

ALEXANDRA PARK NEWSLETTER

from your Community Park Keeper

Dear park user

Welcome to the first issue of the Alexandra Park Newsletter.

This monthly newsletter will provide information for park users and the local community. I will provide details about up and coming events and which wildlife to look for through the seasons.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please come and visit me in the park or ring Contact Warrington - Tel 01925 443322.

You may be aware Warrington Borough Council have recently appointed Community Park Keepers to various parks within the borough. Alexandra Park, Bewsey Park, Brickfields Park and Bruche Park have all benefited from these appointments and I have been in post as Community Park Keeper for Alexandra Park since June 2009.

The purpose of the Community Park Keepers is to enable a close working relationship with the local community and “Raise the Standard” of these parks to meet the Green Flag Criteria. Warrington has achieved six Green Flag Awards in partnership with the community and hopes to build on this success and increase the awards to 10 within the next five years.

A friends of Alexandra Park group is forming and 38 people have already signed up to join. The friends of Alexandra Park will ensure that the park meets the needs of park users and the local community and access funding for improvements in the park. The group need a Chairperson and a Treasurer. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these roles come and see me in the park or ring Contact Warrington on 01925 443322 and leave your details.

I am pleased to announce that Alexandra Park has been chosen to be the first of the four community parks to apply for Green Flag Status. This will involve hard work, commitment on behalf of me, Environmental Management, the park users and the friends of Alexandra Park. For further information about the Green Flag Awards do not hesitate to ask me or visit www.keepbritain tidy.org/greenflag/.

I look forward to seeing you in the park and hope you enjoy this first newsletter.

Regards

Alan Nugent
Community Park Keeper

What's happening Over the next few weeks and months, I will be joined by two other Park Keepers, we will be thinning out the shrub borders, painting buildings and removing graffiti to get the park top condition. School children from St.Thomas Primary visited the park on Monday 9 November to plant tulip bulbs.	Bird of the month Blackbird (Turdus merula) look up into a Hawthorn tree or a pyracantha bush full of berries and you will see a blackbird feeding on them. You may spot a blackbird turning leaves over on the ground searching for insects to eat.	Tree of the month Silver birch (Betula pendula). Babies' cradles were often made from birch wood, as it was thought to protect them from being taken by fairies.
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