



Friends of Victoria Park Annual Review – 2017

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This has been another year of consolidation for the group with the focus being looking at our governance, policies and how we do things and updating them where necessary.

We have been working on the community building plans and are currently still awaiting planning permission consent – which is overdue! We are still waiting for the lease to be written by Trafford Council and Amey – this has so far taken well over a year and I don't expect a draft copy any time soon – but this is really holding up our plans as we cannot apply for any large funding pots without it.

Events

The events we held in the park were the cornerstones of our event programme – they were extremely difficult to manage without the facilities we were used to, as these are well established events and each attracts hundreds of people but we managed and we think that everyone had a good time. We cut back on all the other smaller events so we could focus on the new building:

Easter Egg Hunt - a hunt for chocolate – genius!

Picnic in the park – in its 9th year this event goes from strength to strength and is our biggest event of the year

Halloween – always popular our lantern making and spooky walk around the park at dusk

Xmas – mulled wine, gaelic coffee, carols, santa, craft stalls – what's not to like!

Funding:

Trafford Council Voluntary Sector Funding - £2,000 for kitchen equipment

Awaiting the lease of the building so we can apply for large grants

Projects:

- We have completed and installed a memorial bee friendly garden for the Manchester bombing
- We have designed and installed a new chainsaw carving of a rabbit in the under 5's play area
- We have painted benches and bins
- We have supported our local Petanque team
- We have planted hundreds of spring bulbs during our springwatch activities
- We have hosted school sports day

Thanks for reading.

Shelly Quinton-Hulme - Chair