



Dear Friends,

Despite October being one of the wettest months of the year, since the 1800's, we have still had many visitors to Burrs Country Park and although the Litter Issue hasn't been quite as bad, we have still had problems due to the lack of Parking Spaces. The Overflow Car Park was closed at the end of September, partly due to areas of the ground being waterlogged and partly due to the time of year, with darker days. We are continuing to talk to the Council to resolve this problem.

We are still having issues with Fly Tipping, so we are planning to have some Posters printed, in the hope of trying to stop these inconsiderate people from spoiling our Park.



On that note we really do appreciate the work of our Litter Pickers, whether you are an intermittent 'Picker' or one of our great team of regular 'Pickers', you deserve a big thank you, this has helped considerably in Burrs being awarded Green Flag status this year. It is just a shame that vandals have destroyed our Flagpole on the Mill Site. If you have WhatsApp and want to join the Litter Picking Flying Squad, send us an email with your mobile phone number.

<https://www.mynewsdesk.com/uk/bury-council/pressreleases/burys-parks-celebrate-more-than-a-decade-of-green-flag-awards-3042523?fbclid=IwAR0Cj3Do58y39zS6ChdzGuh87Y70NiEik45ikSNN3yIVA8x8mkAuh0AMcqM>

Despite the recent bad weather our Gardening Group have still been active, and I am delighted to tell you that a large metal shed has been donated, for storing their equipment. Our thanks must go to Alex, who transported it to the yard, by the barn on Stock St and built it onto the base prepared by Paul and Graham. The compound has been refigured and the entrance gates have also been altered to allow easy and safe access to our volunteers. Raff and Paul continue to carry out repairs and a 3rd Planter is now in situ on the Wildlife area, adjacent to the Stock St cottages. Wood is in stock to in the yard for a 4th Planter.



Regular visitors will have noticed that the Brown Trout is once again jumping out of the Fishing Lodge. It was made for us by Cherry Chung and we were able to pay for it as a result of our last Bury MBC Pitch. We had originally intended spending the money on replacing the Orientation boards, in conjunction with Students from Bury College, however Covid 19 put paid to that. Bury MBC agreed that we could use the money for the Trout, as an alternative. Our thanks to Graham and Paul for 'getting their feet wet' installing the Wicker Fish in the lodge.

Graham Schoon from the Council has reported that the following work that has been carried out/completed -

- Repairs to block paving, flagged area and stone walls on the Mill site and near the Cafe
- The Canal Feeder Footpath has been completed and trees cut back
- Two more benches have been made and are ready to install
- The Bridge near the Canoe Training pool has been re-decked
- Grounds Maintenance have been asked to price the refurbishment of the Trim Trail
- Japanese Knotweed and the Rushes in the Training pool have been sprayed (The later in readiness for completing repair work on the steps)

Since the reinstatement of the Yellow Lines was completed, we have been trying to get the Council to arrange for the section alongside the Overflow Car Park to be similarly painted. It would appear that there is a traffic issue and this section is not on the enforcement listing.

**Burrs Wildlife Watch/TWIGS** : The group is still struggling to get off the ground. We have a number of Volunteer helpers but need someone to take charge of the Group. Please get in touch if you know someone who would like to do this. More information can be found on the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's website.  
<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/>

### **Festival of Light, Hopes and Dreams : 30<sup>th</sup> Nov onwards**



Friends of Burrs have been asked to support this initiative in the Brandlesholme area. If you want to find out more about it and take part, please visit their Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBrandlesholme>

### **Covid Restrictions:**

Sadly, the Brown Cow has had to close until December, but the Lamppost café is still open Wed – Sun 10 until 4 offering a takeaway service only.

### **Announcement from the Canoe & Kayak Club :**

Following government guidance and advice the changing rooms are currently closed and should not be used due to covid-19. Could anyone with a key fob please not use these facilities. Please see Bury Canoe & Kayak Club's website for more details. As soon as they are safe to use, we will post an update there. Chris Ellaway - Safety officer BCKC

**Social Media** : We now have over 130 "real" Friends on our gmail account, [friendsofburrscountypark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofburrscountypark@gmail.com) and over 1.7k "virtual" Friends on our Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/179913332805201>

**Next Meeting** : This will be our AGM on Tues 8th Dec at 7.00pm. Please put that date in your diary. It will again take place on Zoom due to Covid restrictions. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

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Chair of Friends of Burrs Country Park.