

### **NEWSLETTER**

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Our last newsletter came to you just as summer was approaching and we were starting to finalise our proposals for Saughton Park. Three months later and we're pleased to report the plans are now complete and our bid application has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Read on to find out what's next.

### **HLF BID PROCESS**

The HLF will now consider our application and we will find out whether our bid has been successful at the start of January. Thanks to everyone who has played a part in this project, who has given us advice and support, helped to run events and activities and critically taken the time to respond to surveys and consultations. Your help has been invaluable in making sure the proposals truly reflect what's important to those who use park and what's special about Saughton Park and Gardens.





Here is the front cover of the HLF bid.

# **APPROVALS**

Last time we explained that we were going to the Transport and Environment Committee to seek approval for our proposals. All went well, and we got cross-party support for our project. You can read the minutes on the Council's website <a href="here.">here.</a>

# **PARKS FOR PEOPLE**

Find out more about the Heritage Lottery Fund 'Park s f or People' programme on their website www.hlf.org.uk.



Some of the Friends of Saughton Park

### **BALGREEN SUMMER FAIR**

In June we attended the Balgreen School Fair along with the Friends of Saughton Park and it was a great success with the Friends signing up 23 new members on the day. Lots of folk came along to the stall to chat about the plans for the Park.

The FoSP also had a stall at the Saughtonhall Community Fete where they signed up 18 new members. Fantastic stuff from a really dedicated local team of Park supporters.



### FRIENDS OF SAUGHTON PARK NEW WEBSITE

The Friends group have been busy on all fronts over the summer, they certainly don't let the grass grow under their feet!

The brand new Friends of Saughton website is now up and running at <a href="http://www.friendsofsaughtonpark.org/">http://www.friendsofsaughtonpark.org/</a>. Check it out to find out all about the Friends group and what they do.



Bring Back the Bandstand, click the image above to view the campaign website.

## FRIENDS OF SAUGHTON PARK FANFARE

As part of the Edinburgh International Festival Saughton Park hosted one of the Brass Bands participating in 'A fanfare for the Festival City' which saw bands play simultaneously along the Water of Leith at 23 different locations. The FoSP opened up a pop up café for the day and around 100 people came along in brilliant sunshine to hear the Jedforest Instrumental Band play some wonderful tunes.



The Friends of Saughton Park welcomes new members.

Contact us here



### **VOLUNTEER AT SAUGHTON!**



The merry band of Tesco Bank workers at Saughton



Green Welly kids, note the green wellies!





#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

Find out more at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/saughtonpark

Email us at parks@edinburgh.gov.uk or call 0131 608 1100

### **TESCO BANK VOLUNTEERS AT SAUGHTON**

In July we had a fantastic day with some super people from Tesco Bank who all volunteered to come along to the Park for a day and do some hard physical work. Many thanks guys, your tree pruning skills were amazing!

### THE GREEN WELLY PROJECT AT SAUGHTON

July also saw the return to Saughton Park of the Green Welly Project which promotes healthy outdoor exercise as well as learning about how to grow and use vegetables, fruit and herbs. Aimed at children and families it is always a lot of fun.

#### SEE THE FINAL VERSION OF THE MASTERPLAN

You can download and view the final version of the Park Master Plan <u>here</u> and to let you see how some of the finished buildings will look in the Park here are a couple of pics.



Here is a visualization of the new café looking from the east, near the top of the Rose Garden

Our next Newsletter will be in January, when we sincerely hope we'll have something to kick off the celebrations for the New Year! Until then, we hope you have a lovely autumn and winter season.

Linda and Pete





