

The Friends of Worthington Park

Autumn/Winter 2024 NEWSLETTER



Noticeboards

The three noticeboards have been refreshed. Two will continue to advertise upcoming events and important notices. The third will feature the work of our gardening group and advertise opportunities to volunteer.

Volunteering

We have held quite a few litter picks and tidy days with cakes, coffee and tea provided. We really appreciate everyone who donated cakes or came to help. Keep an eye on FB for the next sessions.

Refresh of poster and replacement of damaged Perspex

The original poster in the Wildflower Garden was suffering from water damage. Thanks go to Love to Frame for donating a new refreshed information poster for the lectern there.

We are replacing the Perspex in the Broad Road noticeboard and the tree trail lectern.

New Bird House

A new bird house has been donated to the park. Thanks so much to Stephen Alexander Harris whose sister made this beautiful bird house.



St George's Day

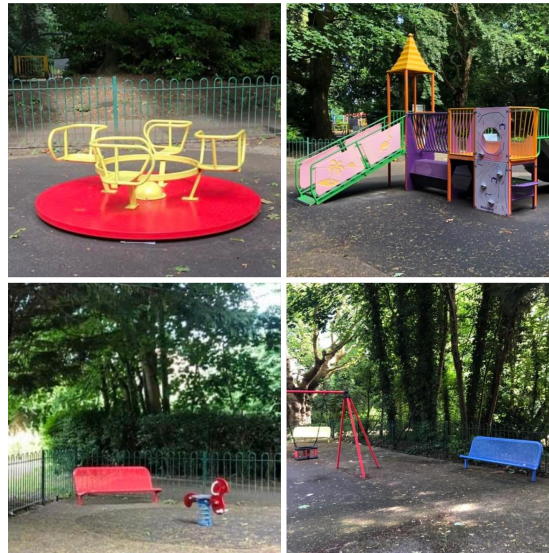
This year we had a stall at the annual Scouts and Girlguiding St George's Parade and Fun Day.

Father's Day

Sale Lions held their annual fun day in the park on 12th June.

Toddler playground

We are delighted that Dulux donated the paint and their staff's time to transform the toddler playground. A massive thank you to Dulux.



Summer Picnic

Our summer picnic and fun dog show was well attended and as well as the usual Friends' tombola stall we had some fun games including Hook a Duck and Splat the Rat. Thanks so much to everyone who took part, all those who helped us and all those who came.

We're already working on ideas to make the event even better next year which will be commemorating Mary Worthington and her wonderful gift to the people of Sale.



Worthington Park

The Friends of Worthington Park
Picnic in the Park
Sunday 7th July 1.00 - 4.00pm

Sale Brass Band 1.00-1.30pm
Footsteps Dance Academy 1.30-1.50pm
Sale Brass Band 2.00-2.30pm
Sing and Wiggle 2.30-3.00pm

Urmston Dog Training Club
Dog Display 3.00pm
Fun Dog Show 3.10-4.00pm

funfair games including Splat the Rat and Hook a Duck
arts and crafts workshops including making crowns and fairy doors
face painting
tombolas
a variety of stalls
refreshments including icecream van
coffee van
burgers and beverages
GM Fire Service

NHS Retirement Fellowship

Guide Dogs collection

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Willow Goat

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Footsteps Dance School

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Fairy doors

Many of the Fairy doors that were decorated at our Summer Picnic in the Park have been put up on trees in the park. Some are located on trees along the path from the toilet block going past the sunken garden towards the playgrounds. There are also some are near the Joule field.



RHS Britain in Bloom

Last year we were awarded “OUTSTANDING - Level 5”. We’ve entered again and have our fingers crossed for another good result. Results will be announced at the end of October.

Green Flag

We have been awarded a green flag again this year and the flag is now proudly flying in the triangle garden.

Willow Tree Nursery

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Willow Tree Day Nursery. The children enjoyed flower bombing in the wild flower garden.



Gardening Group

Our gardening group continues to meet on Tuesdays 10.00am -12.00 noon (weather permitting), this group works hard to keep the park looking good. They are always happy for more people to help. See our web pages and FB group for info on how you can help.

The Gardening group has been working hard all summer and are currently preparing the ground for a new project. A grant has been awarded to start a community orchard. This is going to be done with local schools.

The group has also started work to prepare an area of the park in preparation for a pet memorial to be installed.



Bulb Planting

Saturday 2nd November, 10am - 1.00pm, meet at the Pavillion in the Bowling Green - refreshments will be provided.

Community Payback

This group has worked hard in the park. An area they have been working on is the old gardening waste recycling area behind the playgrounds. This is where we intend to site the community orchard. We are also exploring developing this into a more appropriate recycling area.

Carved animals

These have been given an oil to keep them in tip top condition. Thank you

New benches

5 new benches have been installed in the park this year. We are very happy that we raised funds to install one in memory of Barry Brookes, our wonderful gardener.



Fun Quiz and Games Night

The last two quizzes were so popular and raised significant amounts for the park that more are in the planning stage. Our next quiz will be on Friday 8th November 7pm for 7.30pm start. More details on FB soon.

We'll be on the look out for raffle prizes so if you have anything you could donate please let us know - thanks.

AGM

This is planned for the 13th November at 7.00pm at Sale Sport Cub. All welcome.

Carols Around the Dove Cote at Walkden Gardens

Saturday 7th December 2024 12.30-3.30pm

Don't miss Sandra Claus who will this year be helped by a very special Elf and of course there will be our ever popular lucky dip hosted by the Friends.

Christmas decorations

Keep an eye on our FB page to see when the annual decorating of the Bandstand will take place. As ever all help is appreciated. We're hoping Sandra Claus will be able to come and see our decorations this year - keep an eye out on FB for a date.

Walking Group

The walking group continues to meet every Monday at 11.00am at the Pavilion in the bowling area.

To keep up to date on what's happening in the park and for more information on volunteering:

- please look at our web pages - worthingtonpark.org.uk
- and join our FB group - The Friends of Worthington Park

If you enjoy our park, please consider making a small donation to the Friends Group by scanning the QR code here or online at www.gofundme.com/help-worthington-park



Thank you :)

You can help!

Bins too full? Equipment broken or vandalised? Call the One Trafford Amey-Council Partnership 03330 035865 (open 8:30am-5:30pm; Monday-Friday)

Cafe update

I think several people know we have been talking to a potential investor to have a small permanent cafe in our park. As well as a cafe serving food and drinks with regular trading hours, a huge benefit would be having someone to open the toilets at weekends.

We love having Extreme Coffee visit the park and it's really good that they have started posting when they are going to be in the park but we appreciate they have other commitments which mean they are unable to commit regular days and hours.

Unfortunately it's becoming apparent that what we had hoped would be a relatively straightforward small project is not now. A location with access to water and power is required and while it would be ideal to share an existing building which is only used seasonally there is unfortunately some opposition to this.

We're continuing to work to try to reach a solution so keep your fingers crossed.