



OUT FOR A DUCK: Councillor Tom Ross presents Chris Harrison, winner of the chukka duck competition, with his trophy

Cash for park life

THE Friends of Victoria Park are celebrating a welcome cash boost.

The group has been told it is to receive £3,125 from the Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund

Friends chairwoman, Shelly Quinton-Hulme said she was 'giddy with delight' about the cash award and is already planning how the funds will be spent.

The money will enable the group to bring its favourite chainsaw carver, Mick Burns, back to the park for five days to create some of the amazing pieces he is known for.

Other items on the 'wish list' include an outdoor classroom, another boat and a train for the under-fives play area, plus a duck for the over-fives playground and a new totem sculpture.

Shelly said: "Once the carvings have all been done we will have a celebration to mark the work - perhaps a picnic, depending on the weather, and all will be invited."

Even the climate was supportive of the Friends at the

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organisation's recent summer sports day extravaganza.

The local community came together for the successful event to play sports including cricket, football, badminton, table tennis, croquet and games such as Jenga and lawn darts.

It was also the fifth annual Duck Decathlon with 10 silly races for teams in events including bean bag throwing, hula hoop endurance and chukka duck.

Prizes were given out by Councillor Tom Ross.

St Matthew's Primary School Parents' Association put on a craft stall and plate, mug and bowl painting, the 23rd Stretford Beavers and Cub Scouts held a tombola and the Trafford Fair Trade group promoted its products.

The Friends' next event is a series of rounders games being held every Wednesday until August 26.

They will take place from 6pm to 7pm on the main football field and all are welcome.