



# The Friends of Springfield Mill Park Newsletter One - May 2006



## *News, News, News*

- April 2006 - A group of local residents have formed a group, "**The Friends of Springfield Park**". The aim of the group is to work with the community, the Council, the Police, the Youth Service and the Greenbelt Group to:
  - Improve the facilities of the park.
  - Improve safety and the environment.
  - Address anti-social issues.
  - Take "ownership" of the park.
  - Hold events to promote awareness and use of the park.
- **Greenbelt Group** – The Greenbelt Group own the park and have a legal responsibility to maintain it. They have agreed to a site visit with the Friends of Springfield Park to discuss the maintenance and up keep of the site.  
*Attend the next Friends of Springfield Mill Park meeting to find out more!*
- **Working Party** – Residents are invited to help remove litter and clean up the park on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006 starting at 10:00am. Tools and bin liners provided.

## *It's our park! Action is required.....*

The park has been neglected for several years and has suffered from:

- Inadequate maintenance and repairs.
- Infrequent grass cutting.
- Anti-social behaviour:
  - Dog fouling.
  - Littering / broken glass.
  - Tipping of rubbish.
  - Vandalism.
- Lack of funding.

## *What do we need to do?*

- To get as many people involved as possible!
- To ensure the Greenbelt Group maintain the park to an acceptable high standard.
- To work with the Greenbelt Group, the Council the Police, the Youth Service to maintain the park and improve its facilities.
- To secure financial support from appropriate funding bodies.

*Please join us at our next meeting!!*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at 8:00pm**  
**Arkle pub, Springfield Avenue**

*Get involved, have your say, join the committee or just come along to listen.  
Everyone is welcome!*



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## *A Brief History*

The park was established in 1998 as part of a planning agreement following the major housing development on the site of the former Springfield Mill.

A legal agreement was established at that time, between McLean Homes Northern limited and Leeds city council, which laid down the long-term arrangements by which McLean homes would be required to maintain and keep up to the running of the park. Part of this agreement was a detailed schedule of maintenance works, which laid down work to be undertaken, year on year, in perpetuity.

Following McLean Homes takeover by the builders, Wimpy, the ownership of the park was transferred to the Greenbelt Group, based in Glasgow, who now have legal responsibility for the maintenance of the park

Would you like to know more or be added to our mailing list?

Please either telephone 0113 2539007 or email [springfieldpark@beeb.net](mailto:springfieldpark@beeb.net)

## *Dog Fouling*

- Many responsible dog walkers regularly use Springfield Mill Park.
- A minority of walkers allow their dogs to foul the park and do not clean up the mess.
- Those in charge of a dog should ensure they are prepared to deal with fouling by using a poop scoop or bag. This waste can then be taken home for disposal.
- Fixed penalty notices (fines of £50) can be issued to people who fail to clean up after a dog in their charge. Persistent offenders can be fined up to £1,000.
- In March 2006, Leeds City Council fined three people over £1200 for dog fouling offences.
- FACT: There are over 7.2 million dogs in the UK producing over 1000 tonnes of excrement per day!
- FACT: Toxocariasis is a disease contracted by contact with fouling or contaminated soil and which causes 50 cases of serious eye infection and even blindness every year.
- Please avoid using designated recreational areas of the park to exercise dogs.

***Please remember to  
clean up after your dog!***

## **CLEAN UP MORNING**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at 10:00am – Springfield Mill Park

***ALL WELCOME, SEE YOU THERE***



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