



Next Forum Meeting: Heysham Green Spaces. Meeting at Heysham Library

LDGS NEWS

LANCASTER DISTRICT GREEN SPACES FORUM,

Wednesday 5th June 2024. Meet at 5.00pm for a walk to Bay Cottage Play Area and around the Glebe Gardens. Forum meeting at 6 pm in Heysham Library, use the side entrance.

If you're coming by car, park on Knowlys Road near the junction with Heysham Rd (Strawberry Gardens pub is on the corner). If by bike you can lock it on the Heysham Library railings – just up from Knowlys Rd in the direction of Heysham – or bring it inside when the meeting starts at 6.00. Buses: take the 2X or 1A and ask for Heysham shops.

WEBSITE

The website is active. Take a look! If you know of newer groups which would like to be included, please contact Zoe. zoemunby@gmail.com.

<https://lancastergreenspaces.org/>

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT TO BORROW LDGS has a wide variety of things for groups to borrow for special events or activities. These include gazebo, table, chairs, post digger tools for fencing, saws, spades etc. Some groups also have extensive tool stores which may be available to borrow.

Green Spaces and Social Prescribing

On Tuesday 16th April, Jenny Reddell (LDCVS Community Health Officer) and Zoe Munby (LGS, Food Futures) met up with a group of social prescribers from Bay Medical Group and Claire Harris from Natural England for a walk along the prom towards Heysham.

Zoe was our guide, telling us all about the 3 beautiful and varied green spaces that exist along this stretch and how people can get involved. Firstly, we learnt all about Sunny Slopes and saw newly planted wildflowers starting to peek through the grasses. Then we headed to Bay Cottage Playpark and learnt all about the history of the site. Finally, we headed up to Glebe Garden in Heysham village, a beautiful space where volunteers meet on a Tuesday morning for a bit of gardening followed by a cuppa in the café opposite the church.

It was a great opportunity for some networking between the organisations represented, fantastic to find out more about what is right on our doorstep and how people we support can get involved and the sun even came out!"



De Vitre Gardens Ashton Road, Lancaster

In early March a joint volunteer event was held at De Vitre Community Garden when the team from Fairfield came along and used their considerable experience to help lay the hedges on the edge of the garden.

The volunteers were treated to a rare, dry morning and the experienced Fairfield team were enthusiastically assisted by keen learners from De Vitre.

The hedge was duly laid, a seriously overdue task and a couple of months later, having “greened up” has made a fantastic difference to the appearance of the garden and security of the boundary.

This was a great example of collaboration between green groups and a thoroughly enjoyable and successful morning - thanks to all involved!



Happy Mount Park, The Promenade, Bare, Morecambe



The Friends group have now finished planting up the Sensory Garden in Happy Mount Park with help from Lancaster City Council and funding from Lancashire Environmental Fund. Now weather has warmed a little, the garden should begin to flourish and look fabulous in the coming weeks/months

We hope everyone will come and see the garden, maybe on Sundays and enjoy the brass bands too.

Greaves Park, Greaves Road, Lancaster

The Friends of Greaves Park have created a tree trail that takes you around the different areas of the park, looking at 32 different trees.

You will discover native and non-native species and some interesting facts about each one.

On a smart phone, tablet or laptop find the walk at www.lancaster.gov.uk/greavestreetrail



Claver Hill, Ridge Lane, Lancaster



Work starts on the new accessible nature trail at Claver Hill. The Go Funding page after the fire and destruction of the compost toilet has reached over £3000. Thank you to the community who gave so generously. We are currently consulting with a local wheel chair user to make the new compost toilet as accessible as possible. We hope to be having an Open Day in early July when the new trail is finished. Date TBC. The flowers are bringing new life as are the

new veg going in at Spud Club.

Miss Whalley's Field, Derwent Road, Lancaster



Firstly, Freda the Freehold frog needs to be introduced. She is not a new volunteer but a resident of the Field whom we met during the recent work day to cut back brambles, ivy and nettles. Freda is rather magnificent and has clearly been enjoying the wet weather. She stayed in one place long enough to have her picture taken before we left her in peace. Human volunteers were Pat cutting back brambles encroaching on footpaths; Sarah, disappearing cheerfully in her work, Sybil, one of

our most loyal volunteers, tackled the grass choking the young trees in Jean Argles Wood..... and Richard had the unenviable job of clearing litter from along Derwent Road where it seems to get thrown out of car windows – shameful.

Everyone knows that 'a gardener's work is never completed' ...there's always something else to be done. The Field is much the same, only more so. If there's something that you would like to work on and there's not a Work Day planned, then please feel free to get on with it, so long as you are confident you know what you are doing. If in doubt, please ask.

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Lancaster Cemetery, Quernmore Road, Lancaster

The Friends of Lancaster Cemetery Group have been busy weeding, bulb planting and helping maintain the graves at the Cemetery. We also hosted a bird watching walk and will be installing more bird boxes and bird feeders on the site.

We're always needing volunteers, whether you're handy with garden tools, or simply interested in the cemetery's history and promoting it as a community space.

Facebook: Friends of Lancaster Cemetery UK

Email:

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<https://www.friendsoflancastercemetery.org/>



What's On June to August 2024



Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count 12th July to 4th August. It only takes 15 mins! Get the free App.

Midsummer Food Champion Celebration

Join food champions & friends at Claver Hill to celebrate the midsummer. The Food Champions network is hosting a midsummer celebration at Claver Hill on 22 June 16:00 - 21:00

The gathering will include a guided tour of the site and nature trail, and the opportunity to learn about the various ways you can compost your garden and food waste through Claver Hill's compost demonstration site. Bring food to share or cook over the fire, and meet people from the chefs' network, compost champions network and of course, Food Champions network! Book your place via TryBooking.

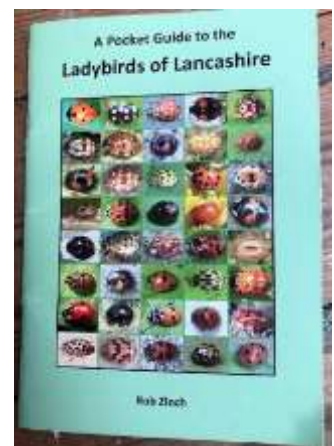
Juice your Fruit with Share the Harvest

There is a lot of interest now for seasonal fruit picking and pressing. This autumn, Share the Harvest will have two sets of fruit pressing equipment available to use. They can come to you – your school, community group, food club etc. – to use for free for a fun day of fruit processing.

Get in touch if you'd like to host a fruit picking event (from one tree to whole orchards, all are welcome!) or would like to use the fruit press. Support is available for organisations, community groups and individuals to help with the costs of running an event.

NEW Pocket Guide to Ladybirds

North Lancs Wildlife Group



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