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Birkenhead Park Partnership AGM Meeting

April 22nd 2017

Park Manager Report

Current status: 1

- World Urban Parks congress
- World Urban Parks Organisation European Congress is taking place on Wirral next this year especially to see Birkenhead Park in its (170th) year. Dates have been confirmed for the conference as 15th-21st October 2017. The main conference will take place at the Floral Pavilion.
- A further positive meeting took place with the HLF on September 29th in Birkenhead Park. The meeting was to discuss our first round application of a future major funding bid for BHP. Work is currently underway for an August 2017 application.
- April 5th 2017 makes us 170 years old. We commemorated this occasion with the unveiling of a blue plaque, honouring the park's first superintendent Edward Kemp.



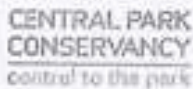
Security update: 2

- Birkenhead Park staff have been working closely with Merseyside Police. Information and evidence regarding drug dealing in the park has been passed onto the police Partnership Automated Intelligence Report number. It is hoped we can work closely to keep the park clean and safe.

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Partnership update: 3

Partners:



Central Park Conservancy

- Doug Blonsky President and CEO of Central Park NY has agreed to be one of the keynote speakers at the upcoming Worlds Park Conference on Wirral.



Landscape Alive- Birkenhead Park

- The first information pod has been delivered and work has begun on its content. Wirral Met ESOL students will be assisting with over 7 different languages to enable in delivery of information to visitors. The pod will be live for the World's Urban Parks Congress 2017



- The Friends of Birkenhead Park have vacated the south lodge. The volunteers are now based in the old bowls hut which is being fully refurbished for their use.



VAUXHALL

Motor

- Work party's involving staffs from GM are planned for 2017
- The mini bus donated by GM has proven to be a valuable asset for the Forest School team at BHP



VEOLIA

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Meetings with Veolia have led to potential interest in our Master Plan projects. Veolia have also expressed interest in becoming involved with volunteering their time at BHP



Wirral Met College

- Wirral Met College catering students prepared a wonderful buffet for our 170th anniversary and Edward Kemp blue plaque unveiling.

• HYPE HYPE in Birkenhead Park

- HYPE works with young people directly within local communities in Wirral, Merseyside. Together they identify issues and projects within local communities that young people feel can make a change to the quality of life for those within the community
- They plan and deliver projects and workshops to best meet the identified needs to promote a healthy and more cohesive community HYPE works to provide young people with productive activities as an alternative to an antisocial way of life and lead to a better future for those involved.
- HYPE first trip to New York for the Park Inner Park Project was to:
 - Understand how the park engages with local schools and what the park's learning offer is
 - If there are not for profit organization's that work inside the park offering services/activities
 - Potential student/young person exchange opportunities with local schools/colleges/not for profits
 - Seeing the discovery Centre within the park
 - Seeing what the two day offer/provision would look like for trip in 2017 for UK students

HYPE SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN BIRKENHEAD PARK

on Facebook Page -

Make Birkenhead Park your Gym

Children, Young People & Adults
Make Birkenhead Park Your Gym is an activity for people of all ages engaging people for 45 minutes of fitness sessions that will promote a healthy lifestyle.

WHERE: HYPE Park Inner Park, Park Road East, Birkenhead CH41 4BE

WHEN: Thursday 5th & 6th 2017

WHO: 7-17 years old 6.00pm - 7.00pm
 Adults 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Get fitness gear for FREE! Enter your details on the sign up sheet.

NOTE: Reserve your place on the activities by visiting an HYPE website then the EVENTS page or FB to book on the day (subject only)

Birkenhead HYPE Football Festivals are football tournaments for children aged 6-8 years of age. The tournaments are focused around participation and inclusion. Fixtures are 4v4 with no goal keepers.

WHERE: Sunday 2nd April 1.00pm - 4.30pm

WHERE: HYPE Park Inner Park, (The off Park Road East, Birkenhead CH41 4BE)

NOTE: Click EVENTS page on our website and register. Only 40 places available per age group.

Birkenhead Park

FIP Dog Fair runs every two months and showcases Wirral's finest dogs across 5 categories and also provides dog owners with a host of services available to them locally such as dog foods, health, security.

WHERE: Sunday 20th April 10.00am - 2.00pm

WHERE: HYPE Park Inner Park, (The off Park Road East, Birkenhead CH41 4BE)

NOTE: Click on EVENTS page on our website and register. Only 50 places.

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- **Junior Rangers:** Supported by My child can and Trespass.



- Both organisations are joining us this summer to help with events and activities within BHP

World Heritage and HLF Status:4



World Heritage

- Wirral Council SLT and Cabinet have given full support for both WHS and HLF applications. They have acknowledged the important role that Birkenhead Park has to offer with the Council 2020 vision.

Other Buisness:5

- **Storm Doris 23/2/2017**
- Acknowledgments go to the Heritage garden team who did an excellent job in making safe the trees that were unfortunately destroyed by high winds. Thanks also to the Ranger team for locking down the park and checking areas for damage.
- **Green Flag and Green Heritage flag**

2017 Green Flag and Green Heritage Applications have been submitted. This year will be a mystery shop judging rather than a full inspection with staff

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