

Summer Newsletter 2023

Hello Members, we hope you are enjoying the summer!

Picnic in the Park



250 people came along to a very enjoyable Picnic in the Park, on 18th June, also Father's Day. We listened to the fabulous Todmorden Community Brass Band. They played a wide mix of tunes.



Some families played a variety of outdoor games, popular with the children.



How lucky we were in being able to dodge the rain and storms! The plant stall had a wide range of healthy, popular plants and raised a good level of funds for FocVP. Huge thanks to all those who volunteered their time in different ways to make this event happen, including the plant donors.

Bird Walk in the Park



24 people came along to the Bird Walk led by Bob and Steve, at the beginning of May, which by all accounts was an enjoyable morning. There's even a plan to start a Bird Group.

There was an interesting discussion about how to spot particular birds and to hear the difference between Chiffchaffs and Willow Warblers. 6 people joined the Friends as a result of coming along. Big thanks to those who organised and led it. It sounds like there's good support for more bird walks.

Park Work Volunteering



Over the last few months, we've joined up with other community groups. Incredible Edible Todmorden planted wild flower plugs with us near the band stand, inviting us to lunch afterwards. In June we had a collective bash at Himalayan Balsam behind the cricket club with volunteers from Friends of Christchurch and Focus Tree. We are also pleased to have hosted 4 young people from the Compass Community School who hope to help out regularly.

We do a range of jobs in the park including looking after our flower beds and the woodland. It's a chance to catch up with people and just enjoy some fresh air. If you would like to get involved, please contact Rachel.

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Park Walkabout

FOCVP committee members met with Paul and Grant, Calderdale Park staff for our periodic walkabout every 4 months. We share concerns and get updates on work being done in the park.

Calderdale council is still struggling to fund maintenance and improvements, and has been short



of staff, but there is good news - it is recruiting 10 park and recreation staff, 5 gardeners and 5 on the cleansing side across the borough. We hope this will help to speed up getting things done.

Green Sports Centre: We visited the site of the air source heat pump at the back of the Sports Centre, now complete along with the installation of the solar panels. It has been newly landscaped with trees planted and wild flowers sown, and there is a plan to sow more wild flowers in due course.

Green Flag Status

The flag pole is not yet up for the green flag that should fly over the park to mark its Green Flag status. We were told by park staff it will be in place by the end of June- but we are still waiting.

We hope for continuing Green Flag status - it was granted last summer - the park will receive an unannounced visit sometime in the near future to see if the status is to continue.

Pop Up in the Park



FOCVP hold regular Pop-ups in the park to publicise the group and its activities. We value feedback from park users, and they often ask us about what's happening in the park. Do come along and get involved. Members are very welcome to get involved in all our activities.

SAVE THE DATES....!!!!

Park Work Volunteering 10.30am - midday: Thursday 20 July...
...and more dates will be available soon.

Friends POP-UP in the Park: To be confirmed

AGM - 20 July 7.00pm via zoom Please join the zoom to make sure we are quorate/representative of members for important decision making.

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Very best wishes and hope to see you all soon..... Friends Committee