

● Festival organisers Lisa Hatton, Debbie Hatton, Shelly Quinton-Hume, Teresa Sweeney and Helen Ardey pictured in Victoria Park



# Park gets set for a Viking invasion

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VIKINGS are taking over Trafford for a bonanza of Norse fun.

The Friends of Victoria Park are gearing up for the very first Stretford Viking Festival.

Planned activities include a Viking war re-enactment, living history stalls, the chance to design a sword and shield, plus sword-fighting and archery sessions.

There will also be a showing of children's film *How To Train Your Dragon*, Viking storytelling and a barbeque.

Friends' chairwoman Shelly Quinton-Hume was inspired to arrange the festival after visiting a similar event in York.

She said: "I am so excited by this event - it will be the first time Vikings will have been to Victoria Park since the Viking times."

"After seeing the Viking Festival in York this past February, I knew I wanted to bring them to Stretford - and here they come."

"Everyone seems very interested and intrigued by the banners we have put up at the park gates."

"It will be such a fun and educational event."

The festival takes place from 10am on Sunday, September 15, at Victoria Park, and has been part-funded by Trafford Housing Trust.



● Leah Hatton, pictured with friends below, gets ready for the first Stretford Viking Festival

