



## LDGS NEWS

### Welcome to New Lancaster District Green Spaces Groups!



## 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](mailto: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.



**23<sup>rd</sup> November to  
1<sup>st</sup> December**



#### Have a Tree Party!

The Tree Council has created lots of resources, so why not call in family, friends, and neighbours, or work with your local community group, scout association, school, care home, or anyone else you can think of, to host a Tree Party in your nearby park, your garden, or any other community space.

[Download your Tree Party pack!](#)

**WOODLAND TRUST  
COMMUNITY TREE  
PACKS – now taking  
orders for March  
planting.**



## Uggle Lane, Scotforth, Lancaster

Local residents in Scotforth are delighted that they have a new green space and accessible footpath on their doorstep. The footpath, which runs between the A6 Scotforth Road and Lawson's Bridge over the railway, links to Uggle Lane and is part of a well-loved walking route that was particularly well used during lockdown. The path also has some interesting history because the trees along the path had been planted as part of a scheme to raise funds for tree-planting in Africa approximately 30 years ago.

The idea for improvements came about from residents because the path became extremely muddy and almost inaccessible whenever it rained. So, thanks to funding secured from financial contributions from developers through the planning process, and support from local councillors, the footpath has been resurfaced. Other



improvements have also been made so that pedestrians can now access a beautiful tree-lined shortcut route to avoid walking along the A6.

Because of the creation of this "Place for Nature" (including a seating area, the addition of wildlife habitats and the possibility of many more improvements), a Friends group has formed - "Uggle Lane Friends" - to keep a watchful eye on the area. While still an informal group at present, the group are looking to work with other groups to make space for community composting; to plant some fruit trees and wild flowers and to protect the wild spaces already used by hedgehogs, owls, bats and other wildlife.

To find out more about the project, please see the notice board at the entrance to the new green space (just off the A6). To find out more about the Friends group, or to volunteer to be part of the bulb planting day this autumn, please contact the group via Janet Swan [janetswan11@gmail.com](mailto:janetswan11@gmail.com).

## **Dorrington Woods and Play Park, Scotforth, Lancaster**



The 16<sup>th</sup> Lancaster Beaver Groups have been a great help this summer. One group weeded the trees in St Paul's School Field and the second cleaned the play equipment in the Park. They were all brilliant workers and tackled jobs that the very small Friends group could never have done.

St Paul's School Year 6 used the woods for their promenade production of Midsummer Night's Dream. It was an amazing evening and they used the woods to give the best effect, with fairies jumping out from behind trees. It rained but that did not put the performers off. Well done!



## **Greaves Park, Greaves Road, Lancaster**

The Friends of Greaves Park ran an afternoon of wildlife activities for pupils of Bowerham Primary School. The groups got up close to wildflowers, trees, insects and a bird's nest. (We are still waiting for photos from the school). If you want ideas to put on for schools in your Park, contact the Friends of Greaves Park.

FOUND -A fishing bag with some useful equipment was found in Greaves Park a couple of months ago. The police have no reports of one stolen and an email to a fishing group on Facebook has had no response. So is there anyone who can find a home or a good use for it? It is currently being stored in our shed.

## **Claver Hill, Ridge Lane, Lancaster**

The new accessible nature trail and accessible compost toilet are now open. The Open Day was a great success with about 200 visitors enjoying cream teas and cakes, purchasing preserves and apple juice, and discovering nature on the new path and nature trail.



Claver Hill will have a stall at the Seasonal Market on September 13th and at the Autumn Fiesta in St. Thomas Church Centre on November 9th. We will be selling surplus produce, calendars, and the usual preserves, juices, and vinegars. If you haven't seen the Claver Hill tapestry it will be on display at the Autumn Fiesta.

## **Williamson Park, Lancaster**

This is our Keswick Codling, one of the 28 trees in our little orchard in Fenham Carr. The renovation of the orchard began a year ago courtesy of a grant from EMCOR with levelling of the narrow path through the site. After a year of maintenance most of the trees are bearing a good crop of apples. 4 local heritage apple saplings from the South Lakeland Orchard Group will be added this year.



The mixed hedging alongside the main path, planted last year by the Friends group, is also thriving. We are enhancing the grassland in the orchard (which had a lot of orchids in June), and Bowland View, after the grass cut, by scattering yellow rattle seed, and planting wildflower plugs. Thanks to Erica Sarney (Hermitage Community Field) for many donations of seeds and plants, and for her advice.

This autumn, we are trying to attract new volunteers, who may be busy in the week, to come along on a Sunday morning, at 10 am, to look after the Friends and Queen's Gardens, and prepare for new shrub plantings.

For volunteers who do not wish to do outdoor activities, we are offering the chance to help with our Book Sale, in the Memorial on 12/13<sup>th</sup> October. Funds from this and collecting tins in shop and café go toward maintaining the bird feeding station, and other projects.

## **De Vitre Gardens, Ashton Road, Lancaster**

Call in and see the creative mowing and beautiful flowery borders.



## What's On September to November 2024



Taster Day

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

11AM to 4PM

Lunch made from Harvest will be served at 1PM

Get to know the Community Project known as Claver Hill.

You can join and take home a share of the harvest.

We grow food, plants for natural dyes, flowers, and trees.

Meet friendly people and share skills.

Learn about coppicing, bee keeping, composting, growing chemical free food using the No Dig Method.

Come prepared to give it a go.

Dress for the weather. Bring gloves if you can.

For more information and to express an interest in coming along contact: [kathybarton54@yahoo.com](mailto:kathybarton54@yahoo.com)

A poster for 'Share the Harvest' featuring illustrations of various fruits like apples, pears, and oranges. The text includes 'CLAVER HILL Growing Community Transformation', 'SHARE the Harvest', 'HOME FRUIT JUICING With the Claver Hill community apple press in Hest Bank', and contact information for Moyna at moyna\_m@hotmail.com. It also mentions 'foodfutures.org.uk/share-the-harvest' and hashtags #ShareTheHarvest and #ClosingLoops.

CLAVER HILL Growing Community Transformation

SHARE the Harvest

HOME FRUIT JUICING

With the Claver Hill community apple press in Hest Bank

Join the Claver Hill team for a fun day of juicing seasonal fruit.

To book, contact Moyna at [moyna\\_m@hotmail.com](mailto:moyna_m@hotmail.com)

Various dates and times available throughout autumn

Did you know? You can borrow telescopic apple pickers and a mobile press for your community event or home juicing. Get in touch to find out more.

Bring apples, take home juice!

This event is part of Share the Harvest, a festival celebrating the diversity of local, seasonal fruit varieties in North Lancashire and fighting fruit waste.

Full programme: [foodfutures.org.uk/share-the-harvest](http://foodfutures.org.uk/share-the-harvest)

#ShareTheHarvest #ClosingLoops

### Lune Valley Beekeepers is

hosting a conference in October entitled 'Alternative Approaches to Beekeeping'. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Carnforth.

The focus of the conference is to explain and discuss a range of alternative approaches to beekeeping such as the latest research findings on treatment free approaches and insulation and ventilation in hives. It will be a rare opportunity to hear three highly prominent speakers, speaking in person, for the first time in the north of England. [www.lunevalleybeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.lunevalleybeekeepers.co.uk)



### Tree Walk in Lancaster Cemetery 15<sup>th</sup> September

(<https://nlwg.org.uk>)

The wide collection of mature evergreen and broadleaved trees, including native and exotic species will be investigated on this walk. Booking required through North Lancashire Wildlife Group as numbers are limited

## Juice your Fruit with Share the Harvest Community harvesting activities this autumn.

Do you know of fruit trees and bushes in your area that are not getting harvested? Or do you need help with trees in your own garden or other green space?

Share the Harvest is an annual harvest festival coordinated by Food Futures. It celebrates the abundance of the season and encourages people across North Lancashire to come together to harvest, juice, preserve and enjoy apples and other seasonal fruit. Support is available in the form of harvesting tools (including extendable apple pickers!) that can be borrowed, a mobile apple press for events, and even small grants to cover costs of community events.

Harvested fruit can be donated to Eggcup and used in juicing and preserving workshops.

Go to <https://foodfutures.org.uk/share-the-harvest> to find out more or get in touch with Closing Loops Gleaning Coordinator [jay\\_CL@eggcup.org](mailto:jay_CL@eggcup.org) with your ideas.



Our next General meeting will be held in the cafe on September 11th at 5.30. All welcome.



The Fairfield Association are holding their AGM on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 at Friends Meeting House.

### **YOUR LDGS COMMITTEE:**

**Trustees** - Chair: Abi Mills, Secretary: Zoe Munby, Tim Newton

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