

# Friends of Charnock Recreations Grounds



We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and found lots to do, hopefully, with your continued support by this time next year our community park should have some of the new play equipment installed and ready to use, giving us a more interesting local attraction for our kids to play on.

Well what have we been up to -  
**READ ON TO FIND OUT!!**

## FASHION SHOW -17<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

What a fantastic time we all had here, the event was held at the Gleadless Methodist Church Hall, on White Lane. The clothes provided and sold by "Simply Clothes"- high street names, at discount prices, and with 20 local children modelling the kids wear, and 10 ladies modelling the ladies wear, we certainly raised a few smiles along the way- **Yes** needless to say some of the "Friends" committee members got roped in to this activity. Refreshments were on sale on the night and we ran a tombola to help boost the funds. All in all we had very positive feedback from those who attended on the night and supported our cause and we raised £405.00 from this evening. Well done to all who came along.



Thank you to - **Gleadless Methodist Church** for allowing us to use their venue, and to Isobel and Pam, for being such fantastic sports on the night, donning the fashions for all to see, and seemingly enjoying themselves in the process. Thanks for your support ladies! Thanks to our refreshment ladies, Joanne, Paula, Angela and Alison, you did a brilliant job and we really appreciate your help, we really could not have done it without you!

Thank you so much to all our models - without you guys the show would not have happened - you were all great!

Thanks also to all who attended the event and to all who donated prizes for the tom bola.

## SECTION 106 MONEY.

For those who live locally, you will have noticed the development of apartments/ flats at the side of the "Old Harrow" pub on White Lane. We have been working alongside our Local Councillors, in the main CNCLLR MIKE PYE, to secure the Section 106 money from this development for the park. This is money that the contractor has to give to the community for the building work that has been done (This is a very simplified explanation! otherwise we would be here for a long time explaining!!)

The good news being that we have been successful in this bid and have been advised by the Council that we can have this money this financial year, it is worth in the region of £7,000 to £8,000 to spend on the park. What brilliant news.

## PARK QUESTIONNAIRES.

Over the last few months we have distributed questionnaires to the community, through the school children at Charnock Hall Primary School and Sunflower Children's Centre, and through the public consultation day at Gleadless Library. The questionnaires were designed by the "Friends" committee with the help of Parks and Countryside, Sheffield City Council, to give members of the public their chance to have a say about what they would like to see in the park.

We had a fantastic response, 176 people took the time to have their say. The questionnaires have been forwarded to Parks and Countryside who are analysing the results and will be taking in to account the ideas and views in the planning of the park improvements.

The general consensus appears to be that the improvements are wanted and welcomed to the park, that equipment is desired for both younger and older children, ideally a mini football pitch, and for the long term a multi games court.

## SUPPORT FROM OUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

The "Friends" group are pleased to announce that our local councillors have given their support for the group and the planned improvements to the park. We were

invited to meet Cncllr Denise Fox and Cncllr Bryan Lodge for pre local election photographs, and appeared in the bulletin that was circulated to many households in our local area, thus raising the profile of the group. Thanks for this opportunity and also thanks to Cncllr Mike Pye for his continued help and support of the group.

### CONSULTATION TIME.

We have been very busy consulting with members of the community, over the last few months, it's your park and we need to know what you want.

How have we done this??

### 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007. - PUBLIC CONSULTATION MORNING

This was held at the Gleadless Library, on White Lane, we invited people from the community to come along and meet us, and have their say. There was the opportunity to give ideas and to fill in one of our questionnaires, and for those that wished to, to become a member.

The "Friends" put on a PowerPoint demonstration about the aims and objectives of the group and this could be viewed throughout the morning.

Thanks to all who attended for showing an interest in your local area and supporting the group. Your opinions are very important to us.

A big thank you also to **MOSSBROOK VALLEY WILDLIFE GROUP**, who very kindly donated £10 to our fund. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

### CHARNOCK HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CONSULTATION.

Thank you to all at the school for allowing us to engage with the children, to find out directly from those who are likely to be using the new facilities what they actually want.

We had some excellent ideas from some of the Year 5 and 6 children, who with the help of their art teacher, Mrs. Hodkinson, designed some fantastic images of their vision for the environmental area of the park project. There were some really good ideas and everyone really worked hard on this project.

Also some of the infants have been involved. Two of our committee members, attended school with a large cardboard beehive (**OUR Friends of LOGO**), and asked the children about their current likes and dislikes about the park, and then they were each given a paper bee, to draw on its tummy, their favourite piece of equipment that they would like to see new in the park. Well done and thank you to all who participated in these consultations, we again had some fantastic feedback from the children and some very firm ideas of what they would like to see in their park. The top requests being a new set of swings, roundabout, climbing frame, dizzy sticks. Interestingly nearly all the kids said they would like something that went fast and that made them feel dizzy??

### **The "FRIENDS" talk to the older kids.**

Several of us took ourselves off one sunny evening to meet the older kids in our local parks, we visited Herdings Park, New park on Gleadless Common, and Hollinsend Park, as well as our own on Carterhall Lane. We talked to kids ranging from around 11 years to around 15/16 years old.

They were very responsive and very interested in our project and gave us some very valuable feedback, and seemed genuinely pleased that we were taking the time to talk to them and to listen to their views.

The thing that struck us the most was that they really seemed to appreciate the equipment that had been put in for them at some of these parks, especially the basketball courts! We were told at Herdings that some gangs who used to cause trouble together had

now actually started to use the pitch to have matches against each other and rather than hanging around causing trouble they now got on and had fun together.

The same sort of feedback came from Gleadless common, we were told that the basketball court was a place that had allowed people to play together and to make new friends, whilst doing something they all enjoyed. They often went there to meet - thus getting them off the street corners!

### GROUP AWARENESS DAY- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 07.

Thank you to Sunflower Children's centre, Sheffield 12, for supporting us with this very successful day, held at Crystal Peaks shopping centre.

The "friends" organised tombola and had for sale a few small items, whilst staff from the Children's centre painted faces and donated all proceeds for the park.

We spoke to many people on the day and were overwhelmed by the support that the public gave to us for the idea to regenerate a local park for the community, everyone was very generous and those buying the tombola tickets won some lovely prizes. Thanks for taking part!

The event raised £323.80, well done!

Thanks to Crystal Peaks for allowing us to stand there, to all who donated their time to the event and to all who donated the tombola prizes.



### SMALL GRANTS FUND.

We are very pleased to announce that Sheffield City Council have awarded our group a £500 grant, which we had to apply for.

The money is to be used for the administrative needs for the group, i.e., paper, printing, flyers, office equipment, etc, and then proof of this expenditure is sent back to the council.

This will certainly be a big help to the group.

### NOTICE BOARD.

For those who live locally and frequent the park, you may have noticed that we now have a very nice notice board in which to advertise the news with regards to the park, the fundraising events, etc.

The notice board is situated at the right hand side of Carterhall Lane as you walk towards the park, more or less opposite the side entrance to the school.

This notice board was donated by Sheffield City Council, and we would like to say a big thank you for this.

Please keep yourselves informed of events and news from the friends by having a look at the board when you are passing. OR

Alternatively visit the website at [www.friendsofcharnockrec.co.uk](http://www.friendsofcharnockrec.co.uk)

### MOBILE PHONE APPEAL.

The "Friends" recently launched an appeal for old mobile phones, so that working in conjunction with a company called Fones4Schools, we could recycle them and use the money raised for the park.

We ran the appeal through our local school, (CHARNOCK HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL) and SUNFLOWER CHILDREN'S CENTRE, and through GLEADLESS LIBRARY, who all agreed to collect the phones on our behalf. **Thank you to all who helped with this appeal, especially to the school, children,**

parents, Sunflower Centre, Library and the community.

We also had a generous donation of phones from South Yorkshire Police, Moss way Police Station, who donated mobiles from the station that had not been claimed back within the designated time. **THANKYOU.**

Thank you so much for the phones that you donated, we reached our target of 200 phones, but are well on the way to our next 200.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD PHONES LYING AROUND UNWANTED, (Any condition, any age, not working, no chargers), WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THEM.**

**GIVE TRACEY A CALL ON 0114 2 656784.**

### **MASTER PLAN.**

This is the latest stage that the group have reached, we have with the help of Sheffield City Council and information that we have collated through our consultations with the public, a list of bullet points that the community would like to see in the park space. These have been sent to the architects at the council, and this will now be drawn up in to a masterplan of how the area could look, over time, if the necessary monies are raised. Once this is finished it will be available to be seen at our events. The Local Area Panel of Sheffield City Council have agreed to fund the master plan for the group, for which we are very grateful

### **BREATHING SPACES BID.**

You may remember that the friends had submitted a bid to the Lottery for money towards the proposed environmental area. Unfortunately we were advised in May that on this occasion we had been unsuccessful, purely because there were such a large number of groups that had applied for the limited funding that had been available. Although disappointed, we have been able to keep the valuable information that we collated and can use this towards any future bids that the group makes.

### **AN IMPORTANT PLEA FROM OUR LOCAL CHILDREN.**

#### **ATTENTION ALL DOG WALKERS.**

Our local children have raised many concerns over people allowing their dogs to foul on the playing field and not cleaning up after them. They have asked that we **APPEAL** to the better nature of those responsible to ask- **PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR DOG POO!!**

Some asking - **DO YOU REALISE YOUR DOG'S POO CAN MAKE US ILL, AND IN SOME CASES CAN CAUSE BLINDNESS !**

Please help make it a nicer, cleaner and safer place to play! **THANKS.**

### **EVENTS.**

Do you have any ideas for a fund raising event, what would you like to see, what would you enjoy?

Please contact us, we welcome ideas!

Visit the website - [www.friendsofcharnockrec.co.uk](http://www.friendsofcharnockrec.co.uk)  
Call - Tracey - 01142 656784.

We are hoping to hold a race night, Christmas raffle, family night - what do you think?

### **DONATIONS.**

Can you help? Cash, cheque, time, raffle prizes.

No matter how small it all really helps, please contact us, again the details of how to donate are on our website, or call Tracey on the above number.

Thank you for reading -

**Together we can achieve these changes to our park**  
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**BEE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY!**