

Friends of PORT SUNLIGHT RIVER PARK **NEWSLETTER**



Welcome

WELCOME

This is our first newsletter to let you know what we have been doing and what is planned ahead.

We are launching this at our 4th AGM at the Lyceum on 18 Oct where we will present our revised constitution.

In January we will be asking you to help us identify our priorities including fundraising and activities to further enhance the Park. **Watch out for you New Year Friends Survey.**

Any suggestions for newsletter articles contact mail@friendsofpsrp.org

Fundraising

BOOT SALE BOOST

The Friends took a stall at the regular Boot Sale held at Bromborough Pool Garden Centre on Sun 16 Sep and raised over £50 thanks to Jane, Simon, Chris & Carolyn!

A big thanks to **Cledwyn Thomas** who gave his time generously for a zig-zag talk about Liverpool at the end of June at the Bromborough Pool Garden Centre. Although the date clashed with an England World Cup game, those who attended found it really entertaining. All proceeds to the Friends.

Fundraising

JOIN OUR 60+ CLUB

Just £10 a year buys a chance to win £25 every month – all funds raised goes to our much-needed fund raising. Contact Anne or Carolyn Welsh or you can even pay on line!

Events

SOME '19 DIARY DATES

- Sat 26 Jan** Friends Meeting
- Sat 2 Mar** Dogs Welcome
- April TBC** Official Opening of the Heritage Centre
- Mon 22 Apr** Easter Event
- Sun Aug 11** Summer Birthday Event (Prov)



The Office Site being converted to a new Heritage Centre

NEW HERITAGE CENTRE

Work has started on the New River Park Heritage Centre and Café. We are on week 8 of a 16 week build and on target. The aim is to move back in December and look to open in January with an Official Opening in April when the Heritage Dig Program is due to start.

In the meantime, we are using Portacabins and temporary toilet facilities as a base and office.

To enable you to come and see the Heritage Centre first hand we are planning our next Friends Meeting at the Centre on Saturday 26 Jan at 1.30pm.



A Group of Volunteers taking a well-earned break for a photo!

COME & JOIN US!

The River Park offers lots of volunteering opportunities. There is always physical work to do in clearing, planting, litter picking & path maintenance. Find out about measuring biodiversity by counting birds, bats and insects. You can promote the Park at community events or help us with our own events. We would welcome some active new members on our committee.

For details contact **Anne Litherland** on 07587 550060.

TOP DOG BINS!



It's wonderful to meet so many responsible dog owners on the River Park who keep their dogs on the paths and clear up their mess.

To celebrate our four-legged friends we hold a yearly Dogs Welcome Event with a dog show and stalls provided by dog charities or businesses. Next year's event will be **Saturday 2nd March 2019**

This year we are grateful to **SWT SECURITY** for sponsoring a Tikspac dog poo bag dispenser at the entrance to the park which has made a real difference to the amount of dog mess left on the Park.

The Friends have also funded an additional bin near the Lake and one has been donated for Mersey View.

Carolyn Welsh Committee Member & Dogs Welcome Organiser

WALK YOUR WAY TO HEALTH

For the past three and a half years, every Tuesday at 10.30, a group of walkers have met for a Health Walk around the River Park. We have 5 trained leaders and can vary the walks from gentle to more strenuous exercise, depending on the needs of the participants. We walk for about an hour and then enjoy tea or coffee and biscuits in the Ranger's Office and we are looking forward to using the new Heritage Centre in the New Year.

Our aims are not only to encourage and facilitate healthy exercise but to make it a social and enjoyable morning. As a leader I have seen friendships developing through our weekly meetings and health problems improving.

Our walkers are a very friendly and supportive group and we welcome any new walkers who would like to join us.

Chris Cureton Committee Member & Health Walk Leader

HAVE YOUR SAY HOUSING PLANS

The Local Plan includes proposed housing developments in 3 areas around the Park including the Land & Marine site – responses are required back to the council by 28 October 2018.

Have your say to see how we can influence any development around the Park to help particularly with access routes and parking options.

www.friendsofpsrp.org/localplan



Health Walkers approaching the summit