



# Greetings to all supporters and members of the Friends of Pollok Country Park...

Welcome to the Winter 2021/22 Newsletter and best wishes for 2022!

There is no certainty at the time of writing regarding the progress of Covid 19 but whatever happens Pollok Country park is there for you to walk and talk and do a bit of forest bathing or whatever you prefer. We are looking forward to an exciting time in Pollok Country park with lots of significant happenings in the early part of the year. If you want to know more please read on.....

## Upgrading of the Play Park



Plans are afoot and funding has been secured by Glasgow City Council to upgrade the children's play

park. It is understood that most of the timbers involved in the play equipment are sound and will be reused where possible and that the overall natural style of the playpark will be maintained. Work commenced on site on 17th January which is great, it is expected that this work will be completed early in 2022.



## The Stable Block

There is really good news in that the Government's Levelling Up Scheme has awarded £13m to the Stable Block Project. A further £2.5m will be added to that giving a total budget of £15.5m. This will cover the 3 phases of the project i.e. down taking, rebuild and fit-out. It is hoped and expected that work on Phase 1 the down taking will start early in 2022. This is a major achievement and is very much welcomed.



## The Burrell Gallery

The Burrell Gallery is to reopen in March 2022 and works are ongoing in relation to the associated improvements for access and the implementation of the modified Active Travel Management plan. The path lights at the Burrell are now operational and new park furniture will appear soon. The entrance roadway at Pollokshaws Road is being resurfaced and further works are expected very soon to improve pedestrian and cycling access and to reduce vehicular access to the park.

## Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated via our website and in particular to the Southside Road Runners who organised a run in the park and donated the proceeds to the Friends and to the Woodland Outdoor Nursery who also donated a significant amount. All of your donations are very much appreciated.



## Work Parties

The Friends Monday Work parties restarted in April 2021 subject to Covid 19 restrictions and continued weekly until December. During that time we painted countless memorial benches and spent many happy hours weeding in the Wildlife garden and pulled out a lot of Himalayan Balsam. Our volunteers dressed the Hobbit village for Christmas again this year and just in case you are wondering the Hobbits disappear when humans are around and that is why you will never see them but you will see their washing lines outside the houses so they must be there. Cutting back Ponticum Rhododendrons on the islands in the fish pond and removing fallen logs from the pond was a favourite task. For the first time there were volunteers in the Wild life garden which is looking wonderful on Sundays in the summer to welcome visitors and tell them about the plants and the wildlife. Huge thanks to all our volunteers.



## Herald Memorial Garden—I remember

Further proposals have now been published by the Herald about the proposed Scottish Covid Memorial including a fundraising target of £235,500. Details can be found at [I remember: How you can take part in reflecting through our national covid memorial campaign | HeraldScotland](#).



## Upgrading the Mountain Bike Trails

The condition of the Mountain Bike Trails in Pollok park is unsatisfactory and after raising this issue and preparing a report regarding essential maintenance the Friends had been consulted by Glasgow Life about a funding application for upgrading and extension of the trails. The extension included a new mountain bike trail in the North Wood which the Friends considered unacceptable. Glasgow Life agreed to amend the proposals and resubmit the scheme to us for comment.



## Annual General Meeting 2022

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7.30.

All our members will receive a personal invitation but you might want to put it in your diary now. We also need new committee members and would welcome any enquiries. You can be nominated or self nominate but you must advise us of your intention by emailing [contact@friendsofpollokpark.com](mailto:contact@friendsofpollokpark.com) no later than Tuesday 1st March 2022 specifying the post you are interested in. The available posts are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 6 Committee Members.

## Wild Flower Meadows

Our Nature subcommittee has been investigating how we can introduce wild flower meadows in the park and have agreed locations with the parks management. Watch this space for further information.

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## Management Committee 2021/22

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