in practical work in the park on every Tuesday through the summer holidays.
- 16/8/12 1.30-3.30pm Den Building & Tracks & Trails with Countryside Rangers
- 22/8/12 Wednesday in the Woods (Health for All) family event.
- 25/8/12 Middleton Meander to look at the Parks for People Project.
- 28/8/12 10am -2.30pm Bodger Camp (traditional woodland crafts) with the Countryside Rangers

Other points the group may be interested about include:

- Infant swing cradle in the playground has been removed for safety reasons. It will be repaired and put back again as soon as possible.

- Unsafe laburnum tree around the Rose Garden has been felled.
- Graeme met with Adult Social Care regarding operation of the café. Once they have access to the building they will have a 2 week period when they will fine tune their procedures before opening to the public on 3.9.12. They will operate the café 5 days of the week between 10.30am – 2.30pm.
- Finger Posts – requesting comments from FoMP on the revised version of the Finger Post plan (by 23/7/12 please).

Parks For People Project

- Building work. Completion is programmed for 17/8/12
- Landscape Work. Completion is programmed for latter half of October 2012
- 23/7/12 1pm - Horse Gin location – meeting between FoMP & contractor/architect on 23/7/12
- Interpretation. The project involves the installation of a number of boards to interpret various features in the park. The knowledge and assistance of FoMP in this aspect of the project will help to ensure the interpretation is accurate and relevant.

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