



# RESTORE Saughton Park



## NEWSLETTER

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We hope everyone has had a great summer. We've been quietly working away getting the rest of the project team on board, launching our Visitor Surveys and celebrating Love Parks Week with teddy bears and hidden treasures. Read on to find out more.

### WE WELCOME OUR DESIGN TEAM

We are pleased to welcome [Ironside Farrar Ltd](#), [Sutherland Hussey Architects](#) and [Richard Shorter Architect](#) to the project team. They will be leading on the design work for the landscape and buildings.

We are also pleased to welcome [Community First Partnership](#) and [Jura Consultants](#) who will be working with us to develop an Activity Plan for the park.

Work can now begin in earnest to develop the master plan proposals, so it's a really exciting time for the project.

### HAVE YOU COMPLETED A VISITOR SURVEY YET?

A big thank you to everyone who completed the Visitor Survey. We've received around 150 so far which is great! However we want to get at least another 150 surveys completed so that we can be sure that we get the views of a wide cross-section of the community.

Complete our [Saughton Park Visitor Survey](#) now, it only takes 5 or 10 minutes. Or you can pick up paper copies at 7 different locations or contact us to get a copy sent out to you.

See our website [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk) for more details or call 0131 608 1100.

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The wildflower border planted by the Craighall Day Centre Group is looking magnificent this year.



### PARKS FOR PEOPLE

Find out more about the Heritage Lottery Fund '[Parks for People](#)' programme on their website [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk).

## LOVE PARKS WEEK LOVES BEARS



Saughton Bears posing for their photo before heading off to hide!



Radishes and Claymores!



We celebrated [Love Parks Week](#) with the inaugural Great Saughton Bear Hunt. It took place on 30 July when the weather was kind and the Garden was full of kids, mums, dads and carers all frantically trying to track down the 30 hidden bears! The first 20 kids who correctly found and recorded the bear names down on their form won a prize. Around 350 people took part in the madness and everyone had a great time. We also had a Name the Bear competition. The winning name will be announced very soon.

The Week was also celebrated with the launch of a new Geocache Trail. Since the launch there have been an average of 10 geocachers per day coming to Saughton. Geocaching is a sort of high tech treasure hunt using a handheld GPS or GPS enabled phone. You can find out more about geocaching and the geocache coordinates for Saughton Park on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

## PLAY DAY WASH OUT WHILE THE SUN SHINES ON GREEN WELLIES

[Play Day](#) on 6 August unfortunately was a wash out. However, we will look at the possibility of holding another play session during the October half-term week.

A big success however was the Green Welly Project summer programme which was run by [Health All Round](#). Around 10 participants came along to the 6 sessions and took part in a variety of activities.

They identified trees and planted vegetables which they were then able to eat. John Henderson, a local historian, came along brandishing his Claymore and enthralled everyone with his tales of Highland Drovers bringing their cattle to Saughton.

## FRIENDS OF SAUGHTON PARK COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED

The Friends of Saughton Park (FoSP) have gone from strength to strength. As well as having a formal constitution, its members voted in their committee members in August. They are Ann Henderson (Chair), Kirsten Thorburn (Vice-Chair), Shona Nelson (Secretary) and Kirsty Quinn (Treasurer). The committee will now be taking forward a range of ideas and volunteer tasks for the project:

- ◆ Carrying out Visitor Survey interviews and Visitor Observation studies to inform the master plan
- ◆ Holding a competition for Edinburgh Art College students to design a logo and branding for the FofSP
- ◆ Organising a celebratory event in the park in September or October to raise awareness of the project and to recruit new members.

## GET GARDENING, GET FIT

We are currently developing volunteering opportunities within the Garden and have one volunteer, Helen Graham, who is working one day a week with the gardeners. If you would like to join Helen in looking after the gardens please contact us by [email](#) or call us on 0131 608 1100 for details of how to join.

Also on the gardening theme, Pete has been working with [Tomorrow's People](#) with a view to having trainees aged 16-24 carry out some work in the Garden as part of their employability programme. This could see up to 14 young people from difficult backgrounds gain useful skills which will stand them in good stead on their journey towards employment. We'll let you know how that goes.

To be able to garden you need tools. A new initiative saw the HMP Edinburgh's Tool Shed Project donating a lot of useful gardening tools to the Friends of Saughton Park. The [Tool Shed Project](#) is a scheme where prisoners renovate and repair donated tools which are then distributed to community projects. Saughton Park will become an official local collection points for donated tools. We'll let you know later where to go if you have old tools to donate.

## JOIN TODAY

The Friends of Saughton Park welcomes new members. Contact us by [email](#) or call us on 0131 608 1100 for details of how to join.



HMP Edinburgh's Tool Shed Project tools being handed over

## MORE CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS COMING UP

In addition to the [Visitor Survey](#) we are currently carrying out, we have scheduled a series of workshops which aim to enable hard-to-reach members of the community to have a meaningful input into the project master plan.

This includes workshops with Garvald Edinburgh client group and staff, a workshop for local youth, workshops for the Black and Minority Ethnic community and with Fords Road Care Home.

If you are a member of a community group and would like us to run a workshop or meeting to get your members more involved with the project, please let us know.



Lots of ideas being generated at the Public Consultation Workshop in June

### AND DON'T FORGET ...

Please complete our [Saughton Park Visitor Survey](#) if you have not already done so. Thank you.

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