

FRIENDS OF KIRKHAM PARKS

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Join us!

You can come along to see the Masterplan at the :

Kirkham Club Day
Sat 12th June 2010

Fun in the Park
Sat 4th Sept 2010
12 noon—4pm

Or join us on...



(24th July - 1st Aug 2010)

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One Year of Making a Difference

The Friends of Kirkham Parks are a group of volunteers who formed in 2009 to work with the community, local councils, and funding agencies to improve the Memorial Park on Barnfield. The aim is to create an attractive, exciting and safer environment for residents of all ages and needs.

Masterplan - A greener future for all!

We spent much of 2009 talking with, and seeking opinion from schools, residents and park users, who told us what they wanted to see happen in the park. These ideas became concept plans

which were then revised after further consultation.

The final designs, or Masterplan, detail the new play equipment, improvements to the planting schemes, better entrances, as well as more seating and litter bins.

We have recently ap-

ful we hope to complete the new play area in 2011.

However, it's not just about getting new equipment. The Park can be an important focus for all the community, therefore the Friends of Kirkham Parks are planning a number of community events throughout the year.

plied to a number of funding bodies for grants amounting to £238,000 to implement stage one of the Masterplan (the play area).

Providing our funding applications are success-



Your comments on the future of the park...

Many comments and suggestions helped create the Masterplan. These are just some of them:

"I would like a park that's nice to look at, walk around and sit in."

"I think the park should be for all ages with lots of trees and seats."

"Needs something for older children."

"An area for performance and temporary events."

"My grandchildren use the play area, I'd like to see it as safe."

"We would like to retain a natural feel to the park."

"We'd like something multi-sensory."

"I would like a picnic area with tables and wild flowers."

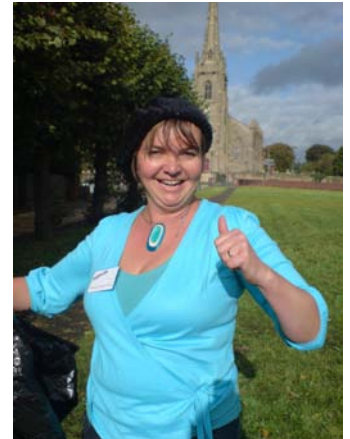
"I'd like a space for all the community to get together

and have fun."

"At present it's an eyesore. Hopefully someone will come along with a brilliant idea."

"It would be a fantastic environment which would allow everyone to explore risk, movement, adventure, freedom, sensory perception and nature. An area which would benefit a whole population of all ages and abilities."

(excerpt from a supporting letter from Pear Tree School)



Chair of the Friends of Kirkham Parks, Miranda Cox, is delighted about the feedback from the community!

The Community gets together to master a plan

Since setting up the Friends of Kirkham Parks in January 2009 we have received a great deal of support from many members of the community in and around Kirkham. Here are just a few examples of how people have been contributing their talents and resources to making the dreams of a new park come true:



The Kirkham Lions Club presented the Friends of Kirkham Parks with a cheque for £500 at "Fun in the Park" September 2009



Miranda raised £700 when she completed the Great North Run in October 2009!



Ellen began busking in aid of the Park in Sept. 2009 and regularly sings on market days!



Joan knitted 'Weather Worms' for Fun Day in Sept 2009 raising over £50 in just one day!



Robyn asked for birthday donations to go to the Park raising over £200 on her special day in January 2010!

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We want to say THANK YOU!

...to everyone who has supported us along the way,
to everyone who has provided us with meeting rooms & refreshments,
to the Council Officers from Community Design and Parks for their energy, advice and experience,
also to Kirkham Town Council for their on-going support.

Without the support of our families and friends we would not have been able to devote the time required to make this vision a reality.

So Thank You All!

JOIN US FOR FUN IN THE PARK!

See how we spent the last year and join us in making the park a better place!



If you have a talent or a business that could contribute to our work at Kirkham Parks...
We would love to hear from you!

Your Friends of Kirkham



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