

# Newsletter A/W 2021



### Whats been going on

While the last 18 months have been very strange we are happy that things have still been happening in the park.

### Defibrillator installed

The defibrillator has now been installed to the external wall of the toilet block. A huge thank you to everyone who helped raise funds including Becca Broadbent of These Mums Do Fitness, Sale Lions, Extreme Coffee, Susan and John, Jon S and all the local community who contributed to our GoFundMe and PayPal pages.

### Coffee in the Park

Extreme Coffee continue to be a welcome addition to the park and are there on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

### The plaque for Mrs Worthington, the park benefactor

A huge thanks to Nick Roberson for cleaning the Mrs Worthington plaque and offering to keep the plaque in good condition at no cost. The plaque is at the bottom of an oak tree which was planted by Viscount Leverhulme during the Golden Jubilee in memory of Mary Worthington.

### Gardening Group and the Lions

Our gardening group has gone from strength to strength this year led by of Sue Hirst - thanks so much Sue. There have been several sessions in the park including working to clear the area around the lions. The aim is for that that area to have a jungle theme!



In addition, local sculptor and stone carver, Nick Roberson, is going to give the lions much-needed face lifts. As well as cleaning the lions, he will be grinding and smoothing the bases, sorting out the paintwork and adding some bronze-coloured highlights.



### Wood carvings

Andy Burgess, a local woodcarver, has been commissioned to create new carvings to celebrate George Mottershead, a local entrepreneur and the founder of Chester Zoo. Mottershead lived in Sale as a young man and the theme for the carvings is zoo animals. These will sit on tree stumps, and you should start to see these appear later this year or early 2022.



### Art panels to improve the toilet block

We have been awarded a Trafford Inclusive Neighbourhoods Grant to create decorative art panels to improve the toilet block. Children from Moorlands Junior School are working to create artwork. Walking round the park their brief is to be aware of their surroundings by standing still, listening and observing. They are being encouraged to collect leaves and use their experiences to produce some new artwork.

They are being encouraged to use a variety of mediums and techniques - paint, pencil, charcoal, collage, print, and photomontage in both colour and black and white. The children's artwork will be used to put together collages for the panels.

Below are a few initial sketches by some of the children.



The aim is to have the panels installed by the end of February 2022. A huge thank you to former committee member, Jacquie Wilson, for leading on this exciting project.

### **Picnic benches**

We are also aiming to further improve the park by installing more picnic benches once we raise enough funding.

### **Carols around the Dovecote**

This year's event in Walkden Gardens is on Saturday 4th December 2021 from 12.30 pm to 3.30pm. As well as stalls selling mince pies and mulled wine, there will be musical performances including local primary school choirs.



As in previous years The Friends of Worthington Park will be holding a lucky dip for younger children.

### **Walks**

The weekly **Health Walks** continue on Mondays at 11.00am (meeting at the bowling pavilion and ending there for tea and biscuits).

### **You can help!**

Bins too full? Equipment broken or vandalised? Call the One Trafford Amey-Council Partnership 03330 035865 (open 8:30am-5:30pm; Monday-Friday) or report the issue online via [trafford.gov.uk](https://trafford.gov.uk)

### **Make a donation**

You can donate to our future projects such as our plan to install more picnic benches via GoFundMe. Scan the following QR code with your smartphone or visit <https://gofund.me/9afb5074>

