

Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015

Footpath Project Application submitted

A quick recap!

We started our Footpath Project in summer 2014. Following consultations we gained approval from TC in Sept 2014.

We put in a project application to the District Council for 20k for 7 scheme, was successful and we were awarded 20k in December 2014

Due to lease of Bath Grounds now being under 10 years the Heritage Lottery Fund was the main funding body we approached.

The response from the Heritage Lottery Fund was very positive following a presentation by the Friends on the Bath Grounds Footpath Project in January 2015

To have a chance of support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Project application required community engagement by including heritage activities and so the project had to be designed over a longer timescale.

The Heritage Lottery Fund also required Ashby Town Council to be an official partner on the Project and to sign a Partnership Agreement.

The District Council were happy for proposed project expansion and we have kept them informed of our progress this year.

Over last 6 months we have worked hard to secure the involvement of many local groups to deliver the heritage activities required by The Heritage Lottery Fund.

We are pleased to say that the Footpath application was submitted on 28 May 2015. We now have to wait for the review by the Heritage Lottery Fund which will take place towards the end of July and we hope to hear whether our application has been successful by the beginning of August.



Pride in our Bath Grounds

Our new campaign is in its very early stages at the moment

Our Vision

- Is to ensure that the highest standards of health, safety and enjoyment are achieved.
- We want to maintain the relaxed countryside in the town feel;
- Thank the majority of people who show respect for it and encourage everyone to do the same.

We have 3 initial areas of focus;

1. Litter - bin it, take it home
2. Dog mess - bag it, bin it
3. Unwanted behaviour - not welcome here

Overall we want to encourage people to leave the Bath Grounds as they found them...
Respect them for all to enjoy

We will be working with;

- **Ruth Mulvany** - District Council
- **Matt Longley** - Chairman of The Cricket Club
- **Mark Arjoo** - Leicestershire Police
- **Jack Fargher** - Clerk, Town Council
- **The General Public**

Look out for;

Temporary Stencilling to paths and walkways asking people to pick up and bin dog waste.

Small flags stuck into the grounds, asking people to bag and bin their dog waste

Police and Friends presence on 'high risk' litter days
Continued encouragement to ring 101 regarding any unwanted behaviour or vandalism on the Bath Grounds

Jim's Tractor Run and family fun day

We will be launching the Pride in Our Bath Grounds campaign this summer during Jim's Tractor Run on Sunday 26th July 2015 – please come along and see us!!

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Plant Sale Update

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came down to the Bath Grounds on Saturday 23rd June to support the Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds and Hospice Hope and buy plants during our first BIG Plant Sale!! We sold over 700 plants!!! and made a profit of £1080.00!!!

A BIG thanks to all our members and other Ashby Community Groups and the generous public who donated some great plants and helped out on Saturday and Friday night to get all the plants up to the Cricket Club and to help with set up and sale. Dolly Shepherd herself, no less, with balloon was with us on the day to help with the stall.



A special than you to Matt and the Hastings Cricket Club for their support with our plant fundraiser.

Membership renewal

Thank you all so much for your support and membership in 2014. Your money has helped us to do the following;

- Printing, photocopying and advertising costs – print and poster costs really helped us to let the public know the details of the housing application and get the support to have building application withdrawn
- Perennial planting on Bath Ground flower bed
- Paying for pitches at the Food Gusto and Jims Tractor Rally to raise awareness.
- Develop our bids for the Footpath Project
- Plaque for flowerbed

In 2015 our aims are to;

- Ensure the sensitive development of the Royal Hotel and its new buildings
- Continue to campaign to obtain the freehold of the grounds for the community
- Continue to fight ASB on the Bath Grounds
- Work with the Town Council to improve planting and maintenance standards

- Ensure that the Bath Grounds are designated as a protected "Local Green Space" in the Neighbourhood Plan

To achieve all our aims including progressing the Footpath Project on the Bath Grounds for this coming year, we need your continued support. Your annual membership ran for the 2014 calendar year so, if you haven't renewed it yet, now is the time to renew for 2015.

Please pay your £5 renewal subscription by;

- Bank transfer to Acc no. 30039268 sort code 77-15-13 (please provide your name so we know who sent the money), or
- Send a cheque payable to "Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds" to Dave Bigby, Treasurer, 16 Tower Gardens, Ashby, LE65 2GZ.
- Alternatively you can also pay in cash and drop your monies off to the address above. Please ensure you write your name and address on the envelope and what the payment is for.

You can also set up a standing order to avoid future hassle.

ASB on the Bath Grounds

Please continue to report ASB activity to the Police and the NWLDC by telephone.

www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/antisocial_behaviour

Report to Police on the non-emergency number 101 at the time the incident is happening

You can ask to remain anonymous if you prefer.

<http://www.leics.police.uk/local-policing/ashby/team#.U8LioJRdWJB>

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