

Please Help.....

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Join the Friends

Summer / Autumn 2010

Contact us...



2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007,
2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010

6 Glorious Years !!

The Friends of Victoria Park,
Stretford [formed in 2002]

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2009 Events Calendar

**Free Events on your doorstep run by
the Friends group – Everyone
Welcome**

Rounders in the Park

Every Wednesday
from 15th July until 26th Aug
from 6pm-7pm. [Weather permitting!]
Come along and have a game of rounders with
us. Meet on the sports field.

Community Planting Day

Sat 19th Sept 10am until 3pm.
Come and plant thousands of spring bulbs to
keep the park looking beautiful.

Community Litter Pick

Sat 10th Oct 11am until 2pm
Come and help pick up litter from around the
park getting into all the nooks and crannies !

Halloween

Sat 31st Oct
Lantern making from 2pm until 4pm
Spooky walk and storytelling then party from 5.30
pm until 7.30pm

Christmas Carnival

Sat 5th Dec 12pm until 3pm
Come and meet Santa in the park and have your
photo taken with him. Refreshments and gift
stalls and a tombola will be available to buy.

**Make sure you look out for posters around
the park or check out our website**

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for more details.

10 Reasons why Victoria Park is important to our community

1. A great place for kids to play
Urbanisation has left children with fewer
places to play freely outdoors. Victoria Park
is a safe place to play.
2. Want to feel safer in our
community?
Increased usage of parks, and better park
design and management can help to 'crowd
out crime'.
3. Need a breath of fresh air?
Well designed and maintained parks
encourage people to exercise, and in turn,
reduces stress. One circuit of the park is a
1 km walk/run.
4. Want to increase the value of your
home?
A good park also offers very clear benefits
to the local economy in terms of stimulating
increased house prices, since house-buyers
are willing to pay more to be near good
green spaces.
5. Want to get to know your
neighbours?
Properly cared for parks with regular events
can bring communities together, providing
meeting places.
6. Want to wake up to the birds
singing?

Victoria Park provides us with an opportunity
to be close to nature. This brings with it
positive impacts in terms of mental health.

7. Want to see an occasional squirrel?

Victoria Park provides us with the simple
pleasure of experiencing trees, birds,
squirrels, ladybirds and other wildlife in an
urban situation.

8. Want somewhere to walk your dog?

Victoria Park provides us with a safe area for
exercising our pets in a responsible manner.

9. Want somewhere to play sports?

Victoria Park is a great place to play football
/ tennis / basketball / rounders / cricket /
hockey.

10. Want to sit quietly outside?

Our park has a number of benches in quieter
areas such as the garden of tranquillity for
contemplation.

What we actually do.

**"Never doubt that a small group of
committed citizens can change the
world. Indeed, it is the only thing that
ever has"**

Margaret Mead, Social Anthropologist

- We work with the council to ensure
the park and our community's best
interests are fought for & carried
out.
- We stage fun events that bring the
community together in the park.

We fundraise for these events and ensure they are run safely.

- We raise money to carry out improvements within the park by filling out and submitting funding applications
- We ensure the notice boards and interpretation boards are relevant and up to date.
- We work with local community groups and schools to carry out fun park based projects.
- We order bird feeding products and keep this area maintained.
- We meet monthly to discuss our plans and share what we achieved that month.
- We listen to what the community wants for the park and try and make it happen.
- We create leaflets, posters, press releases, and have a website to promote the park and its events which we update regularly.
- You can give as much or as little time to the group as you want – all help is appreciated.