



LANCASTER DISTRICT GREEN SPACES NEWSLETTER: SHARING NEWS, EVENTS, IDEAS, TRAINING

NEXT FORUM: THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 5 PM TOUR OF THE PARK BY THE FRIENDS OF GREAVES PARK. 6 PM MEETING - MORECAMBE BAY CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

LDGS NEWS

WEBSITE

This is at the draft stage. The map of green spaces is well advanced, thanks to help from Green Space groups. If you know of newer groups which would like to be included, please contact Zoe zoemunby@gmail.com.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT TO BORROW LDGS has a wide variety of things for groups to borrow for special events or activities. These include gazebo, table, chairs, post digger tools for fencing, saws, spades etc. There are also a lot of books on green topics. An inventory will be provided soon .

Some groups also have extensive tool stores which may be available to borrow.

INSURANCE UP-DATE - Re Public Liability Insurance Zurich have said it is not possible for LDGS to hold insurance cover for green groups.

IDEAS FOR :

FINDING HELP AND VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering Fair at Lancaster University June 20th

CVS have a directory of groups which offer volunteering opportunities. Please contact them to get your group on the list.

<https://lancastercvs.org.uk>

Community Payback For help with path repairs, etc

Contact: john.bailey@probation.sodexogove.co.uk

Eden Project Communities for ideas for involving communities in your Green Space

YOUR LDGS COMMITTEE: Trustees Chair: Abi Mills, Secretary: Zoe Munby, Tim Newton
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LANCASTER DISTRICT COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SOLUTIONS

LDCVS supports all voluntary groups in anything you might need from fund raising and training to finding volunteers. Have a look at their fascinating website.



IDEAS FOR PUBLIC EVENTS IN YOUR GREEN SPACE

If you are looking for ideas to put on an event to attract the local community and new volunteers there are special days designated through the year by national organisations which can often help with publicity and resources. e.g. Bird Garden Birdwatch. There is a long list of them on www.animalcharities.co.uk

Eden Project Communities: The Big Lunch 1 - 2nd June



MAKING BIRD BOXES

3R FOUNDATION

3R is a charity shop in Carnforth which is putting the proceeds raised into the local communities by awarding small grants to local small charities, clubs and groups.

<https://www.3rc.org.uk>

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 15 -31st March Keep Britain Tidy



FRUITY CORNER

FRIENDS OF WILLIAMSON PARK

After receiving a grant from EMCOR, the Friends have been restoring and improving the orchard in Fenham Carr. This has included creating a flat path, planting a hedge along the track (thanks to the Woodland Trust Community Trees), coppicing and will plant four new fruit trees.

LDGS have been made aware that fruit has been picked from community green spaces well before the fruit is ripe and on one occasion, all the fruit has disappeared in one go over night. Please could you let us know if this has happened in your green space, so we can ascertain how wide spread the issue is. Thank you!

CLAVER HILL

There will be a fruit tree grafting session soon. We have a lot of frog spawn at Claver Hill. Herons are apparently coming to feed on it!



HAPPY HEDGING

Winter was the time for planting trees and shrubs, hedgelaying and dead hedging.

FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS 36 volunteers planted 1070 saplings of 16 species to create a hedge and spinneys to increase species diversity in West Field.



SKILLS SWAP If you have a project to do on your Green Space that you are not sure how to tackle, don't panic! There are lots of volunteers around the Lancaster and District area who have the skills and are happy to share them. Just get in touch !

FORK TO FORK, behind Lancaster Brewery, are a team of volunteers including people with support needs and mental health challenges, working to develop the Forest Garden. They have been coppicing and hedgelaying to provide hazel sticks to use in the garden and create dead hedges to create habitat for wildlife.



MISS WHALLEY'S FIELD - TIME CAPSULES!

The Friends group will be building a stone bench next to the memorial garden on Derwent Road. People will be able to sit and admire the Field and view towards Lancaster Castle and Morecambe Bay. It will also be a quiet spot to relax in the garden or even to wait for a bus! They will be burying 2 time capsules under the bench, one from Christchurch and one from the Gregson Community Centre. The 2 new time capsules will join the existing time capsules from 4 local schools already in place under existing seating.

FREE

Three pieces of new outdoor gym equipment need a home! Email: lancastergreenspaces@gmail.com

LANCASHIRE MAPPING NATURE AND COMMUNITIES ROADSHOW EVENT.

Natural England are inviting community groups, greenspace professionals, wellbeing/disability referral professionals, voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups to meet to contribute to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Lancashire County Council. This will take place on Monday 25th March at 9.45 am at Lancaster Town Hall
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/north-lancashire-mapping-nature-communities-free-roadshow-tickets-846906037757>

ST PETER'S CHURCH GLEBE COMMUNITY GARDEN – a delight!

Judges from the Britain in Bloom “It’s your neighbourhood award” said that the garden is a delight and congratulated the 9 volunteers on creating a lovely area.