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 Michaela Lawler-Levene, Monday 2nd February

HLF Bid - Great News for the Park!

"In it to win it" - National Lottery puts St. James' Park on track for transformation!



A "Parks for People" development grant of £64,500 has been awarded to FoSJP and Southampton City Council to back the exciting £1.5 million improvement plans for the Park, which will be funded by a joint initiative from the Big Lottery Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The second stage application is due to be submitted in May, with the final award due to be agreed in September, which means that the improvement work could start by the end of this year.



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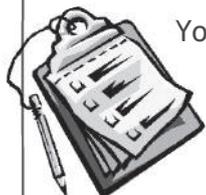
GreenSTAT Survey

Be Heard - Make a Difference!

GreenSTAT is a visitor survey system which records users' views of their local parks and green spaces. Your opinion of St. James' Park will enable the council and central government to manage the Park in line with what the local community needs.

The GreenSTAT web address is:

www.greenstat.org.uk



You can navigate your way through the South East, Hampshire, and then Southampton City Council pages; alternatively there's a direct link from our own website:

www.fosjp.org.uk (Latest News)

You can remain anonymous if you wish; the important thing is to record your views, so that you can help to shape future investments in the Park.

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St. James' Park Café

What's in a name?

Help! We need to come up with a name for the proposed new café in the Park (and also for the building as a whole, which we hope will house a community room).

All ideas gratefully received! Please e-mail us at friendssjp@aol.com or leave a note addressed to:

Nicky Caveney
 c/o The Kiosk
 or 133 Church Street.



Breathing Places

Despite the gloomy weather, we're still working hard to turn the Park into a "Breathing Place", encouraging wildlife in the Park and raising Park users' awareness of their surroundings.

There are now several bird and bat boxes up in the trees around the perimeter of the Park; there are also several bird feeders hanging from trees and some roosting nests tucked away in shrubs and bushes. We have two cameras in operation: one in a bird box (fingers crossed we may get residents soon!), and one on a bird feeder. The images are being recorded and will be edited to capture the best bits! Two signs have been designed to go in the Park to highlight the trees and minibeasts to be found there; we hope these will be in place in the Spring.



bat box

All these features were made possible by a "Breathing Places" grant from the Big Lottery Fund.



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We're also looking for a couple of volunteers who'd like to take responsibility for topping up the bird feeders (nuts and seed provided!), and also for getting involved in the technical side of things. If you think you might be able to help, please call:

Martin on 023 8077 6761

or e-mail us at friendssjp@aol.com. Thank you!

Park History

FoSJP History Co-ordinator, Michaela Lawler-Levene, has been hard at work researching the history of the Park, and planning how best to present the results.

As part of the Heritage Lottery Funding, the FoSJP History Team has been funded to undertake a training course in interviewing and oral history recording, led by Padmini Broomfield of the Southampton City Council Museum Service, one of two trainers from the former SCC Oral History Unit. After the course is completed in May, we hope to begin to record people's stories about the park again.



If you have any photographs, pictures, or any other memories of the Park, or if you'd like more information on the Park's history, please e-mail Michaela at:

mlawlerlevene@yahoo.co.uk

or call her between 10am and 2pm on 023 8034 4652. Thank you!

Green Open Spaces

You may have noticed an article in City View this month encouraging people to vote for their favourite green space. If you'd like to nominate St. James' Park (and we hope you would!), then please send your nomination to:

parks@southampton.gov.uk



The Kiosk

Volunteers Needed!

The Kiosk recently re-opened after its Winter break; we plan to be open at least for weekends during March and April, and hopefully at other times as well.



Many thanks to all the volunteers already on the rota, but we still need more! The most popular opening time is after school (3pm to 5pm), which is the hardest slot to fill.

If you might be able to help (full training is given), please contact one of:

Sophie on 023 8051 0959

Victoria on 023 8078 8230

or e-mail us at friendssjp@aol.com.

Thank you very much!

Diary Dates

Sunday 3rd May

Fun, Sports and BBQ

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursday 7th May

FoSJP AGM

Belle Moor Business Centre

7:45pm start

Saturday 16th May

St. James' Park History Display

Shirley Parish Hall

5.30 - 6.30pm

Saturday 11th July

Afternoon Tea in the Park

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Keep an eye on the website for up-to-date information!

