

The South Parker



Friends of South Park Gardens

Local people working to restore, protect and improve South Park Gardens

Registered Charity no.1097483

September 2014

The refurbishment of the Gardeners' compound has started

The contractors are on site and the work will run until January 2015. The contractors will be endeavouring to keep the top Dudley Road gate open during the works but there may be occasions when health and safety considerations require them to be closed. If you have questions for the builders, please contact: Mr Mal Kavanagh 07808 634862

Halloween Event – Saturday 1 November – 16:30 to 18:00



We are very pleased to be bringing back our popular Halloween Event. Children will be able to take part in a treasure hunt, fancy dress parade and pumpkin competition. There will be hotdogs for the kids and drinks for all ages. We would like to thank Ellisons for their sponsorship of this event.

Due to the anticipated popularity of this event, tickets will first be offered to paid-up members of Friends of South Park Gardens. (If you bought tickets for the fireworks event last year you will be a member). If you are not sure please [email us](#). If you would like to join, then please do so before October 1. [Click here](#). or see over for a paper application form.



A big 'Thank you' to Jil Hall, our Community Park Warden

Sadly the Heritage Lottery Funding for the South Park Gardens Community Park Warden post has now come to an end.

We're sure you would like to join us in extending our grateful thanks to Jil for all the work she has put into the Gardens over the last five years and in particular her amazing efforts in organising the events.

While Jil is hoping to have a break from all things South Park Gardens we of course hope that she will continue to be involved. We wish her well in all her plans for the future.

Sylvia Lucas/Rachel Tilford (Chairs FSPG)

Volunteering for the Friends

With Jil's departure we need your help more than ever! If you enjoy our events

and would like to see them continue, we would love to hear from you. Just email us or [click here](#)

FSPG Membership

Please do join us! Your support shows the commitment of the local community to the Gardens and is a great help to our campaigning.

Membership is only £5 per household and in future it will run over a calendar year from January to December. We will be writing to current members and people on our contact lists at the beginning of December.

In the meantime if you'd like to renew your membership or join (for Halloween) please fill out the form overleaf or alternatively [click here](#). If you join now, your membership will run until December 2015.

Friends Website

We have now adopted and updated the South Park Gardens website. Please [click here](#) if you would like to know more about the Friends and the Gardens.

www.southparkgardens.org

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Trees and Maintenance



The fountain was recently out of action for two months because the stone rim that supports the urn was broken off. It has now been mended at some expense. Can we ask that

children not climb on the fountain and also refrain from blocking it with sticks?



In our June issue we made a plea to help us protect the **plants and trees** in the Gardens and a 'big thank you' to all that have helped us with this. Unfortunately this is a photo of a branch that was broken off by a group of kids during the holidays.

New railings have been ordered to replace the section that was squashed by a falling poplar tree. They will be installed in October.

Friends of South Park Gardens Membership application form. Complete and post to 62 Kings Road or [click here](#).

Adult 1 Name: _____ Adult 2 Name*: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Mobile(s): _____

Email address: 1. _____ 2. _____

Payment method (please circle): Cheque (Friends of South Park Gardens). Paypal via FSPG website. Bank transfer (Lloyds 30-99-66, Acct Code: 02699067) Please note that membership for over 65s is free.

Would you like us to claim Gift Aid on your behalf**? Yes /No

Numbers of children in the household (This information helps us with event planning)

None _____ 0-4 yrs _____ 5-11 yrs _____ 12-16 yrs _____ 17-18 yrs _____

Would you like to be added to our volunteers list? Yes / No

If yes, would you like to volunteer in a specific area? Please circle: All events, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween, Fireworks, newsletter delivery, behind the scenes – website, publicity, committee

* The details of the second adult where relevant are needed to show the number of members.

**Gift Aid. If yes, I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), that I donate to, will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Signature of taxpayer:.....

Date:.....



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