

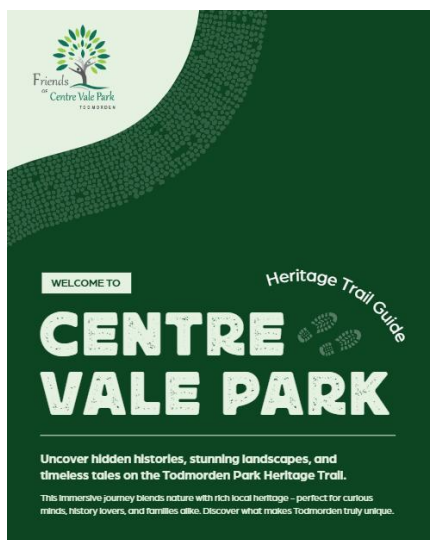
Newsletter Summer 2025

Summer sunshine is here - time to enjoy the park!

Heritage Trail Restored

With grants from Todmorden Town Council and Calderdale Council the Friends have restored the Heritage Trail. The trail includes 17 features of interest that help reveal the history of the park and how it has evolved over time. The Centre Vale Estate was created from farmland during the first half of the 19th century, and this Trail will show you some of the hidden history of these lost farms together with the wildlife that can be seen here.

Follow the route with a 12-page guide and map, available from Todmorden Information Centre, or use the QR code below to have a digital copy from our website.



A huge thank you to the guys at STEELTECH who donated their expertise, time and materials to restore the trail's seventeen marker posts.



Park Work Volunteering

We've been busy preparing the fruit garden for judging in the Todmorden in Bloom gardens competition. It now has a fantastic new sign to encourage people to come in and pick whatever fruit or herbs are available.



Currently, there's a great crop of redcurrants which make beautiful jelly or can just be sprinkled on your breakfast cereal to add to your 5-a-day.

www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/redcurrant-recipes



We're taking a break from regular park sessions over the summer, but do look out for one-off work days. These will be promoted via social media or contact:

rachel@friendsofcentrevalepark.org.uk

Picnic in the Park

What fun we had! Many thanks to those who contributed to making our annual picnic event such a success - once again, enjoyed by so many - there were plants and bands, a Mayor and lucky dogs!



Anger at Environment Agency

Many of you will have been aghast by the wild flowers, planted by the Friends and Incredible Edible volunteers, filled with butterflies - being mowed down. In partnership with the park staff team and Calderdale Council the Friends are making a strong complaint to the Environment Agency which 'manages these flood embankments' - watch this space.



If you wish to add your voice, emails to:
gemma.hirst@environment-agency.gov.uk

Footfall Counters

A team of 18 Friends have stepped up to be involved in counting the footfall coming into the park from the main gate.



The purpose is to measure and make comparison with this time next year. Thanks to **Mr. Beans café** for storing our equipment - look out for us, say hello - every Saturday & Sunday, come rain or shine, 11am - 3pm for the next 8 weekends.

Change, Construction and Demolition

The park will continue to look like a building site for a few more months yet. New lighting along the main pathway to the Sports Centre is going in. Demolition of the Conservatory in the Remembrance Gardens is complete and the Friends are involved in renovating the space to complement the peaceful space which is the Remembrance Garden. The entrance barrier at the North Lodge has been replaced with entry poles enabling far better ease of access for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams and for everyone.



The temporary school for Castle Hill pupils is nearing completion with the classrooms in place and the entry road now with tarmac - it looms large on the meadow - the children arrive in September.



The Bandstand is expected to be completed in October and a grand reopening pencilled for the 19th. More information about the Town Deal projects can be found here:

www.todtccentrevaleparkprojects.org.uk/updates-milestones



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Hope to see you all soon!