



Newsletter No 8/2025 - August

Lake Project



Following ground preparation works earlier in the summer, the Lake Crew installed a Waterfowl Management Fence on a section of the lakeside on Saturday 23rd August. The fence encloses the areas which will soon be planted with hedges, shrubs and ground cover, whilst still leaving an area where the birds can approach right up to the green fence. The fence is made of hazel poles coppiced locally from Hough End. The next work session is planned for Saturday 6th September starting at 10.30 am when we hope to plant the hawthorn hedge (if the plants arrive in time). If the plants do not arrive, we will work on bank restoration instead. Come along and have some fun !

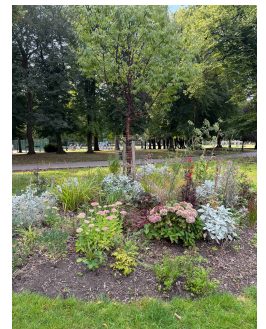


Activities with the Park Team

In the last week of July and the first week of August, some Friends took part in activities led by members of the Park Team. There was a stall run by Friends at the "Love Your Parks Day" and the Friends sourced some funding to allow the Parks Team to organise an activity on "Children's Play Day".

Gardening Group

The Gardening Group continues to be very active renovating several flower beds near to the Princess Rd gate and recently worked hard to fill two new planter boxes outside the main door of Café Bembé. The boxes and plants were funded from a local Neighbourhood Initiative Fund grant for greening the Park which the Friends were awarded last November. The Group intends to plant up the two wall boxes at the rear of the Café and to continue bringing back some more flower beds on the eastern side of the Park. Email in if you want to get involved.



Heritage Open Day

Sunday September 14th is national Heritage Open Day. The Friends are planning to open Chorlton Lodge and show visitors round this much-loved part of the Park heritage. In addition, there will be a special exhibition of photographs celebrating the diverse cultural heritage of the local area. The event runs from 12.00 pm to 3.00 pm. Please volunteer to do a shift guiding visitors on the day.

Clean Air Event

Following the great success of the Clean Air Puppet Parade and Picnic back in June, there will be another activity on this theme on Sunday 14th September. Drop into Café Bembé between 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm. Meet the Clean Air Parade Puppets - Watch a short video of the parade - Take part in a survey to help make the Bee Network better for Whalley Range. The survey can also be taken in the Lodge whilst visitors are touring as part of Heritage Open Day.

Car Boot Sales 2025

The event held in June was a great success enjoyed by all who took part. The Sale planned for July was rained off ! At the time of this newsletter the weather forecast for the Sale planned for August 30th indicates that there might be enough dry periods to make it possible ! Cross your fingers....

Liaison meeting

Three of the Friends (the Directors of the CIC) are planning to meet the Park Team on September 5th for a Liaison Meeting. Let us know if there are any issues you would like us to raise at this meeting.

Chorlton Lodge Team

The Lodge Team continues to work hard at making this building accessible to the public. They open it and guide visitors every Wednesday and Friday from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. One member of this Team won't be available for three months from November and the Team are asking for help. If you can spend some time volunteering during these three months, please email in and let us know.

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The next Friends Forum Meeting will be on Sunday 21st September from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the Lodge when we will be discussing any issue relevant to the Park. One item for the meeting is some planning for the activities of the Friends during 2026. Everyone is welcome - tea and biscuits are available at 3.00 pm !

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