



# The Friends of Springfield Mill Park Newsletter Four - November 2006



## *Autumn Activities*

### **Football Tournament**

The football tournament on 21st October was a great success with over 50 young people taking part aged between 4 and 16. The tournament itself was supplemented by a penalty competition, keepy up and football skills. After almost four hours of frantic activity on the football pitch the final winners are pictured on the right. However, irrespective of who the final victors were, the main thing is that all the young people taking part (and the adults organising it) had a thoroughly enjoyable day. ....and the weather was fine too, again!!



The winning team with Mayor of Morley (off duty!), Cllr Bob Gettings and tournament organisers, Mark, Nigel and Paul



### **Woodland Project Underway**

The woodland project is going very well and many local residents and children turned up on 8<sup>th</sup> October to make a start on preparing the areas for bulb and wildflower planting. This was followed up later in the week with children and students from all three local primary schools and Bruntcliffe high school, joining together to continue the work. To date, 1000 bluebell bulbs and 2000 daffodils have been planted along with wildflower plants and seeds. A number of other planting beds have been prepared ready for the next session later this month. Plans for the new footpath are now complete and work will begin in the third week in November. We are hoping that by next spring the woodland area will have been transformed. Thanks to all those who have helped so far. Photo, left, is just some of the willing helpers who turned up on the day.

### **Friends group seeks award**

The friends group have been nominated for the award of "community group of the year". There were only two successful nominations in our class and so we are guaranteed second place! The awards are announced on the 21st November, so it's fingers crossed.

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)

## Help us to stop this!

**Compare these two scenes.** One was taken during a recent football tournament with lots of young people enjoying themselves on the park. The second photograph was taken in early November after a wheelie bin had been set on fire in the middle of the football pitch.



On Sunday night 5th November no fewer than five wheelie bins were stolen from nearby residences and set alight on the park. In addition to the one on the football pitch, 4 were set alight in the woodland area. The fire brigade were quickly on the scene to prevent greater damage being done.

There are a number of potential suspects for these actions and it is believed that the culprits are from the local area living possibly within half a mile of the park. However, additional evidence of identities would be extremely useful. If you saw anything on that night please let us know. Also, it is likely that those responsible would probably have bragged about it to their friends the following day. Please ask your children if they know any more information. We must act together as a community if we are to stop this very small number of individuals from spoiling the amenities for the vast majority of those living in our community. The amount of anti social behaviour on the park has diminished significantly this year and we must regard this incident as a one off. We need your help to make sure that it remains just that. Please help us and telephone 253 9007 or 07799 152338 if you have any more information.

.....and in the meantime, if you live near to the park, **lock up your wheelie bin.**

### Help us to transform the woodland

If you would like to help with the woodland project this Autumn and Winter (see page one) please get in touch and join our activities, including working with our local schools. The continuing work includes:

Planting a further 5000 Bluebell bulbs, 1,000 daffodils, seeding wildflowers and grasses, planting Primroses and Foxgloves

Fitting bird nesting boxes and bat boxes in the trees

Planting of new trees in the woodland and on the park

Re-establishing old hedgerows and laying new hedgerow trees and bushes

*Please join us at our next meeting!!*

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 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!*

*If meetings are not your scene  
Then join us at our Christmas Social*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006  
At 7:30pm  
Arkle pub, Springfield Avenue

*Come along, have a chat, a friendly drink,  
relax and enjoy!!*



"We will actively campaign for the promotion of and the positive engagement of, all residents living in the vicinity of Springfield Mill Park to facilitate the aesthetic development of the facilities of the park and thereby enhance the quality of life for the mutual long term benefit of the community."

