


Dear Friends

### **Hello!**

First, we want to say thank you to everyone that has supported the goals and efforts of Friends of Turn Moss so far. The committee and many of the volunteers have been busy ... VERY busy, over the last few months!

With any luck, this post will inspire some more of you to help shape the future of Turn Moss. We would love for you to get involved, there is so much we can do, it's exciting to see improvements happen. Changes will take time, but it is much easier to make a difference as a team .

Please get in touch via email or leave a comment if you're able to help.

### **We are now a committed Committee!**

Constituted as an Unincorporated Association, with 16 members, we have 6 areas of focus:

#### **Sports and Recreation**

**Accessibility (making Turn Moss a welcoming space for all inc paths, signs, benches etc)**

**Planting/Environment/Wetlands**

**Education/Wellbeing/Outreach**

**Future Proofing (keep Turn Moss free and open for all)**

**Dog-walking**

We have formed sub-Groups concentrating on each of these areas and a Committee member leads each group. If any Friends wish to help out with any of these Groups, PLEASE get in touch! Turn Moss is your space, so we need you on board to help improve things.

We believe good communications and relationships are key to achieving improvements, so we have worked hard to get to know our partners. We've met all of them and have good working relationships with:

Trafford Council and Manchester City Council.

Our local Longford Ward Councillors: Anne Duffield, Judith Lloyd and Dave Jarman, our Mayor Tom Ross.

Our Chorlton Councillors John Hacking, Eve Holt and Matt Strong and Neighbourhood Officers. Amey, One Trafford and Trafford Leisure; service delivery partners for Trafford council who have responsibility for Turn Moss.

**GRANTS.** We have submitted our first grant application and have researched others which look suitable to fund future improvements. We have a long and ever-growing list !!

After paying solicitors fees and campaign costs we have over £2.5K in the FOTM kitty. We thank you again all who contributed to the Crowdfunding. We will be keeping the kitty for Grant match-funding and to pay for any pressing requirements which assist in improving Turn Moss.

Hopefully you are all still reading, this is what we have all managed to achieve together since May (in no particular order):

- ♥ Agreement obtained to see that the goalposts were sanded down and painted by Trafford Leisure.
- ♥ Amey clearing of margin ditches and tree trimming to assist fields/pitch draining.
- ♥ FOTM Celebratory picnic after the plans to develop on Turn Moss for Salford City FC's training facilities and build a 3G pitch were dropped by new Trafford Council administration.
- ♥ Graffiti removal from external walls and doors of changing rooms, doors repainted.
- ♥ Stretford Vic's portacabin painted and wood-chipping laid to surrounding area.
- ♥ Thorough clean of changing rooms and toilets.
- ♥ Two prosecutions ongoing for fly-tipping using direct evidence from FOTM. (Thank you!).
- ♥ Approval for re-planting historic hedgerow with the support of City of Trees, partnering with a local school, all trees supplied by CoT.
- ♥ Organised FREE walk with GM Ringway (Andrew Read) and Kate Wilson (The Ramblers).
- ♥ Volunteer session: Planting of 450 daffodils along Turn Moss Rd.
- ♥ Strong Social Media presence, built up via Facebook Group and Twitter and official website.
- ♥ FoTM are in the process of agreeing code of conduct for use by dog walkers.
- ♥ Numerous litter picking sessions have taken place.
- ♥ FoTM now have regular meetings with Trafford Council and other key stakeholders such as Trafford Leisure, One Trafford/Amey.
- ♥ Enabled sponsorship of Stretford Vic's girls team by Chorlton Bookshop.
- ♥ Volunteer Session: Moving of woodchip to entrance paths.
- ♥ Multiple meetings with agencies for future projects - Mersey Rivers Trust, Woodland Trust, City of Trees, Sustrans, #Beelines workshop for active travel cycle/walking routes and TfGM.
- ♥ FoTM regular meetings with Longford and Chorlton Councillors.
- ♥ Discussions regarding new signage to "put Turn Moss on the map" are ongoing.
- ♥ Started work on path repair at Bolesworth/Hawthorn Ln.
- ♥ Identified areas for possible re-wilding, researched & compiled list of suitable tree species for small group planting this winter at the entrance.
- ♥ Met with Manchester Raptor Group to discuss optimum habitat management.
- ♥ Met with Friends of Chorlton Meadows to discuss planting, coppicing and complimentary land management, researched specific water meadow creation, seed sourcing and maintenance, trial stripped turf and sown wildflower patch with cornfield annuals. (Worked well and looked lovely over nr cemetery side).

♥ Volunteer Session: Clearing of the brambles and nettles around the car park area. Kind volunteer with chainsaw did tree trimming. (Thanks!).

♥ Continued promotion of community responsibility for Turn Moss via Twitter and Facebook.

♥ Submitted Local Plan document to Trafford Council which shapes future policy towards Council use of Green space.

♥ Attended workshops and lobbied for path/#Beeline across Turn Moss as part of Trafford's bid for Made To Move initiative (Chris Boardman and Mayor Andy Burnham) and toucan Crossing Point to Longford Park across Edge Lane.

♥ Twinned with Lordship Rec, Haringey, London, a long established successful Friends group at a large multi-user community space. FoLR will mentor FOTM, sharing their advice and experiences as part of NESTA Community Empowerment Grant. (Part of "Re-thinking Parks" grant (Awarded to Lordship Rec in July 2018).

♥ We believe in supporting local community groups, we are slowly introducing ourselves and making mutually beneficial connections. We've recently said Hello 🤗 to ...

Friends of Longford Park, Tuf-C, Manley Park Forest School, Friends of Ryebank Fields, Stretford in Bloom, Dave Bishop and Friends of Chorlton Meadows, local birder Pete Hines, Stretford Grammar, Stretford Public Hall. We will continue to meet more of our neighbours doing good things and if they can use Turn Moss for this, then even better.

♥ We have started a FOTM mailing list, so we can better communicate with our supporters and volunteers. It will give members first chance to hear news of our activities and volunteer sessions, events and important information. Please send us your name and email address to get included: [thefriendsofturnmoss@gmail.com](mailto:thefriendsofturnmoss@gmail.com). We adhere to the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) your details will be held strictly for FOTM business only.

### **One final thing ....**

We want to hear how YOU want Turn Moss to improve and we will use your ideas to help shape our Vision Document. We hope to launch "Our Turn Moss Vision" next month.

Our aim is always to continue to work hard for all Turn Moss users, please continue to encourage, suggest and feedback on anything we are doing.

Thanks on behalf of all the committee for your support. 😊