

FREE COMMUNITY HERITAGE EVENT DAY

Sunday 29th May
on the Bath Grounds
Part of the Arts Festival Weekend

1pm Unveiling of the new Ivanhoe Baths Mosaic

Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds have commissioned 2 local artists to capture the magnificence of the Ivanhoe Baths



The Spa Mosaic will be unveiled by the Mayor of Ashby.

1pm 'Ballad of the Bath Grounds'

Following the unveiling of the Ivanhoe Baths Mosaic the 'Ballad of the Bath Grounds' will be sung by a Volunteer Community Choir. This to be a tribute to *Lorna Tittley* who wrote the words of the Ballad.



Maypole dancing

Following the singing of the ballad, The Jerusalem Jammers will dance around the Maypole. Audience participation essential!

11am – 4pm Community Mosaics

A Professional mosaic artist will be instructing on the art of mosaics on the Bath Grounds – you will be able to help create a large fish mosaic commemorating Ashby Castle's fishponds.



You will also get the opportunity to make yourself a souvenir mosaic coaster to take home! (£5 charge for coaster materials). Local artist Di Lorriman will also be displaying some of her Artwork related to the Bath Grounds.

FREE 'Have a Go' Archaeology

Anyone can take part in this exciting free opportunity to 'have a go' at archaeology. Learn how to carry out geophysical and topographic surveys of the Bath Grounds and then have a go yourself and you might just find those buried archaeological remains!



There will be lots of 2½ hour sessions, morning, afternoon or evening to choose from during three weeks of archaeological activities, all supervised by professional archaeologists. Just come along for one session and see how you get on. You can always sign up for more if you like it – most people do!

Each week concentrates on a different technique.

17th to 21st May - Will concentrate on resistance surveys.

21st to 25th June - Will concentrate on magnetometer surveys

20th to 23rd July - Will concentrate on topographic surveys.

It would really help if you could let us know if you're coming along. If you are interested in one of the sessions on the Bath Grounds during the summer, you can sign up at www.bathgroundspath.com or email us on bathgroundsfriends@gmail.com or Tel: Chris 07850 053243.

FREE Talk and Guided Walk around the Bath Grounds

A free talk on the fascinating history of Ashby Spa and the Bath Grounds followed by a guided walk around the Bath Grounds will be happening on Tuesday 14th June, 7pm, starting at Ivanhoe Social Club, Wilfred Place.

The talk will be given by Ken Hillier, from Ashby Museum, who will also lead the guided walk. The talk and walk is expected to last about 2 hours.

Prior Park Road footpath improvements

The Friends have been invited by the Town Council to present our vision for the Prior Park Footpath on 20th June 2016.

We have spent over 300 volunteer hours working on this part of the Bath Grounds, in conjunction with the Town Council to make the footpath between Prior Park Road and the "cattle arch" that leads to Mendip Close a much



more pleasant and safe route to walk along. Our vision is to make this a very welcoming and important wildlife haven. Ideas include planting additional trees to recreate

what was there 25 years ago, a row of trees, improve the hedgerow on the other side of the path, install bird/bat boxes and improve the diversity of wildflowers planting for birds and insects.

We have loved hearing all your positive comments as you have walked along and we are so pleased that you are enjoying the increased vistas into and out of the Bath Grounds. It is exciting for us to see on Facebook some of the lovely photos you have captured, please do keep them coming!!

Pride in our Bath Grounds Campaign Ashby's Big Tidy UP!

The Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds linked up with Ashby's Big Tidy Up (in association with NWLDC Street Action Team,



Ashby Town Council and Keep Britain Tidy 'Big Tidy Up' on Saturday 09th April.

We would like to thank the 21 people who came along and

collected litter, especially the four under 16s who did brilliantly at supporting the team.

Within two hours, 35 dustbin bags had been collected from the Bath Grounds and surrounding fields and roads. Also thanks to the many individuals who now take it upon themselves to collect bits of litter as they see them. The good news is that the amount of litter overall was less than our last two litter picks in 2015, which meant that we could spread ourselves wider and make a positive difference to the areas further afield.

Anti-Social Behaviour

It is important, where possible, to ring the police on 101 at the time the ASB is occurring. You can remain anonymous when making a 101 report. The Bath Grounds has already had one graffiti attack this year and the Cricket Club has had 2 attacks with damage to their doors and scoreboard. Please continue the great work and remain vigilant, if you spot anything, please report to both the police and the NWLDC the police at;

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

and to the District Council at

https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/antisocial_behaviour

'Bag it & Bin it' dog responsibility initiative No such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy!



We are trying out some new 'Keep Britain Tidy' stickers on the Bath Grounds this spring. It would be great to get our members feedback on this

Annual General Meeting 12th May at 7:30pm at Prior Park Community Centre (Cheese and Wine)

Our AGM will be held at the Prior Park community Centre at 7.30pm this year.

- **Any member may put themselves forward for election as a Committee member at the AGM.**
- **Every member attending has one vote.**

We will be having an informal AGM this year with an open Questions and Answers session so we can all share updates and ideas.

We will be putting on cheese and wine and look forward to seeing many Friends members!!