

# The Friends of Worthington Park

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## Spring/Summer 2021 NEWSLETTER



Well it's been some time since we put together a FOWP newsletter. While it's been the strangest of years it is so lovely that we have had our gorgeous park to enjoy. It has been a delight to see just how well the park is being used. Hopefully if we all continue to be careful we should be looking forward to a brighter future.

While the committee haven't been meeting in person we have been fairly busy.

### **Easter Trail**

We were fortunate to be included in Sale Guiding's Easter Trail. This has proved very popular and we really appreciate Sale Guiding for including us - thank you.

### **Extreme Coffee**

The coffee van in the park is a big hit. Extreme Coffee is proving very popular partly due to the regularity of their visits to the park. The owners have kindly made a significant donation to our park funds and on top of that their coffee is very good as well!



### **Wood Carvings**

We were very sad to lose the much loved carving of The Wizard last year through wear and tear.

Through successful grant applications to Trafford Council Inclusive Neighbourhood Grants and Sale Mayoral Fund, and donations to our 'Go Fund Me' page (massive thanks to all who have donated), we are very happy that Andrew Burgess, a local woodcarver, has been commissioned to create new carvings. To celebrate George Mottershead, a local entrepreneur and the founder of Chester Zoo who lived in Sale as a young man, the theme for these first carvings is zoo animals. These will sit on tree stumps and you should start to see these appear in the autumn. Initially these are going on tree stumps near the toilets but our plans are to go further into the park when and where suitable places can be identified.



Again thank you for your support, your continued contributions towards this project and other projects are very much appreciated!

### **Park maintenance**

The Friends of Worthington Park committee members regularly liaise with One Trafford about park maintenance and we are delighted that the Friends group has been successful in our request to renovate the toilet block and bandstand. It is hoped this work will be

carried out soon. As well as painting the toilets these will be thoroughly cleaned, new flooring will be laid in the Men's and some rotten woodwork replaced. The bandstand will also receive also necessary treatment and painting work.

We are also continuing to pursue the possibility of the toilets being opened over the weekend. Volunteers to open, lock up and clean after the weekend would be required for this to happen and we are negotiating with AMEY to enable this to happen. It is recognised the importance of having access to the toilets at weekends.

### **Volunteer gardeners**

Again, working together with Amey, a new group of volunteer gardeners will soon begin regular working sessions. New gardening tools have been purchased using funds and donations - again thanks to all who have so generously given to help improve our park.

### **Litter picks**

We are hoping to be able to announce a programme of regular litter picks in the park - details will be posted on FB and the web pages.

### **Defibrillator**

One of the current projects we are fundraising for is a defibrillator. This will be installed on the outside of the toilets, one of the few places in the park where electricity is easily accessible. Although we hope it won't be well used it will be an invaluable resource. We have still not quite reached the necessary amount required but thanks to generous contributions from Sale Lions and Becca Broadbent (These Mums do Fitness) we are getting close. We'd particularly like to thank Becca who uses the park regularly for her fitness classes - its really appreciated.

For any other business owners that use the park for free we'd love for you to follow Becca's inspiring lead. 😊

### **Asthma awareness**

After online training in asthma awareness organised by BreathChamps CIC, a social enterprise company that helps children with asthma in fun ways, The Friends of Worthington Park has now been accredited as a child asthma friendly organisation.

### **Treasure Hunt**

Heather Henry, who runs BreathChamps CIC is organising treasure hunts as part of her campaign to make Sale the UK's first child asthma friendly town. We are very fortunate to have one organised for Saturday 26 June 10am -12noon. The treasures will be covid safe in zip lock bags along with asthma awareness information sheets.



### **Art Auction**

With a local artist on the committee we are happy to be announcing that we will be holding an art auction soon. Keep a close eye on our FB pages and website for more details - coming soon.



Details of the  donation page can be found on our website [worthingtonpark.org.uk](http://worthingtonpark.org.uk)