

P&C update of issues in the park for FoMP meeting 19.3.13

Summary

Since the Steering Group Meeting on 19.2.13 ...

The Middleton Park Estate Volunteers got involved with ...

- Planting up the herbaceous perennial flower beds in the Rose Garden
- Planting up the rose beds in the Rose Garden
- Litter clearance
- Sprucing up the bowling greens ready for the coming season.

School Involvement

- Westwood Primary brought two x year 4 classes to take part in environmental activities.

Things of note for the near future include:

- 22-24.3.13 Archaeological investigation in to the Ice House
- 26.3.13 Toad Count from 7.30pm onwards – help P&C officers to survey the amphibian life of the pond
- 4.4.13 Easter Eggstravaganza – 1.30-3.30pm led by Countryside Rangers
- 10.4.13 Bird Survey – 7-9am
- April – re-creation of the wildflower meadow as part of the national Urban Pollinators Project.

Parks For People Project

- 709 recorded café customers in February (356 in January)
- Ongoing Landscape works include: the main Town St entrance; the Rose Garden flowerbeds and grassed areas; finishing the viewing area at Middleton Broom; installation of interpretation plinths; and removal of defunct 'furniture'.
- I have been informed that the work will be finished on Wednesday 20th March
- I met with members of FoMP to get precise locations for some of the interpretation plinths.
- I have made a list of potential works to consider should there be any under spend on the project. Project Board have also been presented with a list of suggestions made by FoMP.
- One FoMP trustee has taken up the offer of attending an Emergency First Aid course. Dates when these are available include ...
4th April at Headingley
26th April at Dewsbury Road
16th May at Headingley
24th May at Dewsbury Road
- I am waiting for more dates regarding Food Hygiene course
- I would also like FoMP trustees to attend a Health & Safety overview which would include procedures in the event of a fire at the visitor centre.

Other Matters

- Approximately 250m of bridleway and footpath from Park Halt to Winrose Drive have received a new surface. This will make access from this entrance to the rest of the park a lot easier for all.

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