



Friends of Eastfield Park

Chair's Report for 2011

Achievements during 2011

Internal Organisation & Administration:

- Constitution revised at AGM & reproduced with minor corrections
- Policies developed for Health & Safety, Equal Opportunities & Child Protection
- FoEP documents on Google Docs; photographs of park features on Google Earth
- Test website developed

Major Park Improvements:

- 'Eastfield monster' play landscape developed by NBC
- Five park entrances improved with hard surfaces and welcome notice boards (FoEP members Alan Wright & Bernard Kelly had major inputs into this project)

Conservation Work:

- 'Spring Clean' & Autumn 'Tidy-up' events as usual, but reduced to one day – included preparing and planting 'crescent rock garden' and adjacent pool side
- Barclaycard volunteers began work excavating and preparing crescent rock garden (and donated tools)
- Groundwork team restored gravel paths through play area and assisted in other activities
- WNDC volunteers planted bulbs on rock garden and at Baldwin Close entrance and constructed new 'log wall' (and donated plants and equipment)

Heritage & Wildlife

- Research continued on park's history but plans for oral history project put on hold
- Little progress on biodiversity during 2011 but priority for 2012

Events:

- Easter@Eastfield on Easter Sunday
- Royal Wedding Party in the Park (with ERA & LRA)
- Carols in the Park (with BBCN)

Communication & Education:

- Information boards / website / documents on Google Docs for general public
- Initial links established with Boothville and Eastfield Primary Schools and Northampton College; information about park history and wildlife made available

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