

Dear Residents

Friends of West Park

The Friends of West Park group was established by residents as a way of discussing important issues relating to West Park. This includes discussing the Levy, events held on the park, new projects and the running of the park. The Friends of West Park group has a key role in the development of the park.

Would you like to have a say in what the levy is used for? Are you keen to make a difference to where you live?

If so, then why not come along to a Friends of West Park meeting? Meetings take place four times a year and only last for a couple of hours. No commitment is needed, but if you attend a meeting you can help decide what happens on the West Park Nature Reserve.

Meetings take place in the West Park Café at 6.30pm and are scheduled for:

Thurs 24th January 2013
Thurs 25th April 2013
Thurs 25th July 2013
Thurs 24th October 2013

Round up of 2012 Events

The year began with expanding the community orchard, after the Friends were successful in their Jubilee Woods tree bid with the Woodland Trust. 150 small trees (whips) were planted with help from the local residents, West Park Academy and Darlington College Nursery.



Tree planting with West Park Academy



Tree planting with Darlington College Nursery

The next large event took place in June when West Park was descended upon by mountain bike enthusiasts. Adults and children alike took part in one of British Cycling's Go ride races. The race saw the contestants complete a number of laps within a time period while negotiating a series of chicanes. The winner of the seniors did 7 laps of West Park in 40mins.

Then came the Activity Day. About 800 people came to the event and enjoyed archery, mini golf, mini fair ground ride, a magician, 4X bike coaching, arts & crafts stalls, chocolate demonstrations, face painting and much more.



Activity Day

Plans for Halloween had to change slightly due to the weather, but it was still a success. Instead of the planned pumpkin trail around West Park, pumpkins were placed around the play area with letters that spelled out the name of a creature.

We hope that you will come along and join in the fun and exciting events that will be taking place on West Park in 2013. Information about these events will appear at:

website: www.westparkdarlington.org.uk

twitter: #westparktweets

facebook: WestParkDarlington

noticeboard: outside West Park Café

Or contact the Park Ranger on 01325 383 099.

We hope to see you soon at a Friends' meeting or at an upcoming event!

With best wishes,

The Friends of West Park

