

## **P&C update of issues in the park for FoMP Steering Group 16.10.12**

### **Summary**

Since the Steering Group Meeting on 18.9.12 ...

The Middleton Park Estate Volunteers got involved with ...

- Horticultural work - weeding flower and shrub beds
- De-littering around the park

School Involvement included ...

- Seed gathering events between 9 -11.10.12
- A visit by David Young Academy to hear about P4P project and take part in Orienteering.

Events in the park

- 19.9.12 Bat Walk attracted 20+ attendees
- 24.9.12 FoMP were given the chance to have a look around the new Middleton Park Visitor Centre.

Things of note for the near future include:

- opportunities to volunteer with the Estate Volunteers (every Thursday).
- 13.10.12 Leeds Schools Athletics Association cross country run around The Clearings
- 5.11.12 Bonfire Night celebrations. Bonfire lit at 7pm. Fireworks at 7.30pm
- 18.11.12 Fungal Foray with Steve Joul. 2-4pm
- 24.11.12 Leeds Schools Athletics Association cross country run around The Clearings
- 2.12.12 'Leeds Christmas 10k' run around the park organised by Fairplay Sport
- 9.12.12 Christmas Craft making with Steve Joul. 2-4pm

### **Parks For People Project**

- Project Manager is still advising that the Middleton Park Visitor Centre is due for completion on 19.10.12
- He also informed Project Board that the Landscape Contractor is advising of a 15 to 22 day delay due to bad summer weather. When the installation of cobbles at the main entrance is also taken in to account this would see a completion date in December.
- A series of meetings have taken place between FoMP & LCC staff to develop the interpretation strategy at the park. A further meeting is planned for Tuesday 23.10.12 (2-4pm).
- Following feedback from FoMP, the building contractor is to do some more landscape profiling around the bandstand under the supervision of the Contract Administrator and with guidance from FoMP (w/c 15.10.12)
- Ongoing work on the visitor centre at the moment includes: internal decoration; installation of window shutters; cladding on the building; surfacing on the terrace and bandstand; and ceiling work on the bandstand
- Ongoing Landscape works include: entrance features on Ring Road, Beeston Park; knee rail around the car park; path from the car park to the Fish Pond; entrance features and walling at the Historic Entrance on Town Street; installing a vehicle gate at the Rose Garden; installing entrance features at Winrose Drive; and install new vehicle barrier and stone setts at Middleton Grove entrance.

Other points the group may be interested about include:

- Middleton Park Schools History Project 'Celebration' event – will now be some time in November. I will keep FoMP informed of developments.
- Either Louise Martin/Marianne Grainger-James of WYAS/WYJS can talk to the FoMP AGM on 20/11/12 about the History Project.
- Basic Food Hygiene training course on 30.10.12 will be attended by two FoMP trustees and myself. Further training will be made available to other trustees as it becomes available.
- Replacing the rope climbing frame. I am waiting for a response from the relevant section of P&C – apologies.

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