

## **FRIENDS OF SANDALL PARK BUSINESS PLAN** **2018 -2023**

### **Background**

Friends of Sandall Park (FOSP) progressed their latest business plan from 2018 through to 2020. After consultation and analysis of the problems in the park that plan featured three key areas:

- Providing a safe environment;
- Park development and maintenance;
- Group development.

These areas formed the structure of the monthly meetings and resulted in almost all of the original objectives being achieved prior to the target date of the plan.

Those successes include the desirable outcome of a massive reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour in the main as a result of successful outputs some of which but not exclusively include:

1. Conifers removed from Thorne Road;
2. Additional trees planted to replace -1-;
3. 'See through' fencing installed on Thorne Road;
4. Privet hedging removed from around the bog pond;
5. Fencing erected next to bog pond to protect wildlife area;
6. Park Toilets have remained open;
7. New picnic area installed next to the main car park
8. Adventure play trail installed – enhancing the 'Playbuilder' area;
9. New picnic areas installed on the 'Old Golf Course';
10. Outdoor fitness equipment installed – 'Old Golf Course';
11. Fountain installed in the lake;
12. New Fishing Club Created (Sandall Park Angling Club - SPAC);
13. Lake maintained by the SPAC);
14. Regular angling events organised;
15. The boat house area made good and grassed over;
16. Wildlife sanctuary created in bog garden;
17. Web site created and is self-maintained and developed;
18. Notice boards installed and updated weekly;
19. Facebook Page regularly updated
20. A regular calendar of park events established;
21. Sensory Trail researched and implemented;
22. North bank of the lake part secured as a wildlife area.
23. The creation and completion of Phase 1 and 2 of a Woodland Adventure Park (WAP)

Given the success achieved with the structure of the previous plan little would be served in changing this and the three main areas are as relevant today as they were in the first plan in 2008. To change these key areas and plan structure would be to take our eye 'off the ball' and risk a slide back in some areas while attempting to make progress in others.

The plan structure will remain the same while its content will clearly change to reflect the continuous improvement expected and required by park visitors and the local community.

## **The Plan**

### **Provide a Safe Environment**

The park is a different place currently to what it was in 2008. Major projects in previous plans have produced massive reduction crime and anti-social behaviour. The success means the park can be developed in a way that previously we could only dream of.

This does not mean however that the current crime reduction strategy should be abandoned, indeed it should be implemented with equal vigour.

The crime reduction strategy is based on the principle of the 'Crime Reduction Triangle'. That is the three elements required for offences to be committed. For every crime there has to be a:

- Victim
- Offender
- Location

Without any one of the three elements a crime cannot be committed. Particular emphasis should continue to be given to 'location' and designing out crime. The location is static and the only variables are the things that are attracted by it – visitors and offenders. The authorities should be equally vigilant in targeting the offenders. FoSP will not shy from its efforts in providing evidence that allows this to happen.

### **Park Development and maintenance**

Previous park and community surveys are as relevant today as five years ago with a wish to see strategic development in the areas of family facilities and the lake area. There are clear visitor/community requirements and the proposed developments have been identified in line with these requirements:-

- Family Facilities
- The Lake
- Maintenance

Because of the success of the group it is acknowledged that maintenance is an issue within the park as the authorities in many cases are not in a position to provide the work required. It is clear that a maintenance plan is required to ensure that the park remains in a pristine condition and not merely just 'fit for purpose'. This is what will make Sandall Park 'stand out from the crowd'.

For the 'Maintenance Plan' See Appendix 'B'

## **Group Development**

FOSP remains basically a strong and now somewhat experienced voluntary community group supplemented by members of the statutory services. It is a Registered Charity demonstrating its ability to embrace a more formal structure.

Three key areas of organisational development are required for a variety of reasons and include the ability to get a message from the group to the community as well as accepting information, comment and ideas and acting on them appropriately and proportionally. Other areas are fundraising both for general group running and the funding of developments within this plan as well as individual development that will assist succession planning. The key areas are:

- Communications strategy
- Fund Raising
- Individual development

## **Conclusion**

We are currently on the fourth incarnation of the FoSP Business Plan with the last serving FoSP and the park particularly well and focusing the group on what is important to both the park and the group. Almost everything we set out to do from the first Business Plan has been achieved even given the unique financial constraints. The structure of the plan will remain the same and we are confident that the next five years will be as challenging and bring as much success as the last.

**APPENDIX 'A'****5yr Business Plan – Action Schedule****A. PROVIDE SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

<b><u>REF</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>	<b><u>OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>PROGRESS</u></b>	<b><u>COST(£)</u></b>
1	Keep tree canopies high in copse	DC	Completed	0
2	Prevent dog fouling – adventure play area (fencing)	DC	Completed	1,700
3	Monitor/action to prevent 'toilet activities'	DC	Completed/No current offences	0
4	Maintain enforcement patrols	DMBC	Ongoing	0
5	Remove hedge and replace with fence – Barnby Dun Road	SC/DC/DMBC	Completed	£5,000
6	Introduce PSPO's (Dogs)	DC/DMBC	Completed	0
7	Create Junior Rangers Club	LJ/Archie/SC	Completed	1,000

**B. PARK DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTAINANCE**

<b><u>REF</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>	<b><u>OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>PROGRESS</u></b>	<b><u>COST(£)</u></b>
1	Create a maintenance plan	DC	Completed	0
2	Install new fitness equipment	SC	Completed	15,000
3	Lake edging	SC/DC	Ongoing	100,000
4	Resolve Boat House spring problem	SC	Ongoing	10,000
5	Sensory trail	SC	Completed	5,000
6	Repairs to footpaths	SC/DMBC	Completed	10,000
7	Install additional seating	DC	Completed	5,000
8	Development Sensory Trail	SC	Completed	2,000
9	Development of Adventure Trail area	SC	Completed	15,000
10	Research of the Heritage of the Park	DC/SC	Completed	0
11	Development of golf course area for Adventure Play.	DC	Completed	90,000
12	Install 'Finger' Signposts	DC	Completed	200
13	Introduce weekend attractions	DC	Completed	0
14	Improved/Path to disabled fishing	DC/SC	Completed	4,500
15	Renovation of Toilets	SC	Completed	1,000
16	Provide a long term solution - toilets	DC/SC	Ongoing	40,000+
17	Resolve the problem of 'Pongy Corner'	SH/CP	Completed	5,000
18	Re-construction of stone steps up to football pitches.	DC/SH	Not started	2,000
19	Securing the North Bank wildlife area.	SH/CP	Completed	2,000
20	Develop Wildflower area	WB/CS	Ongoing	2,000
21	Develop art sculptures	SC	Not started	NYK

22	Create storage facility within park	DC/SC	Ongoing	0
23	New Cafe/Toilets/parking	DC	Ongoing	FoSP 0
24	Create woodland Adventure area (WAP1)	DC/SC	Completed	50,000
25	Add to WAP1 (phase 2 WAP2)	DC/SC	Completed	50,000
26	Add WAP3to existing WAP Play	SC	Not Started	
27	Paws Park (Dog Agility Area)	Archie/SC	Planning	25,000
28	Install Changing Places	SC	Planning	70,000

### **C. GROUP DEVELOPMENT**

<b><u>REF</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>	<b><u>OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>PROGRESS</u></b>	<b><u>COST(£)</u></b>
1	Community Centre Project	SC	Completed	2,500
2	Maintain programme of park events	SC	Ongoing	0
3	Transfer 'Santa Dash' to another provider	SC/DC	Completed	2,500
4	Create directory of operating procedures	DC/SC	Completed	0
5	Create a Network of Friends groups	DC/SC	Completed	0
6	Help maintain Angling Club success	All FoSP	Ongoing	0
7	Increase number of volunteers	SC	Ongoing	0
8	Develop Junior Rangers Club	SC/AW	Completed	0

## **APPENDIX 'B'**

### **MAINTENANCE PLAN 2013 - 2018**

Due to the success of the Friends of Sandall Park there has been an unprecedented increase of both equipment and facilities within the park. Much is outside the normal remit of the Local Authority but provides the difference between the park being seen by visitors as 'OK' and 'superb'.

**FOSP WILL ENDEAVOUR TO NARROW THIS MAINTENANCE GAP.**

**THESE ELEMENTS WILL ALWAYS BE 'ON GOING' AND REVIEWED MONTHLY**

<b>No</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1	Willow tunnel	WB
2	Wooden benches in the park	DC
3	Copse of trees	DC
4	Litter in park	WB/CS
5	Fitness Trails	DC
6	Sensory Trail	WB/CS
7	Clean Signage	WB/CS
8	Maintain metal picnic benches/Seats	SC/DC
9	Topiary figures	WB/CS
10	Security of North Bank	CP
11	Jubilee garden	WB/CS
12	Rockery garden	WB/CS
13	Marshall's Garden	MB/CS
14	Lake – litter/debris clearance	CP