

# Friends of Turn Moss

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Dear Friends,

Here is our latest Newsletter ~~intended~~ to keep you up to date with activities on Turn Moss. We hope you enjoy reading about our latest achievements and events.

Friends of Turn Moss Committee

## Stretford Grammar School “Drop Down Day”. 20 March 2019

Stretford Grammar School volunteered to work on Turn Moss during March, over one hundred pupils turned up and they worked really hard, weeding, planting, mulching and tidying up. Thanks to them and the teachers who accompanied them. All the plantings are doing really well.

## New Cycle Route

Councillors are to discuss exciting plans for a new £2.6m cycling and walking route around the Mersey Valley. The plans, which are being managed by the One Trafford Partnership, will upgrade cycling facilities near the M60 and will link Urmston and Sale Water Park to the Mersey Valley Visitors Centre and Jackson’s Boat Bridge. This could include a new cycle route through Turn Moss playing fields if the funds are available. Cllr Stephen Adshead, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change, said:

*“This scheme would create a fantastic new cycle infrastructure that takes in one of the most popular areas in Greater Manchester for bike riders and walkers. As part of our health and wellbeing strategies, we want to encourage more people to cycle and walk in the area and enjoy the beautiful countryside.”*



## Upcoming Events

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Friends of Turn Moss AGM to be held June 2019 at St Anne’s Church, Chester Road, M32 8LF

All members signed up to this mailing list are invited to attend.

## Marathon News

Thanks to Helen Shires who ran the London Marathon recently. She did it in 3 hours 55 minutes! Raising a total of £575 to help protect and develop a swathe of wildflower meadow on Turn Moss Playing Fields.

*Well done and thanks to Helen for supporting us.*



### **Iglesia ni Cristo/FoTM working day. 7 April 2019**

FoTM and the congregation from the Iglesia ni Cristo (church on Edge Lane) had a great day working together on Turn Moss creating the following: a small garden area near the changing rooms, turf benches on the raised area near Hawthorne Lane, creation of a small wildflower area and planting of tree whips.



### **Keep Britain Tidy. 7 April 2019**

We took part in the Keep Britain Tidy campaign during April. In total there were over 30 bags of rubbish taken away. Thanks to all who helped.

### **RHS**

Last month we were thrilled to find out that our application to join the R.H.S. initiative “It’s your neighbourhood, Britain in Bloom” had been successful. Our project is to create & maintain a cherry tree garden at the top of Turn Moss Road, and to restore the hedge, bank and winter bird grassland area along the Stretford Grammar School boundary behind “The Hawthorns”. We have been awarded support in the Greening Grey Britain 2019 campaign, which aims to help intergenerational groups to work in partnership, to transform grey spaces in their local communities into thriving neighbourhood spaces for people, planet and wildlife.

The RHS will provide hands-on support from a local member of their Community Outreach Team, a qualified horticulturist experienced in training and co-ordinating gardening activities with all ages. The RHS will also provide up to £500 worth of materials and plants to support the project.

Pupils from Stretford Grammar Gardening club intend to manage this new “Cherry Tree Garden”. Together we aim to plant year round colour, with fragrant, pollinator-friendly shrubs & climbers to create a pleasant stopping point. In future, it is hoped funding can be gained to install a bench here, to all visitors to sit and admire the beauty of the open space

### **Wildlife Day, Stretford Public Hall. 3 March 2019**



Committee members represented FoTM at the Wildlife Day, held at Stretford Public Hall. A great day was had by all. Visitors to the stall were invited to select a creature spotted on Turn Moss, then have a go at drawing it! We had some wonderful illustrations, from a spotty ladybird to a beautiful blackbird and even a wriggly worm. Don’t know who

### **More Important News**



Last winter we ran a poll to choose trees for the top of Turn Moss Road. We consulted local residents and invited votes via Twitter and Facebook. We now have 3 autumn cherries, which are growing well together with 2 gifted 'Snowgoose Cherries'. This area has been tended by the pupils of Stretford Grammar and FoTM volunteers, we plan to work together to continue to create and maintain a green 'Welcome to Turn Moss'.

In order to attend our AGM, you need to be a member of Friends of Turn Moss.

To become a member, all we ask is that you send an e-mail asking to become a member. Our email is: [TheFriendsOfTurnMoss@gmail.com](mailto:TheFriendsOfTurnMoss@gmail.com)

There is no joining fee to become a member of Friends of Turn Moss, we just need you to send us a quick email with your name and personal e-mail address. All information is

## **New Bench, Noticeboard and BikeLock Planter.**

The following have been provided thanks to our successful grant to THT Social Investment funds.



**A new bench, noticeboard and bike lock planter** have recently been installed. Special thanks to our local Councillor Anne Duffield for her wonderful

assistance in getting help from partners Bardsley Construction. Bardsley workers did a superb job of setting up the groundwork. We were particularly keen to make sure all these new items were 100% accessible, especially to wheelchair users and families with prams. Thanks to Trafford Leisure who prepared the dropped kerbs, which makes access so much easier for all ages and abilities.



## **New Signage**

After many months of discussions and a site visit, we have been promised new signs to help people find Turn Moss from the Manchester side of the border, hopefully these should go up very soon. Thanks to Manchester City Council and their Neighbourhood Officer Pete for helping to make this happen. We are still in negotiation with Trafford Council on getting new signs from the Stretford side, we will update you as soon as we have further news.

## **Armed Forces Day 9/6/19**

FoTM attended the Armed Forces Day at Longford Park. Feedback was very positive. Our new gazebo and flag (again purchased through THT grant) drew the crowds in.

## **Love Your Space**

Turn Moss is your space, to enjoy. A big thank you to everyone who is now taking a bag out with them and picking up rubbish.

The fields are looking much loved and cared for and it is down to individuals like yourselves who are helping to create a healthy and safe space for everyone.