

Friends of Riverside Park for 3rd Feb. 2023

## **1. Aim**

To maintain and improve the physical and natural environment of the park in liaison with Southampton City Council and other interested bodies.

## **2. Membership No's**

50 paid up members of whom 8 pay annually and the remainder are lifetime members . Over 300 followers on Twitter.

We hope to attract more members who support Trifest by taking Trifest under our umbrella.

## **3. Activities**

Monthly Litter Picks between March and November.

Spring bulb planting

Regenerating the hawthorn/blackthorn hedge along Manor Farm Road by planting whips and clearing out invasive species.

Regular maintenance walks to report on areas in need of repair and improvement.

Tree labelling project to identify good examples

Maintaining and where appropriate paying for Public Notice boards

Liaising with Bitterne Park info

Publishing a yearly newsletter for members.

## **4. Events**

Trifest - now part of FoRP, is a free community festival at Bitterne Park Triangle along the lines of a village fete. We will have:

A Dog Show sponsored by Second Chance Animal Rescue, Music sponsored and hosted by Stand Up to Racism, a beer tent ran by the Butcher's Hook pub, a veg show organised by the Bitterne Park Growing Places Project, games, and stalls from local traders and community organisations.

The Idea is to support local businesses and showcase musical talent from the area. But mainly for everyone to just have a fun day on the park.

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## **5. Issues to discuss**

Currently the jetty at Cobden Meadows is taped off due to damage. This is a very popular feature for all ages and needs repairing as soon as possible

More appropriate horticultural maintenance - a greener, wilding approach, more appropriate selection of tree species for replacements.

Continued awareness of damage to footpaths, signage, seating & bases, play equipment, trees

Maintenance and improvement to river bank

Future of the pitch and putt area.

Protection and encouragement of flora and fauna

Protected status

Pollution of the river - not only during storms - also during dry spells - making safe for river users( open water swimmers, boat/kayak/canoe users, paddle boarders)

Raising awareness by children & adults of the importance of this open space

**6. Photos** - being printed out at larger format to accompany submission - titles see next page



**Clockwise from top right**

Working party for hedging

Autumn colour

Cormorant

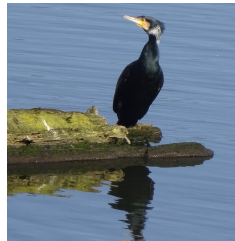
Black swan and family

Daffodils planted by FORP  
Manor Farm/ Woodmill Lane

Opening of the MUGA 2017 by  
SCC Mayor; funded by SCC,  
Veolia & ward funds

Crocus planting

Pop-up Art installation by  
Cobden Bridge - Sarah Filmer



**Friends of Riverside Park**



**Centre**

Sports Pavilion renamed as  
Doug Perry Pavilion 2022 in  
honour of his service to the  
community