

Newsletter Summer 2026

Thank you all for your ongoing support

Centre Vale Pleasure Park!

On a bright afternoon, our friendly seaside-themed picnic was a wonderful success with over 300 people.



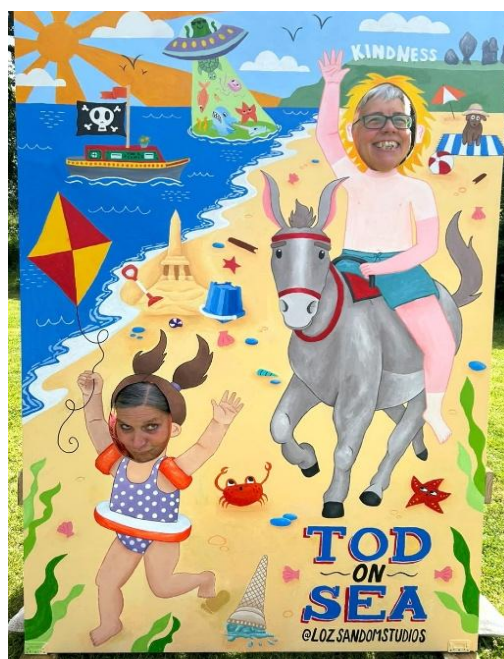
Our town Mayor, Councillor Mary Carrigan and her Consort, Councillor Denis Skelton joined by two super-cheeky dodos!



Huge thanks to all the people who volunteered to make it happen - it was great teamwork!



With Tod Brass Band, plant stall, sand pit, kids potting shed, magician and Punch & Judy - there was fun for everyone!



Dates for your Diary

	Sunshine Garden Re-vamp : Sunday 16 August
	Kids Cycle Repair & POP UP : Saturday 22 August
	AGM & Social @ Pavilion : Thursday 10 September

Bug Hotel Project

With very enthusiastic children from Castle Hill primary, the snug bug-metropolis was completed.



Friends Alicia above and Dan below, plus Barry and Bob helped the children create miniature bug-rooms and place them within the 3' tall structure.



Be the Park's 'Eyes and Ears'

Sadly, the park isn't loved by all, and you may have seen or read about the main entrance bench and signage being vandalised. If you can, our collective responsibility includes taking action when we see or hear something. Our reports are being logged and are adding to increased security measures. If you are concerned by the behaviour or actions of anyone in the park:

1. **Ring 999** if you consider a crime is occurring - the Police and/or the Fire Brigade do attend
2. If you feel safe to do so, tell the people directly there is **live CCTV in action** - in addition to one on the Bandstand, there is one located on the top of the lamp post next to the shelter beside the path running toward John Fielden statue from the main entrance - it has a wide-view live feed to a security centre in Halifax
3. **Call 101** if not immediately urgent, to report damage done, suspicion of potential damage, or abusive language towards you.

Putting the shine back into the 'Sunshine Garden'

Work is starting soon on an exciting makeover for the Sunshine Garden. Originally created in 2016 as a sensory and wildlife haven, this peaceful spot is getting a fresh upgrade. Visitors will still be able to stroll down the gravel path to the bench, soak in the sunshine, and enjoy the beautiful park views and woodland scenery. Best of all, the air will be filled once again with the sweet fragrance of the surrounding trees and shrubs.



We're hoping to breathe new life back into this area by clearing back to the original plants, dividing and spreading them, pruning where needed and adding some attractive, impactful ground cover plants and shrubs. We'll also mulch the area and in time, add a low fence or rail along each side of the path.

The more volunteers there are, the quicker the transformation! Do come and join us. Please email sarahfreeston@yahoo.com for further details and to receive an invitation to the next session which will be on **Sun 16th August from 2.00pm to 3.30pm**

Balsam Bashers 2026

The annual battle against the invasive Himalayan Balsam took place just over the woodland border within the cricket grounds. Pulled, broken and stamped - the destruction was enjoyed by all!



Wood Whittling

A big thank you to Friend Miranda Cowan for so generously sharing her skills experience at the wood whittling workshop



Keep up to date and share your thoughts about the park by joining the Friends private Facebook group - link to join:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1LShqdgVC4/>

Wild Seed Meadow

The wild seeded meadow has been commented on by many Tod residents within social media.



Provided as some compensation by Yorkshire Water for the muddy chaos created earlier in the year, the patch is now a sea of oxeye daisies, poppies, cornflowers and buttercups - the whole area is a-buzz with pollinators.

Thank you to Philip Marshall for sharing this charming photo taken by his dad in the 1920s. It shows Philip's grandparents on the left relaxing with friends in the Remembrance Gardens. You can see the mansion house in the background. Though an image of an era long gone, the pleasures remain the same.



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Hope to see you all soon!