

Thanks for all the donations to our Grand Christmas prize draw 2010, which were received from those businesses below – all prizes have been claimed!

P&A JEWELLERY, WALKLEY - £25 jewellery voucher
JOHN LEWIS, SHEFFIELD - £25 Voucher
CHUTNEY Indian/Bangladesh restaurant, White Lane, S12 - £20 voucher
HAMPER - To all who donated food and drink produce – thanks!
JEFF'S Newsagents, Charnock shops – 2 bottles wine/bottle of Sherry
SHEFFIELD STEELERS – voucher for 2 to see game on 15th Jan 2011
MANOR OPERATICS SOCIETY – voucher for 2 panto tickets
SHEFFIELD THEATRES – voucher for 2 to see a show

SWAN, MAIN RD, RIDGEWAY - meal for 2
CYGNET CAFÉ, RIDGEWAY CRAFT CENTRE - 2 cream teas
GENTS DIVISION, ABBEY LANE - £100 of hairdressing products
RAPID TAN 'N' TONE, WHITE LANE - 2 weeks use of Flabelos Table
LOUISE - RAPID TAN 'N' TONE, White Lane, Sheffield S12 - £15 Manicure and Polish
PPG ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS, Batley, West Yorkshire - £50 decorating voucher
WOODSEATS MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY - 4 x tickets to production

Many other prizes were donated eg food/ drink products for the hampers from local residents, friends of group committee/family members too.

The draw took place at Charnock Hall Primary School on Weds 8th dec, drawn by the children in Mr. Stubbs class. Thank you to all who enabled this to happen and a big thanks to the children involved – you all did a brilliant job!

We feel that it is very important to keep the children involved in events like this as the park improvements will directly benefit them and we and the headteacher, Mrs Anderson firmly believe that the more the children are involved in working with us trying to achieve the changes, the more likely that it will be that they will feel some kind of ownership of the park and therefore be more likely to respect it as they get older.

Thanks to local businesses for their continued support/cash donations, Summer 2010:
Kippy's Cards , Gleadless Townend, Sheffield S12
The Swan, Ridgeway- Main Road, Sheffield
Websters Butchers – White Lane, Sheffield S12

Donations (Cash) – Summer 2009:
Kippy's cards- Gleadless Townend, Sheffield S12
The Swan - Main Road, Ridgeway, Sheffield
Dexters Floor Coverings, Gleadless Townend, Sheffield S12
Westfield Opticians, Gleadless Townend, Sheffield
DK Davenport Kitchens, Sheffield S12
Basegreen Service Station, Sheffield S12
Ian Shepherd – UPVC double glazing – Basegreen Crescent, Sheffield S12
855 Café - Gleadless Townend
Townend Florist - Gleadless Road, Sheffield S12
Homebar LTD - Basegreen, Sheffield S12

CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact us if you like what you see in the park and would like to help us achieve our aims. You may wish to donate, become a member, help at an event, have a fundraising idea, give feedback or new idea's – come on, don't be shy – let's hear from you – **it's your park!**

Contact us at www.friendsofcharnockrec.co.uk

BULB Planting

There have been an additional 2000 spring bulbs planted up at the park this winter ready for the spring, including some daffodils and some crocus.

Thanks to Grahame Lister and the other Rangers from Parks and Countryside for helping with this, and to the Children of Charnock Hall Primary School who donned their wellies to get stuck in and help. It will certainly add some colour to the park. The bulbs have been planted around the back of the amphitheatre and in the trees next to the wooden climbing frame.

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Friends of Charnock Recreation Grounds



Winter 2010 Edition

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Latest News

Hello, we hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you a Happy, healthy New Year. Here is the latest news from the Friends of Charnock Recreation Grounds.

Changing Spaces National Lottery bid – still working hard with the help of Parks and Countryside on the bid to try to secure money for a fitness circuit and several pieces of any age outdoor gym equipment around the bottom part of the playing field. Successfully through the first stage of the application and working with a designated lottery facilitator to help guide us through the next stage of the process. We as a group would particularly like to thank Chris, one of our committee members for all the hard work and hours you have put in to the application form - we really appreciate this.

Planning permission had to be sought for this proposal, which has now been granted.

Application must be submitted by early FEB 2011.



Charnock Green Flag Community Award - we are applying for the the above award in recognition of the improvements that have been made at the park-Green Flag awards are one of the methods of judging the standard of parks and open spaces in England and Wales. Similar to the Blue Flags for beaches, they assess a park on its appearance, maintenance and links with the community, along with other judging criteria. Deadline for applications is 31st January 2011. Fingers crossed.

VIRIDOR – we have prepared a bid to Viridor to try to obtain funding to have the car park resurfaced and marked into designated parking bays – some of which if successful, would be designated disabled parking bays.

We have made improvements at the park and there are now pieces of equipment that can be enjoyed by disabled children, e.g. the roundabout, the basket swing, the see-saw springer, however the problem now is the access to the new facilities. The current car park surface is very pot-holed, uneven and hazardous. To try to attempt to push a wheelchair, or use a motorised scooter, is very difficult, as it is for pushchairs.

We have discussed the situation with Matt Elkington from Activity Sheffield who specialises in outreach work re disabilities and he agrees that the current car park is a big factor that needs to be addressed to make the park more inclusive and accessible for all to enjoy. The bid has been submitted and will be assessed by a panel on the 25th January 2011, we should know within 7 days of that date if we have been successful or not.

Thanks to all who have provided the group with letters of support regarding the above bids.

Watch the website for updates regarding these bids.



SO, WHAT'S NEXT?



Climbing Frame - we are looking in to trying to obtain funding for the large climbing frame for the recreation ground area, which was asked for by local children following the original consultation. We are going to be contacting various charitable trusts to see if we are able to get any money allocated towards the cost of this – the equipment is within the region of £20,000 to £24,000.



Multi-Use Games Arena - again this was asked for following consultation with the children in the area, especially by the older children that would love to have somewhere to play various ball games safely with their mates. This will need public consultation to see if this is a facility wanted by residents that overlook the park. It would also need planning permission.

Again this is a very expensive piece of equipment, around £150,000 to £200,000 so it would of course be dependant on available funding.

There would be notices in the park notice boards re. meetings and updates on the Friends website.

Thank you!

To Darren Wain of Diffusion Media for our fabulous website !!

We do appreciate your help very much!

DiffusionMedia.co.uk



Forthcoming Events - Ranger Events

HOME MADE - Saturday 5th February 2011 10.00am - 12.00pm

Come and make a nest box to provide a home for the birds arriving in spring. There is a charge of £3.00 to cover cost of materials.
BOOKING ESSENTIAL due to limited numbers
TEL NO – 0114 275 1176

EASTER EGG HUNT - Tuesday 12th APRIL 2011 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Bring a HARD boiled egg to decorate and then hunt out the eggs and find the answers to the quiz.

Both of the above events will be held at Charnock Park, Carterhall Lane, Sheffield S12.

Grand Christmas Prize Draw

We have held our yearly raffle for the park, and managed to sell £600 worth of tickets, which is a massive boost to the park funds. This year the costs of our tickets being printed was funded by the South Yorkshire Community Foundation – GRASSROOTS fund – Thankyou !

The Friends group donated a £50 cash prize to encourage more people to have a go and so £550 has been raised for the park funds !! Thanks to everybody who bought tickets and to those who helped us to sell some of them we can't do it without you!!

Reindeer Food

This year we have been selling our reindeer dust at £1 bag again, and it has been reported back that indeed Rudolph and Santa did find their way to your little ones' doors. Thanks to Anne for working her fingers to the bone preparing them for us. This venture raised £295.30.

Thank you – to all the below for selling our reindeer food parcels

- Mary's Pantry, Frecheville shops, Birley Moor Road, Sheffield S12
- Sheffield Swim School
- Run a Round Play Centre, Halfway, Sheffield



Oh, What a Night! Family Fun Night Sat 8th January - Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who supported the group by buying tickets for the above fundraiser and coming along and having a good night.

We had Billy Bodkin to entertain us – we had hot dogs, bingo, quiz, games etc. and the Friends showed off their slightly eccentric side off by putting on a bit of an "X Factor" dance routine – donned in cowboy hats, wigs, tinsel and punk attire followed by the dance routine to "You Should Be Dancing". Complete with X Factor judge masks, we certainly gave our guests a laugh for their money. We raised after expenses £338.09 for the park funds.

We will hold other events – so again check out the website. There will be some photos of the night on the website.

Notice from the children

Dog dirt continues to be a problem - please don't let your dogs poo on our park, we want to play safely; we want our park to be clean.

Big dogs sometimes frighten us when off their leads and run near us, please look after your dogs so we don't get scared. Thankyou.

*To view other fundraising events that we have had please log on to our website:
www.friendsofcharnockrec.co.uk*

Thanks to Charnock Hall Primary School for all your support.

Thanks to all at school who welcome us, allowing us to consult with the kids, inviting us to joint fundraisers, putting our news on school newsletters, etc. In particular thanks to Mrs Anderson – headteacher - you have been brilliant, so accommodating!

Thanks to all the children for your helpful idea's and support together we will make your recreation area a special place to be, lets continue to work together to keep it a nice, clean play space.

*Litter- please use the bins provided!
Encourage your children to put their rubbish in the bins provided – if we all did our bit it would make such a difference!
Thanks .*

Anti-Social Behaviour

Stamp out anti-social behaviour – please report all incidents on tel 101. Get an incident number, this way patrols will be increased. Luckily we do not encounter a lot of this but it has been reported to us by the local police community support officers that there have been some issues. Their message to you is - if you see anything that causes concern to the general public or the park, please call them – they will respond and are patrolling the park on a regular basis.