



Friends of Pontefract Park

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Aspire at the Park

We have our own room at Aspire where we keep all our equipment, and where we meet for litter-picking and gardening sessions every Wednesday at 10am. We hold our meetings in the Community Room in Aspire, second Thursday of each month, and the meetings are open to anyone. Our leaflets are available in the foyer, and we will often be there to meet with the public and publicise our activities.

Litter-picking

Our regular litter picking sessions are on Wednesdays at 10am. We provide pickers, bags, and bag-hoops, but it is advisable to bring your own gardening gloves.

We also provide litter-picking equipment in the entrance foyer of Aspire for anyone who feels inclined to litter-pick while walking in the park. Please return the hoops and pickers to the receptacle in the foyer.



Schools group litter pick

We can provide equipment for group litter-picking. Contact us and we can arrange for your group to be kitted out at a date and time convenient for your group. We have provided this for school groups and for the Kidz Club at Aspire during the school holidays.

Gardening

We look after the two flower beds near the mini-roundabout and the four lakeside boat planters. They are replanted with bedding plants twice each year, in May and October. The 2,000 plants needed to fill the beds and boats are provided by Pontefract in Bloom.



Flower beds planted with spring 2023



Lakeside boat: summer 2023. The netting prevents the geese from eating the plants!



Daffodil and crocuses: Aspire spring 2023

Last autumn we planted 4,000 crocus corms and 1600 daffodil bulbs. We aim to plant spring bulbs every autumn. We will publicise all the planting dates for bulbs (autumn) and bedding plants (spring and autumn). We need more volunteers to help us with the planting.

New children's playground



The new children's playground was completed early in 2023 and opened in April. It has exciting play equipment for kids of all ages and is very popular. It is a play area fit for a destination park.

Pontefract Park awarded Green Flag

Pontefract Park has won a prestigious Green Flag award for the first time. The judges described it as "exciting and dynamic" and were impressed by the level of investment. They also praised the way the Council and Friends of Pontefract Park group work together. The Green Flag will soon be flying from a flagpole at the Park's main entrance.



Members of Friends of Pontefract Park, councillors, representatives of Pontefract Racecourse and park rangers, proudly displaying the Green Flag.

Pontefract Park Plan

The Pontefract Park Plan has recently been reviewed and revised and includes extensive improvements around the park. Repair of the lakeside is scheduled for this autumn and work has already begun on repairing paths.

We welcome your comments and suggestions for improvements in Pontefract Park. Get in touch by email or Facebook messaging.

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