



Sunnybank Park Newsletter: Issue 4

Keeping the 'sunny' in Sunnybank



A huge thanks to all who have been supporting the work in the park.

In our last newsletter we told you what has been going on in the park over this past while and what work is away to begin.

We are delighted to say the allotments are now being dug over and green plants are appearing. We are very grateful for Alan Carter's experience and time in seeing this part of the project developed.

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, through the Green Gym, has been working faithfully each Monday in the park come rain, wind or shine. You can join them if you like – contact Yvonne or Pete: 01224 724884, mobile: 07764 655681, email: Aberdeen@btcv.org.uk.

Also Aberdeen Greenspace are undertaking path work, tree planting and hopefully pond building. If you're keen to help, please contact Alister: email: info.ag@btconnect.com or phone: 01224 711129.



Ladybird – one welcome visitor to the park

Thanks to all of you who are regular users of the park, for your help in litter picking, advice, pruning and general good humour! The park is undergoing transformation and it will take time for that to happen. With your support and patience the park will gradually become more settled.

Communication is important and very soon notice boards will be up on the allotment fencing, with regular updates on what progress is being made plus other items. Unfortunately, the phone number is no longer valid, and for those without email, we would encourage you to write to the PO Box below.

Join the celebrations!

It is a year since Friends of Sunnybank Park Management Committee constituted as a means to secure funding to see the park developed and not lost to house building.

You are warmly invited to the **Annual General Meeting**, which will be held on **Saturday 25th June at 2pm in Sunnybank Community Centre**. At this time, office bearers will be elected and a new committee formed. There will also be time for questions and comments.

Then at **3.30pm in the park**, at, there will be a **Celebration of Sunnybank Park**, including the official opening of the Sunnybank Allotments.

This is an event for all ages where various fun activities will be taking place including:

'How do I prune that bush?' – advice and answers to gardening questions, with a practical edge!

'Beekeeping – what's it all about?'

'Foraging' – what's good to eat round here?'

'Where to?' – a guided walk around the paths – those that exist and those still to come.

'What bug is that?' – a nature tour around the park with a local ranger.

'How the yew tree got its berries' – come and hear a tale or two in a story walk around the park.

BTCV and Greenspace – will be there to explain the work they are supporting in the park.

There will be football and/or rounders and please take food and drink for a picnic.

There will be an opportunity to support the park by becoming a 'Friend of Sunnybank Park' for a minimum donation of £5.00/year. If you wish to support in this way, it is a means to help the work in the park move forward. Volunteers are giving much of their time to make this happen and your assistance is valued.



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Other news

If you have anything newsworthy for the newsletter, please drop a line to one of the addresses below.

Forest School in the park

Sunnybank School's Sunshine Group has been down in the park for the last few weeks, busily making forest friends, dens and climbing trees. A huge thank you to the support of the teaching staff who have made this possible, the children are having a lovely experience.

The main encouragement is to support youngsters to gain self-confidence through developing a variety of skills. The hope is that these 'taster' sessions will be the beginning of children beginning to see, enjoy and use the park in very positive ways.



Another park friend – hedgehog

For your information

Friends of Sunnybank Park Management Group meet regularly every month in Sunnybank Community Centre at 6.30pm. You are welcome to come and support this. Below are the dates for the next six months:

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A wee comment....

While there are heaps of positive things happening in the Park, there are also occasional issues. If you have any concerns with disturbances or vandalism please do the usual and contact the police: Emergency - 999, non-Emergency - 0845 600 5 700 and/or the City Wardens - 01224 653310

For any more **information, suggestions or offers of help**, please contact Grace on:

Email: sun@sunnybankpark.org.uk

Visit us at: www.sunnybankpark.org.uk

Or join our facebook group: http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_135544933162397;