

Parks and Open Spaces Scrutiny Update September 2014

- What was the agenda in 2013
- What is the agenda today
- What will the agenda be by 2016 and what role can you play between now, then and in the future

2013 agenda

- Maintain existing sites to Green Flag standard
- Develop more sites to the standard & enter 2014/15
 - Hull Road Park
 - Scarcroft Green
- Develop greater community assistance / involvement across the city
- Support greater community ownership
- Apply the standard to local sites e.g.
 - Chapman's Pond, Acomb Green,
 - North Street Gardens, Tower Gardens

2014 agenda and beyond

- Period of transition. Repositioning is just starting
- £348k worth of savings delivered – Smarter York and mobile teams
- City looked great for the Tour de France
- We still are still successfully flying Green Flags
- More communities (and individuals) are involved in looking after green space supported by the Smarter York team
- More innovate ideas are coming forward for the long term care and funding of green space

- However – very significant savings are bound to be required in future years

..... what's happening on the ground

West Bank House Heritage Centre

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday 18th July

Holgate Working Men's Club

New Lane Holgate

7pm



Public meeting to discuss ideas and opportunities for a community-based Heritage / Education Centre and Cafe for West Bank Park, Holgate

EVERYONE WELCOME

**What is
happening
on the
ground :
WBP**

What's happening on the ground : West Bank Park

- Summer Fair
- “On behalf of all Holgate residents, I’d like to say a massive thanks to all those who helped organise and run West Bank Park Summer Fair last weekend. This fantastic event was even better than last year and brought people of all ages together. In an age of austerity, when so many neighbourhoods are losing the things they hold dear so books can be balanced, it’s warming to know community spirit is alive and well”
S Beattie, Holgate (Letter in the York Press, Thurs 3rd July 2014)

What's happening on the ground: Rowntree Park

- Summer Fair



What's happening on the ground: Rawcliffe Country Park

- Phase 2 of the Bike Track being built through – SingletrAction a group of unpaid volunteers dedicated to trail design, construction and advocacy on behalf of riders, the main thing that unites us all is the belief that putting some effort into digging and diplomacy can make the future of mountain biking even better.



What's happening on the ground : Glen Gardens

Transfer of tennis courts to Heworth Tennis club and restoration by CYC



has contributed to

What's happening on the ground : Glen Gardens

- [Heworth](#) Tennis Club were given a £41,000 the grant by Sport England Inspired Facilities to build the new facility at East Parade, which will include an enclosed play space and hitting wall, to allow children and younger players to visit the club and try out their skills.
- Helen Walker, club chair, said: "We are thrilled and very excited. "Our current clubhouse is very old and dilapidated, so this will be a fantastic addition for both the club and Heworth. We would not have been able to win this grant without the strong support of The [City of York Council](#) who have made a matching contribution from Section 106 funds, so thank you to both Sport England and The City of York Council, and all the people who supported our bid."

What's happening on the ground : Hull Road Park



Volunteer Taster Event
Organised by The Conservation Volunteers

Hull Road Park

Big Environmental Beck Clean Up

on
Thursday 31 July 2014
Start times **9.30 am & 12.30 pm**

Join in with other volunteers in cleaning up the beck in Hull Road Park.
Come for all or part of the day. Help do your bit and join your local community in making Hull Road Park a nicer place to be.
All equipment and refreshments provided by TCV.
Find out about other environmental volunteering activities in and around York.

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What's happening on the ground: Hull Road Park

- Tang Hall Residents Association looking at future use the pavilion as a community cafe
- Pinnacle People – park now hosting employment training initiative for the long term unemployed – up to 15 people working 4 days a week on horticultural and maintenance task as part of return to work programme

What's happening on the ground: across the city

Smarter York officers, with support from Community & Equalities, and Housing Services are working on projects across York including

- Foxwood Park
- Back Park / Leeman Road
- St Georges Burial Ground
- Bootham Rest Garden
- Chapmans Pond
- Acomb Green



Parks and Open Spaces Scrutiny update - next steps

- What will the agenda be by 2016
- What role can you play between now and then
- Who to contact
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