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From all at
Eastwood Park Pétanque Club*



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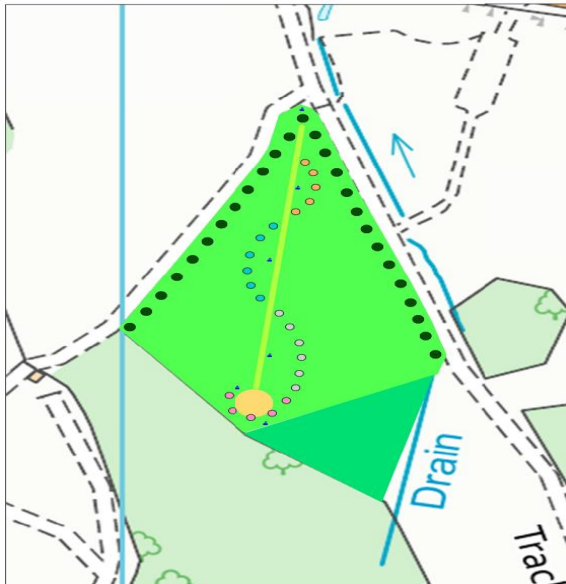
*From all the
Friends of Grassmoor
Country Park*

The Friends of Grassmoor Country Park (FGCP)



The Friends of Grassmoor Country Park Committee met for the first time in the new Barnes Park Community Pavilion in December. Apart from the routine business the Committee reviewed their FGCP initial aims and reaffirmed their commitment to the ongoing projects with DCC and DCRT. Thanks to Keely who was present, she took the photo!

GCP COVID MEMORIAL PROJECT



Peter Myers and Lee Hartshorne representing GOSWG - FGCP joined other invited guests to the official launch of the Covid Memorial Project in Grassmoor Country Park on the 8th December. Both DCC Council Leader Barry Lewis and DCC Council Civic Chair Jean Wharmby thanked the FGCP for their input into the scheme.

The Covid Memorial Parkland

'The Healing Wood'

The Covid Memorial Parkland is being developed to remember all the people who have tragically lost their lives and to recognise the tireless work of NHS workers during the recent pandemic. The concept behind the scheme is to create an area within Grassmoor Country Park that will be managed as a wildflower meadow with avenue trees and scattered parkland trees, that will be accessible to both local communities and the wider population of Derbyshire.

Mown paths through the meadow will provide access for all to a memorial area surrounded by flowering cherry trees where in time there will be seats to allow people to sit and reflect on loved ones. Trees have been selected for their symbolism and spiritual meaning and to connect with the character of the surrounding landscape.

The following trees have been selected for their following meanings:

English oak – Strength and longevity (the 'mighty oak')

Hawthorn – Kindness and protection

Rowan – Health and wellbeing (the 'tree of life')

Birch – New beginnings

Wild cherry – Love and affection; rebirth

Willow – Learning from the past; dreams

Hazel – Cleansing and healing

Dogwood – Hope and new beginnings



The attendees included: The Bishop of Repton, Reverend Malcolm Macnaughton, Chief Executive of Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group Dr Chris Clayton, Jewish Faith Trustee at the Multi-Faith Centre Ruth Dolby, Chairman of the Muslim Welfare Association Farooq Saddique, Buddhist community representative Keith Munnings, Zen Buddhist community representative Julian Bowers-Brown, and Friends of Grassmoor Country Park Councillor Lee Hartshorne and Peter Myers.

BARNES PARK TREE PLANTING



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BARNES PARK MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING PROJECT



The Memorial tree planting in Barnes Park was completed in November. These 22 trees replace those missing from the original 70 planted to commemorate those from Grassmoor who lost their lives in the first and second world wars.



The last of our internal EPPC annual competitions was completed in November. Mick Hardwick who joined the club six months ago with no previous Petanque experience won the Mens Competition with eight wins out of nine games. Second was Ron Taylor.

In keeping with the *Grassland Hasmoor Big Local* ethos three out of the six members in the picture above are Grassmoor residents.

Despite Covid restrictions and strict EPPC protocols we had record attendances and membership during 2021 with a mix of 28 male and 24 female members.



Ladies competition winner Janet Myers