

It's Your Neighbourhood



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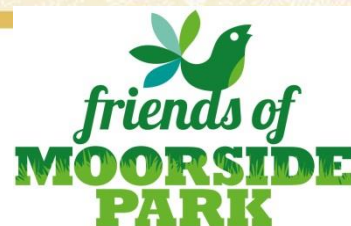
Last year was our first entry into North West in Bloom and specifically into the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category, we were delighted to achieve a "Thriving". Based on the feedback from the judges last year we have made the following improvements:

- Last year the judges suggested we "increase the use of sustainable plants in the beds" this year we have added further plants/shrubs such as coreopsis, buddleias, campanulas, thyme, ajuga reptans and perennial wallflowers.
- The judges also suggested we "brighten up the entrances to the park to make it more appealing to visit. We applied for funding from Comic Relief and have introduced several tree carvings throughout the park (we have sited one at each entrance on Moorside Road to make it more appealing).
- We have worked with Barclays Bank, Crosby as part of their 'Make a Difference' day to improve both entrances with additional plants and shrubs
- We have added 2 planters (made from reclaimed wooden pallets) next to the noticeboard to make this into more of a feature, and draw people's attention to the noticeboard

Celebrating 50 Years of In Bloom.

To commemorate the fact that 'In Bloom' is celebrating being 50 years old this year we have tried to incorporate this theme into our display this year:

- Our Yarnbomb features a special celebratory "50 years in Bloom" personalized squares display
- Several of our plants are gold/yellow to mark this occasion (including marigolds, sunflowers and coreopsis)



*Celebrating the hard work and achievements
of our committee, volunteers and supporters
over the last 12 months*

Community Involvement

We continue to hold our monthly gardening & litter picking sessions, with local residents and businesses getting involved. We continue to maintain the rose gardens.



We replanted our wildflower meadow and added 700 saplings at an event we organized with Mersey Forrester, Great Crosby RC School and Sefton Council.



Our Achievements....

- Secured £500 from Skipton Building Society for new benches in the park
- Secured £3,200 from Awards for All for a variety of activities
- Community Fitness Sessions won Echo Environmental Project award
- Worked with local school, Mersey Forest & Council to improve wildflower area



Our Events

Throughout the year we organise a variety of events/activities to bring new people into the park and take advantage of the free resources. We offer these on a free/subsidised basis thanks to funding from grant applications or our own fundraising:

- Christmas Event in partnership with local community group where we had Father Christmas, free circuit session, face painting, Christmas crafts, a cake stall and raffle.
- Pet Event with PDSA and Dogs Trust, to offer dog micro-chipping and free dog well-being checks. We also had a pet raffle and a pet themed craft stall.
- Weekly subsidised Community Fitness Sessions and Tai Chi with local fitness company to utilise outdoor gym equipment.
- Weekly FREE teen basketball sessions with a local sports company.
- Easter Family Fun Day including orienteering, Easter bonnet parade, cake stall and crafts.
- Green Gym Day Event including Maypole dancing demonstration by local primary school, tag rugby by local team, Ju Jitsu demonstration

**FRIENDS OF
MOORSIDE PARK
PARK EVENT TODAY
ALL WELCOME**



✿ *Thanks to our fundraising efforts at our events – Raffles, Cake and Crafts Stalls, Guess the Name of the Teddy, Tombola, Refreshments and Face painting we have raised an impressive £916.*



Environmental Quality



We have incorporated plants into the park which will encourage wildlife such as buddleias, coreopsis, lavender, willows and native trees and shrubs.

We replanted the wild flower meadow with the help and local children and sowed field poppy, corncockle, cornflower and other native wild flowers. We had 60 bee boxes and packets of wild flower seeds for them to take home to their own gardens.

A willow maze and willow domes are being created which is an ongoing project that we have started with children

At our litter picking sessions we have designated “collectors” responsible for collecting recyclable rubbish, which our

We have our own Facebook & Twitter account which we use to promote our activities, event and also as a community consultation tool for suggestions as to how to improve the park

