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# Newsletter A/W 2017

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## Our onsite gardener

Sadly we have been unable to keep our on site gardener despite the best efforts of those who protested, sent letters to the local press and signed petitions. Unfortunately this has resulted in the many of the problems we foresaw - rubbish bins have often been overflowing and debris from drug taking is being left lying around the park. The quality of pruning and trimming bushes has not been great and indeed, in places, branches are overhanging footpaths and neighbouring gardens. The shrubbery near the children's play area is overly high and as such is a potential safety issue. The FOWP are constantly taking these issues to Amey and we can only hope they are addressed.

## Summer events

- Sale Guides and Scouts held a very successful fun day in April, celebrating St George's Day with lots of activities including numerous stalls and funfair rides.
- Sale Lions annual Fathers Day event was also a success in June with lots of stalls and activities for everyone.
- June 11th saw the popular Sale Brass band playing in the park and the annual Bowling Competition.

## Coffee in the Park

The **Das Camper Collective** coffee van has been a very popular sight in the park over the summer.

## Sunken Garden

Two of the four beds were replanted using funding from Sale Mayoral fund, a Make Sale Smile grant and money from the FOWP two years ago. The FOWP are currently looking at the other two beds and how improvements there might be funded. It is hoped that a volunteers group can help with improving these beds and other areas of the park. Please keep an eye on the FB group pages, website and notice boards for more information as to how you can get involved.

## Carols around the Dovecote

This year's event in Walkden Gardens is on Saturday 2 December 2017 from 12.30 pm. As well as stalls selling mince pies and mulled wine, there are performances by the Salvation Army Band and local primary school choirs. The FOWP stall is home to Father Christmas who has kindly agreed to call again this year. The Friends of Worthington Park also hosts a lucky dip with presents for younger children.

## Carols in Worthington Park

Glasshouse Bootleg Choir will be singing Christmas carols in the park from the bandstand on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Always a special family event, you are invited to join them. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and drinks and treats for children available. While there is no charge for attending, a donation towards costs would be appreciated. Please bring a torch and, if you wish, a chair ☺



## Christmas Tree

As in recent years everyone is invited to help decorate the Christmas Tree in the park. From the beginning of December bring a bauble when you visit.

## Fun Dog Show 2018

Next year's fun dog show run by Sale Scouting and Guiding is scheduled for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April with proceeds going to Riding for the Disabled. There will be lots of classes and stalls.

## Walks

The weekly **Health Walks** continue on Mondays at 11.00am (meeting at the bowling pavilion and ending there for tea and biscuits).

The **Alzheimers Society Walk and Talk Group** continues to meet on Tuesdays at 10.30am at the Broad Road entrance.

***If you would like to help with this you would be very welcome.*** Volunteers are vital to Alzheimer's Society's goal of improving the lives of people affected by dementia.

Anyone who is interested in walking or volunteering or would like more info should contact Sue Smith by email at [sue.smith@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:sue.smith@alzheimers.org.uk)

## Green Flag and Trip Advisor certificate of excellence

Along with another Green Flag award we are pleased to report that Worthington Park was awarded a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence for 2017.

## Antisocial behaviour

Sadly the park occasionally sees some antisocial behaviour including drug taking, littering (including leaving broken glass bottles which can result in injuries to children and dogs), inappropriate use of fireworks and dog fouling. Please consider others when using the park.

Random fireworks that just bang cause trauma not just to pets but can be a massive problem for people with small children who go to bed early. However the biggest problem by far is for the ex military suffering from PTSD.

Dog owners please be aware not everyone likes dogs and some people are genuinely scared, so try to stop your dogs running up to everyone and do PLEASE pick up your dog's poo 😊

## If you do see or experience any antisocial behaviour please:

- report it to TMBC Safer Communities team ring 0161 912 3434 or email [safer.communities@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:safer.communities@trafford.gov.uk)
- for an incident that is not an emergency, ring the Police on 101
- for general enquiries, ring Altrincham Police Station (Monday- Friday 7.am – 3.00pm) on 0161 856 7530 or email [TraffordSouth@gmp.police.uk](mailto:TraffordSouth@gmp.police.uk)

