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Spring 2022



***The magazine of the
Friends of Telford Town Park
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Promoting. Conserving. Protecting.***

INFORMATION

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Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FOTTP>

Call in to the Park Visitor Centre or telephone **01952 - 382340**

FOTTP, Telford Town Park Visitor Centre,
Hinkshay Road, Telford, TF3 4EP



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Green Flag Award
2020 - 2021



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and to the following for their
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**and several of the local
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Editorial



Telford Town Park Spring 2022.

Welcome to this edition of Explore, the newsletter of the Friends of Telford Town Park.

Due to circumstances, Covid etc., this is the first edition of Explore for some time. We like to try and keep the public up to date a few times a year on what is happening in the park and particularly with our volunteers and the great work that is done to enhance your enjoyment of this fabulous space.

The last couple of years have been very difficult to say the least, however in conjunction with the town park management and the the contractors **idverde** the park is now looking at it's best.

We currently have more plans for improvements in the Maxell Cherry Garden, continuing to plant in the Chelsea Gardens and more storage space for all our bits and bobs!

You may have noticed some brightly coloured recycling bins have appeared around the park. This is a new incentive by Telford & Wrekin Council to increase the amount of rubbish that can be recycled. We are very keen in the Friends to recycle wherever we can. For example we have made some compost storage areas from old pallets. Also the excess grit on the paths is swept up and used as a mulch when planting up pot plants. We also try and recycle old wood as when posts are replaced due to rotting, quite often a large proportion of the wood can be saved and reused somewhere else in the gardens.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and continue to visit our beautiful town park. Please remember the Friends when visiting, as the volunteers efforts all help you to enjoy the space.

Best regards, Chris Pettman, Chairman, FOTTP.

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Memory Plaques



The first 2 plaques installed on the Sensory Garden gabion. We now have over 17 plaques installed.

We are pleased to announce the return of the popular memory feature in the Sensory Garden within the Chelsea Gardens behind the Bandstand.

The plaques are available to purchase from the Friends of Telford Town Park and any profit will go towards the Friends and helping to maintain the site.

When one of these plaques is bought, it entitles the purchaser to have it hanging in the Sensory Garden in perpetuity. The Friends will do all they can to ensure the safety of these plaques but NO responsibility can be accepted by the FOTTP or Telford & Wrekin Council for any loss or damage.

Each plaque costs £20 to buy and you can then get it engraved, on one side only, for a flat price of £20 at Timpsons in the Town Centre. Total price is £40.

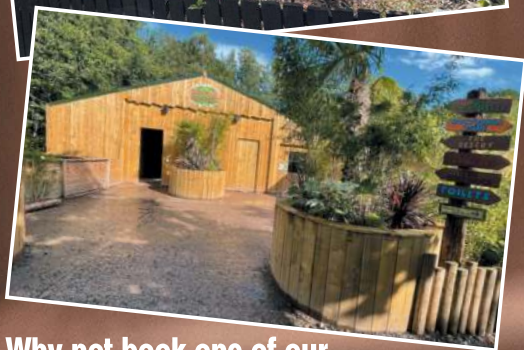
This usually takes up to 7 working days, so please allow for that when ordering engraving as it will be sent to Timpsons Head Office as it cannot be done on site due to the shape of the plaques. To buy a plaque please contact Colin Thompson at:

cthompson@bcs.org.uk

New plaques will normally be delivered to the Visitor Centre for collection within a few days and you will be notified of this.

Following the success of the last scheme with the metal leaves we expect this scheme to be just as popular, so do not delay if you think this for you !

Visit our new **ZOO** in the heart of Telford Town Park.



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This April the Friends have published a new guide to Telford Town Park showing all the attractions along with some history of the park and some past events. This guide makes a wonderful souvenir of your visit and has useful information, so that on your next visit you may find out more about the 450 acres of park, woodland, lakes and local nature reserve. It only costs £3.50 and is available from the Visitor Centre and the Exotic Zoo. Make sure you get your copy.



Wonderland

Wonderland in Telford Town Park, fabulous fun for all the family to have a great day out. See website for opening times.

www.wonderlandmidlands.co.uk



The Friends of Telford Town Park Need



Volunteers are

needed to help with:

Gardening Hedge laying and planting Tree planting
Bulb planting Bat and Bird Box making and much, much more!

If you are interested in joining the Friends of Telford Town Park why not come to meet us at the Chelsea Gardens; we can be found there every Wednesday from February to November from 9.30 am – 12.30pm.

Alternatively email our Secretary, Andy Bunn on: andybunnfottp@hotmail.com

We look forward to meeting you!

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Join us

No experience
necessary!



The Friends of Telford Town Park started out in 2002 with just a few members and were formally constituted in 2003. We are now in our nineteenth year with nearly 30 members and lots of projects under our belt and in the pipeline. There is no doubt that in these days of financial difficulties everywhere, the Town Park included, we have made a real difference to the ongoing maintenance of the park for the benefit of the whole community and beyond, as well as winning some prestigious awards, including the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, the equivalent of the MBE for volunteers.

Some of our projects have involved the restoration of the Crannog on Grange Pool, the replacement of the wind vane on the Queen's Silver Jubilee Monument, the replacement of the old Sensory Garden, doing a fair amount of hedge laying and scrub clearing, built a large bug hotel and a stumpery in the Chelsea Gardens. We get involved with gardening, woodwork, painting and other general maintenance tasks. No experience is necessary. If you would like to become a part of this success story, contact us via our website or leave your details at the reception desk in the Visitor Centre. **FULL Membership is FREE** and carries some unique benefits, or you can become a **SUPPORTER member**. By becoming a supporter member you agree to support us but are not actually available to work.

However, it does not prevent you from helping occasionally if you are able to. You could for example purchase a copy of our new **Town Park guide** for £3.50p. All profits go to our funds. Thank you.

CORONA VIRUS

Please note that at time of writing the Friends are now working again in Telford Town Park.

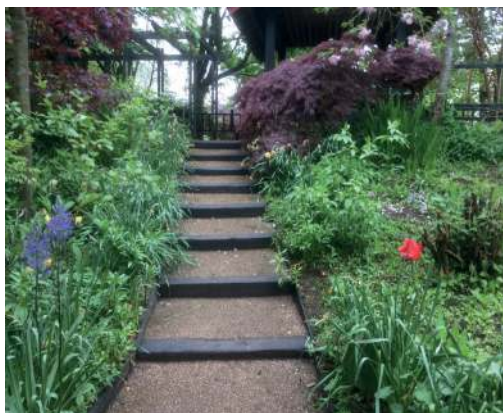
You will feel safe when working in the Town Park with the Friends.
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Garden News



One of our members Andy Bunn renovating the base of the sculpture in the Sensory Garden. This is the current site of our memory plaques and the base is due to be painted gold once the renovation is complete. It will also be replanted around the edges.



The steps up to the Maxell Cherry Garden have now been treated with black anti slip paint by another one of our members, Cliff Poole, so they should now be safer to walk on when wet. The steps lead up to a pergola which overlooks the large waterfall and the rest of the Cherry garden.



The gardening group enjoying a well earned break in the new seating area in the community garden. If you would like to join us why not pop along at 11.0am for a cup tea, coffee or chocolate and a biscuit. You will be most welcome. We are there every Wednesday morning till 1pm.



The Fun Page

WORDSEARCH

Trees

C	M	P	O	P	L	A	R	V
H	H	L	H	B	E	E	C	H
E	K	E	E	C	C	X	R	T
R	A	B	S	U	R	O	B	V
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Y	E	P	P	A	N	L	B	X
N	S	C	N	L	A	U	R	Z
V	D	D	A	P	E	V	T	D

Elm	Cherry
Oak	Alder
Poplar	Beech
Spruce	Rowan
Chestnut	Birch
Palm	Apple

What colour is the wind? Blew

Why might grass be dangerous? Because it's full of blades.

How can you tell it's a Dogwood tree? By it's bark.

Why did the tree get lost? It took the wrong root.

How do trees talk to each other? By telephone.

How do trees get online? They log on.

What did the bee say to the flower? Hello honey.

What do you call an electric flower? A power plant.

What is a bees favourite flower? A beegonia.

What is a frogs favourite flower? A croakus.

What do you call a gardener with a beard? Hairy Potter.

Why does Santa Claus like gardening? Because he likes to hoe, hoe, hoe.

2022 Fun Run

**Sunday 4 December 2022
TELFORD TOWN PARK
Mark it in your diary**



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News

There are plans in the pipeline for the FOTTP to paint the metal railings in the Maxell Cherry Garden in red and black to enhance their appearance and make them more like a Japanese style garden. The picture on the right is purely an example of some painted railings and not actually in the Maxell Gardens.



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The first of the gateway signs to be repainted and Kathryn and Paul admiring their handiwork. The remaining 2 signs for the Maxell Cherry Garden will be done as soon as the weather allows! It has certainly brightened the entrance up.



VISITOR CENTRE



Normal opening hours

Including the formal gardens

Telephone: 01952 382340

10.00am - 5pm Every day

MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST & School Holidays

10am - 4pm Sat Every day.

MARCH, APRIL, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER

10.0am - 3pm Sat, Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs

(Closed every Monday and Friday)

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY and FEBRUARY

The nearest toilets outside of the above
opening times are located in

Telford Ice Rink or SW1 in Southwater Square.

Check opening times with Telford & Wrekin Council

**In case of life threatening emergency when
closed please phone 999 or 112**



Parking Dark Lane Car Park- charges apply

November to March 9.0 am - 6pm

April to October 7.0 am to 8 pm

TOWN PARK EVENTS



Tears for Fears
Friday 1st July



Tom Grennan
Saturday 2 July



Bryan Adams
Sunday 3 July

To book tickets please go to: www.telfordtickets.com
Please check with the Visitor Centre on 01952 382340
or the park web site: www.telfordtownpark.co.uk
to see if any other events are taking place



Telford Balloon
Festival (FREE)
Sat 27 August
Sun 28 August

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