



Friends of Turn Moss

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Dear Reader

This is our second Newsletter which aims to keep you up to date with activities and progress made on Turn Moss.

Best wishes

Friends of Turn Moss Committee

We have been successful in our first grant application. Many thanks to Trafford Housing Trust (through the Social Investment Fund) for allocating us money to make small improvements to Turn Moss. We will be supplying:

- A Welcome to Turn Moss sign and noticeboard
- A bench
- Bike stand with planters
- Deep clean of the changing rooms
- Defibrillator & Box protector
- Pop-Up Stand/Banner for FOTM events
- Gazebo for Friends of Turn Moss events

Volunteers

We have a list of volunteers who have offered to help (ie planting; painting; fundraising etc).

If you feel you could offer a service this would be much appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer to help in any way (no matter how small) please e-mail us at :
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Upcoming Event

May

Annual General Meeting

Important Announcement

A Turn Mosser, Helen Shires, is running the London Marathon on 29 April on behalf of Turn Moss. (see page 3 for details).

If you would like to support Helen in her aims please feel free to visit her page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/turnmossmarathon>

More Important News

By summer 2019, with the help of local schools & community groups, we hope to have completed restorative planting of the Domesday hedge and the Hawthorn Farm hedge. City of Trees generously supplied Hazel, Hawthorn, Buckthorn Alder and Elder whips. The Woodland Trust is following in March with Rowan, Silver and Downy Birch, Holly, Dog Rose, Crab Apple, Oak and Goat Willow. Our supporters have generously added Damson and Sloe whips, snowdrops, English bluebells and native daffodils.

Tree Planting

Lovely sunny Sunday planting with Kate Green MP ☐☐☐☐. Thanks everyone who helped, Victoria Johnson who did all the legwork and prep with Kate's PA, and cleared the area.

Huge thanks also go to Gorse Hill Primary Year 6 & Brookburn Primary, Chorlton, who planted 150 small trees, helping rebuild the Turn Moss Domesday hedge. Working with the fabulous City of Trees. Lots of Mossers went to say hello and give thanks on the day. ☐

In the Community

Negotiations with Chorlton Councillors, Chorlton Neighbourhood Officer and Manchester City Council have proved fruitful.

We have gained approval for 4 new signs on the Manchester side of our fields, also on Edge Lane and Hawthorn Lane, to assist visitors to find Turn Moss. We were successful in our grant application for this.

Many thanks to Pete, the Chorlton Neighbourhood Officer together with the Chorlton Councillors for getting our signs from this side of Turn Moss.

Bag It and Bin It

We are pleased to be involved with the responsible dog owner campaign "Bag It and Bin It" working with Amey/Kingdom. You will probably have noticed a lot of notices on the trees especially around the car park.



Forthcoming Meetings

We continue to have ongoing meetings with Trafford Council, and Trafford Leisure with regard to improving changing rooms and pitches.

Upcoming trip to London to meet our Mentor Friends Group (Friends of Lordship Rec) as part of the "Re Imaging Parks" NESTA scheme <https://www.nesta.org.uk/.../meet-rethinking-parks.../>



Grant workshop

Two FOTM committee members recently attended a workshop on Grant Funding held at HomeMCR, gaining great advice and tips to hopefully help achieve success with future grant applications.

Turn Mosser runs marathon

Helen Shires is running the London Marathon on 29th April to raise funds to buy native British grass and wildflower seeds for the hedgerow banks and verges on Turn Moss. We hope to create a buffer zone between the pitches and the hedges with improved soil aeration & strategic drainage, drawing water away from the playing fields. The seed mixes have been chosen to encourage butterflies, bees and insects during summer and to provide seeds and grains for winter birds. The longer grasses will also provide refuge for small mammals such as hedgehogs and voles.

Bee Network (formerly Beeline)

Four FOTM committee members attended Chorlton Cycleway Bee Network question and answer session with Chris Boardman, with the aim of networking and promoting the idea of a path on Turn Moss and a safe Toucan crossing on Edge Lane to link with Longford Park.

Tree Survey

We are just about ready to ask for your help in choosing a group of trees for the top of Turn Moss Road. Polls will be posted on our Facebook and Twitter sites.

Tool bank

Please get in touch if you have any unwanted garden spades, forks or a spare wheelbarrow or two. We are in need for our volunteer planting and mulching groups. Any contributions would be most gratefully received.

Committee meetings

January Meeting

We held our first committee meeting of 2019 recently. Anne Duffield also attended.

Topics covered:

Events for 2019

AGM

Flytipping/Security

Trio bins

Off road bikes/Vehicles on fields

Open up accessibility

Production of a Vision

Document/Business Plan

Greater Manchester Spatial

Framework

New website

Next meeting

25/2/19