



# August 2024 Newsletter



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## Hi all !

We send this newsletter out at we come to the end of our summer activities and look forward to re starting all our regular events and activities in September.

We've had a really great time at **Holiday Club** this summer.

We've had everything, from a **Magic workshop** to a day in the **Forest Garden**. Then **Wild Science** and **Animal Handling** (see right) days,



Our last day has seen **Northern Rail** give us complimentary tickets for a **train ride into Manchester** and a visit to **The Museum of Science and Industry**

A big shout out and a thank you to all the volunteers without which holiday club wouldn't happen.

We also enjoyed meeting so many of you at our **Picnic in the Park** and look forward to our Big Fun day on the Park, with details in this newsletter.

## A Special Invitation to all!

You are invited

By The Castle and Ivy Park Community Association together with Patricroft Community Group CIC to our ...

## Fun in the Park and the Official opening of The Sensory Garden in Ivy Park



**Sunday 8th September 1-5pm**

What to expect at **Fun in the Park** Come and enjoy inflatables, slide, climbing wall, tombola, food, fun and games and join us in making wildlife homes

Also to celebrate the opening of the garden we are going to ask everyone to help us **plant 2000 bulbs** in the afternoon in the Trafford Road end of the park

Bluebells, crocuses, snowdrops and other spring bulbs which will provide a carpet of colour in the Spring

With thanks to **Greater Manchester Environment Fund** for their support in creating our Sensory Garden



## A special note from Judy ...

### A Challenge for the Castle

30 years ago Dave and I embarked on a journey together. 15 years ago that led us to a derelict former Co-op shop

This has developed into a thriving community centre which operates 7 days a week and is now in need of a refresh.

In September we are going to walk 100 miles Coast to Coast via Hadrian's Wall to celebrate our wedding anniversary.

If you would like to celebrate with us and are able to encourage us financially please visit our Just giving page - **see the insert to this newsletter**, with full details.

## Volunteers

If you wish to get involved, there are many different ways you can do so.

We could do with many more volunteers, so if you would like to help us on a Wednesday or Saturday morning from 10am then please come and join us.



We are in particular need of more members of our **Gardening Club**, since the work has expanded dramatically with our different garden spaces: the Sensory Garden, the School Field project, and soon to come on line, our Community Forest Area, not to mention the Castle's own Back Garden. So there are plenty of exciting jobs awaiting you!

## Lewis Street School Field and Community Forest

There is plenty of work going on in our School Field project, with new planters, and much ongoing work. It has been a great play-space during our holiday Club programme. We are particularly excited about the chance to open our new **Community Forest Area** as soon as we it is ready, but there is still a lot to do.

This month we have had contractors working to remove unsafe branches high up in the canopy, as well as working on the under-growth to clear space.







## Get walking

We continue our walks on

Wednesday evenings,



... walking, talking and stopping for a hot or cold drink on the way. Leisurely or brisk – we adapt to the needs of our walkers on the day. If you would like to help with organising or would like to join the walks please let Paul know.

Contact [paul.newbould@gmail.com](mailto:paul.newbould@gmail.com)

Phone 07974 270299

## Our virtual media pages

We have recently had a revamp of our



website [thecastle-eccles.org.uk](http://thecastle-eccles.org.uk)

Scan this QR code to open our [website homepage](#).

Please take a look . It will give you much more details about what's going on and who we are working with.

Scan this QR code to open our [Facebook homepage](#).



## Community Events this year

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Fun in the Park and Official Launch of The Sensory Garden in Ivy Park – see above**

**Friday 20th December**

**Christmas in the Park 6-8pm. Book the date now.**



# Our regular community activities continue....

## Monday

### Bee Yourself 5.30-7pm

Peer support for parents & a relaxed space for children aged 4-11 with additional needs, no diagnosis required

Restarts Mon 9<sup>th</sup> September

## Tuesday

### LGBTQ+ 17.30-20.30

Support Group for young people meets

LGBTQ+ group contact:  
chris.rice@salford.gov.uk

## Wednesday

### Youth Group



17.00-18.00 School Year 6 upwards

17.30-19.30 Youth Group

Contact for Youth clubs is  
raheela.kiani@salford.gov.uk

## Thursday

Kids Club 6-7pm – Restarts 12<sup>th</sup> Sept

For children age 5-11 in termtime, not over the summer holiday.



## Friday

Youth Group 18.00-20.00

## Saturday

Family Brunch 10-12

Homework Club 10-12

Gardening Club 10-1



We start together with Bacon Butties and Veggie alternatives at 10am. Some Saturdays we litter pick too

## Sunday

Tea & Cake  
1.30-3.30pm

A quieter afternoon for chat, cake, art and crafts & board games

