



LDGS NEWS

We wish all the Greenspace groups a happy and busy summer keeping our Green Spaces thriving.



SAVE THE DATE - 17th July

The July LDGS Forum is on the 17th July at Claver Hill Community Growing Project, Ridge Lane, Lancaster, LA1 3JY. Come at 6.00pm for a walk around Claver Hill's new Moon Garden which is designed for moths and moth caterpillars, and/or at 7.00pm for the meeting. Martin Wain from Butterfly Conservation will be talking about the Community Wings project and plans for a Lancaster District butterfly and moth initiative. Bring something to eat if you want – drinks provided! Everyone is welcome.

WEBSITE

The website is active. Take a look! If you know of newer groups which would like to be included, please contact Zoe. zoemunby@gmail.com
<https://lancastergreenspaces.org/>

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT TO BORROW LDGS has a wide variety of things for groups to borrow for special events or activities. These include gazebo, table, chairs, post digger tools for fencing, saws, spades etc. Some groups also have extensive tool stores which may be available to borrow.

REPORTING DAMAGED TREES OR OTHER SAFETY ISSUES TO LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

<https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/environtal-problems/report-a-problem>

YOUR LDGS COMMITTEE:

Trustees - Chair: Abi Mills, Secretary: Zoe Munby, Tim Newton
Treasurer: Peter Fielding, Newsletter Hilary Smith
email: lancastergreenspaces@gmail.com
website: <https://lancastergreenspaces.org/>
facebook: Lancaster District Greenspaces Forum

News from the Green Spaces



MISS WHALLEY'S FIELD

The new orchard at the bottom of the field is doing really well in spite of the recent drought. The addition of large amounts of limestone and installation of soak-away areas has improved the growing conditions radically by decreasing acidity and water-logging. The wonderful variety of fruit trees are generally doing well despite pigeons, dry weather, brambles.

Ben Ruth is our lead on the new orchard and really needs more help. If you would like to help in the future please contact Ben by email ben@cmeas.com NB: please bring your own spades, trowels, gloves, etc.

web site: misswhalleysfield.org.uk

email: fmwcontact@gmail.com



GREEN SPACES AROUND THE CANAL: CARNFORTH AND BOLTON-LE-SANDS

FRIENDS OF CARNFORTH CANAL PARK

This group was set up to raise much needed funds to give the community a fresh, inclusive, and safe new play park on the canal side.

We would love as many people to get involved as possible and we have a lot of exciting events in the pipeline so keep an eye out for news!

We're always open to new suggestions and fundraising ideas and would love to hear your thoughts and opinions.

If you'd like to contact any of the committee members, please email friendsofcarnforthcp@gmail.com and we'll make sure your email gets to the right person!



FRIENDS OF CARNFORTH COKE OVENS

This group maintains the Coke Ovens and surrounding site, together with ovens in Lancaster and Bolton-le-Sands. The Ovens are one of several sets of coke ovens along the northern stretch of the Lancaster Canal.



The Carnforth ovens are in a pleasant small green space, accessible from a footpath leading beside the canal from Bridge 127. The back wall is visible from the towing path. The Friends aim to protect and stabilise the ovens. At present we are trying to reduce any damaging vegetation and to reveal the canal wharf associated with the ovens. We meet at work parties.



Contact: Brian Crawley charcopse@yahoo.co.uk 01524 903583; 07721 007379.

THWAITE BROW WOODS CONSERVATION GROUP

This group undertakes the management of a fourteen acre woodland on behalf of the Parish Council. The work includes minor tree work, maintenance of the path network and fences, managing the woodland to encourage wildlife diversity, including erection and maintenance of bird nesting boxes and bat boxes. The group undertakes and oversees implementation of work in accordance with a Forestry Commission approved Woodland Management Plan.



Work parties are held once a month:

September - April: 10am/1.45pm on 2nd Sunday of the Month.

May: 7pm on 3rd Tuesday of the Month

June, July, August: 7pm on 3rd Thursday of the Month.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Thwaite.Brow.Woods.Conservation.Group>

FRIENDS OF HAPPY MOUNT PARK

Friends of Happy Mount Park have obtained funding from the 3R Foundation to improve the rose beds, and for planting and tending the new roses. David Redmore led a rose pruning workshop in January and the rose bed is looking fantastic.

Have you visited the fairy trail at Happy Mount Park yet? Our volunteers created these beautiful fairy doors, so we have put together an activity for children, which you can find in the cafe. The suggested donation is 50p, which goes towards the Friends of Happy Mount Park's fundraising to make improvements in the park.



The Friends meet on Mondays at 9.30 to 11.30 at the Sensory Garden.

Contact: woodhouse876@btinternet.com

FRIENDS OF WILLIAMSON PARK

The Friends have been busy this Spring keeping the orchard, Friends and Queens Gardens weeded and tidy ready to enjoy summer flowers. The new Sunday morning group is thriving and attracting younger and working volunteers.

Sadly, there has been vandalism to the bird feeding area screen and we are looking at funds to replace it. We have sadly missed the Café and warm place to meet. No news of replacement yet. The AGM is coming up and we are actively investigating ways to broaden the membership of the Friends from just practical gardeners to include all the users of the Park, so that they can be involved in its future in a variety of ways.



NEWS FROM LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

PUT YOUR GREEN SPACES ON THE MAP

Lancaster City Council needs your help to identify special areas of Local Green Space across the district.

Access to a network of high- quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for health and the wellbeing of communities. Local communities are being asked to identify the Local Green Spaces that are of special local importance. They could be special for many reasons, for example they may have an association with an historical event or represent a valuable feature in the landscape. Areas of land identified as being Local Green Spaces are protected from development in much the same way as Green Belt. Local Green Spaces can only be designated when a Local Plan is being prepared or updated. The call for Local Green Spaces is open until Monday 28 July 2025. Go to our Local Plan Hub to find out more!

COMMUNITY WINGS PROJECT

Butterfly Conservation is running a national project called Wild Spaces focussing on all the spaces around us that can become better wild spaces for butterflies and moths. You can register your wild space, **wild-spaces.org.uk**, be it a windowbox, or a garden, and find out lots of information about what species you might see or how you can improve it for these seriously declining insects.



Lancaster District have adopted this project and want everyone's help to register their spaces, get involved in The Big Butterfly Count and National Moth Week, and do something to improve that area. It will also be a catalyst for bringing communities together through joint events, training in habitat assessment for butterflies and moths, moth surveying, and sharing their experiences.



Come along to the Green Spaces Network Forum on July 17th to find out more.

NEW MEMORIAL FOREST AT HALF MOON BAY, HEYSHAM



This is a great cause to improve biodiversity & the environment, while remembering loved ones. For more information, please visit: <https://www.lifeforlife.org.uk/>

What's On June to September 2025



Wild Roots Nature Fest

- Date: June 09, 2025 at 10:00am - June 16, 2025 at 2:00am

- Location: Various - please check website

for details, Freeman's Wood, Fairfield Nature Reserve, Storey Gardens, Claver Hill & Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, LA1

- Organiser: [Wildlife Wellbeing Walks CIC](#)



Wild Roots Nature Fest in Lancaster is a new annual festival celebrating the natural world and providing different ways for people to connect with the world around us. The theme for 2025 is 'Everything is Connected'. Find out how nature connection can benefit your health & wellbeing with our free events across Lancaster. The festival also features a city-centre 'Trail of Nature' competition (running until 30th June), with creative colouring and collaging from local community/school groups, with lots of great prizes for the winners. Events will be taking place at: Claver Hill Community Farm Fairfield Nature Reserve Freeman's Wood Lancaster Cemetery The Storey & The Storey Gardens

There will be a workshop on plants for Natural Dyes on June 28th 11-1.

The Claver Hill AGM will be held on July 12th at 4PM. Anyone interested in Claver Hill is welcome. There will be a review of what has happened over the past year and what we are looking forward to.

July 17th LDGS meeting 6PM tour and 7pm meeting at Claver Hill.



HERMITAGE FIELDS, CROOK-O'LUNE

29th June Floodplain meadow Balsam Blitz 2-4pm. Refreshments provided. Please bring your own gloves

National Meadows Day HFCM Saturday 5th July. 2-4 PM.

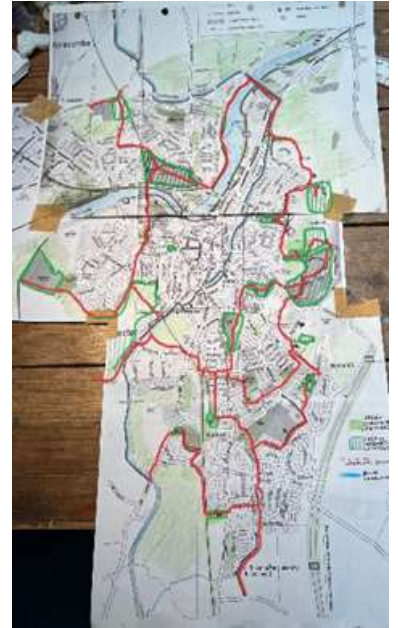
CONNECTING GREEN SPACES.....WALK

Have you ever thought about finding the other Green Spaces in the city?

You can do this easily by walking mainly on green corridors, the canal, river, cycle paths, ginnels and paths. Here are some routes that I have investigated but perhaps you know alternatives. Let us know, and perhaps at some point we can have a group walk around the route.

I haven't worked on the Morecambe, Heysham or other outlying sites yet so suggestions for these would be great. Thanks

Contact: hilary.smith609@gmail.com



FRUITY CORNER NEEDS HELP IN GREAVES, LANCASTER

This neglected area behind the sub-station on Dorrington Road is in urgent need of help. It was once a thriving fruit garden for the local people with strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, grapes, currants and apples.

The key volunteer moved away, and no one has adopted it. It is a really challenging but rewarding project for someone with a bit of knowledge of fruit growing to take.

With a bit of energy, determination and love it could become as productive as Scotch Quarry Fruity Corner. Contact LDGS if you or your group can help.

