

THE PEACE WOODLAND



Working together for a Peace Woodland

Almost 12,000 people visited Lichfield Cathedral to see Imagine Peace - an interactive sound and light installation to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.

The exhibition ran over 11 days and included a Peace Woodland made up of 1,918 trees which our parks team saved from being composted. Working with the team at the cathedral, our parks team and plenty of volunteers helped to plant the trees in pots, water them and move them over to the cathedral and arrange them.

Visitors to the exhibition were encouraged to dedicate their name to peace. Find out how you can have a name inscribed on the bronze plaque for peace at the park at www.lichfield-cathedral.org/peace/peace-woodland.

The trees are now back with us in our Community Garden, where we'll look after them ready for planting out as a permanent Peace Woodland, next to Beacon Park's golf course.

Paul Niven, Community Gardener, said: "It's been such an honour to be involved in this project and I'm so proud of all the volunteers who helped to keep the 1,918 trees alive, especially through the summer heatwave. It was a huge group effort and the end result was stunning."

Volunteers needed!

We will start planting the trees in November and December and are looking for more volunteers to help us. If you would like to join in the effort, please email parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk and we'll be in touch to give you more information.

Welcome to ParkLife
Welcome to our autumn edition of ParkLife.

This is the newsletter that keeps you up to date with all that's going on across Lichfield Historic Parks, which includes Beacon Park, Minster Pool and Walk, the Garden of Remembrance and Stowe Pool.

We hope you find ParkLife interesting. Please get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions.

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New accessible swing

Thanks to fundraising by Lichfield Round Table, along with fundraising in memory of Isla Elizabeth Hufton, a new accessible swing is being installed in Beacon Park's junior play area.

It joins our accessible roundabout and should be ready in early October.

Isla Elizabeth Hufton suffered from Mitochondrial DNA Depletion Syndrome and sadly died when she was just 18 months old. Her family and other groups and individuals have been fundraising to get an accessible swing in Beacon Park.

A big thank you from all of us to the groups and individuals, as well as the family and friends of Isla who have helped to raise the money for the swing and supported the project.



Book now!

Don't miss our popular Christmas wreath workshops.

You'll be taught how to hand make a wreath out of natural materials taken from the park and mince pies and hot drinks will be served at the workshops.

Find out more in our What's On at Beacon Park listings...



Beacon Park



Golf



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Interested in joining a petanque group?

Beacon Park has a petanque (boules) court next to Lakeside Bistro. Anyone can play with their own boules or hire equipment at the park.

We had lots of fun at Lichfield Heritage Weekend (22 & 23 Sept) when we offered free equipment hire - and lots of people tried out the game and suggested setting up a petanque group to play regularly. If you are interested in joining the group, email parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk.

Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks

The Friends group makes sure park users and locals are involved in discussions about Lichfield Historic Parks.

The group meets at District Council House (Frog Lane) generally on the last Thursday of the month, from 6.20pm to about 8.15pm. To find out more email parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk

Find the Friends on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FoLHP



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Blooming Lichfield scoops Gold award!

The Heart of England in Bloom has awarded Lichfield a Gold award in the Small City category for the second year running!

The judges looked at the historic parks, the city's hanging baskets, tidy streets, community involvement, heritage awareness, sustainability and much more.

Well done to all involved, including our grounds maintenance and street scene teams, as well as our community gardeners, parks team and volunteers, who all work hard to keep our parks looking beautiful.

What's on at Beacon Park - October 2018

Please remember that children need to be accompanied by an adult at all of our events and activities.

Date/time	Event details
Tues 2 Oct 1pm - 3pm Community Garden Volunteer event	Neaten and Natter This volunteer activity is for adults who want to help us look after Beacon Park. Call 01543 308869 to confirm your place and to check the activity is running.
Weds 3 Oct 11am start Ranger Station Free	Lichfield Parks Health Walks These gentle walks are open to everyone of any age and are a great way to discover your local area and to enjoy some healthy exercise. Weather permitting.
Thurs 4 Oct 10am - 12 (approx.) Community Garden Free	Butterfly and Bee Walk Join us on our last walk of 2018 to help us record these important insects. The walks are dependent on fine weather. Call 01543 308869 on the day to confirm it's running.



Date/time Event details

Fri 5 Oct
1pm - 3pm
Discovery Hub
Volunteer event

Event Volunteers
Help us with our packed events calendar. Tasks vary each month and include making props, resources and costumes. Beginners welcome.

13 Oct - 4 Nov
10am - 3pm
Ranger Station
£1.50/£2



Halloween Puzzle Trail
Enjoy following a spooky themed puzzle trail around Beacon Park to solve the clues and win a small prize. There are two levels of clues - one for little ones and another for older children. Aimed at 3 years and over with adult help. It costs £1.50 with a LAP or £2 without.



Weds 17 Oct
11am start

Lichfield Parks Health Walks
See 3 Oct listing for details

Fri 19 Oct
1pm - 2pm
Tennis courts start
Free

Wellbeing Wonder Wander
Join us on our monthly mindful sessions using our senses to explore Beacon Park. October's session is called **Colour Quest**.

27 - 30 Oct
10am, 11.30am, 1.30pm
Discovery Hub
£3/£3.50



Halloween Mini Lantern Workshops
Make a handheld lantern using willow, tissue paper, glue and a battery powered tea light. Suitable for ages 3+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. To book call **01543 308867**. It costs £3 for LAP members and £3.50 for everyone else, which includes entry to our lantern parade.



Weds 31 Oct
From 5pm
Tennis courts start
Free/£1

Halloween Mini Lantern Parade
Hear the story of Gilbert the Ghost then join us for a lantern parade around a dusky park and spot Halloween characters along the way. An alternative to trick or treating for primary aged children. No naked flames please - torches recommended. Takes up to one hour. It costs £1 to bring your own lantern or free if you've made one with us.



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13 Oct - 4 Nov 10am - 3pm Ranger Station £1.50/£2	Halloween Puzzle Trail Enjoy following a spooky themed puzzle trail around Beacon Park to solve the clues and win a small prize. There are two levels of clues - one for little ones and another for older children. Aimed at 3 years and over with adult help. It costs £1.50 with a LAP or £2 without.
Fri 2 Nov 11am - 3pm Discovery Hub £1.50 per feeder	Feed the Birds Day Create a bird feeder out of cones in this drop-in workshop, so you can put them up in your garden to help birds over the winter.
Fri 2 Nov 1pm - 3pm Discovery Hub Volunteer event	Event Volunteers Help the parks team with its packed event schedule. Tasks will vary each month and include making props, resources and costumes for events. Beginners welcome.
Tues 6 Nov 1pm - 3pm Community Garden Volunteer event	Neaten and Natter This volunteer activity is for adults who want to help us look after Beacon Park. Call 01543 308869 to confirm your place and to check the activity is running.
Weds 7 Nov 11am start Ranger Station Free	Lichfield Parks Health Walks These gentle walks are open to everyone of any age and are a great way to discover your local area and to enjoy some healthy exercise. Weather permitting.
Fri 16 Nov 1pm - 2pm Skatepark start Free	Wellbeing Wonder Wander Join us on our monthly mindful sessions using various senses to explore the amazing natural world within Beacon Park. November's session is called Texture Touch .
Weds 21 Nov 11am start	Lichfield Parks Health Walks See 7 Nov listing for details

Walking Netball: Join adult only walking netball sessions each week running on Thursdays from 10.30am to 11.30am. It costs £2.50 a class. No need to book.

Date/time	Event details
Sat 1 Dec 9am - 10am & 10.30am - 11.30am Discovery Hub £2/£3	Christmas Tree Decoration Workshops for Kids Decorate a freestanding mini wooden Christmas tree. A lovely festive decoration to take home with you. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £2 with a LAP and £3 without.
Sat 1 Dec 12pm - 2pm & 2.30pm - 4.30pm £4/£5	Christmas Tree Decoration Workshops for Adults Decorate your own mini freestanding wooden Christmas tree. It costs £4 with a LAP and £5 without.
Weds 5 Dec 11am start	Lichfield Parks Health Walks See 7 Nov listing for details
Fri 7 Dec 1pm - 3pm	Event Volunteers See 2 Nov listing for details
14 Dec - 4 Jan Check web for times Football pitches	Lichfield Winter Wonderland Hot food and drink stalls, an ice rink, fair rides, indoor heated seating and much more. For more info go to: lichfieldwinterwonderland.co.uk
15 & 16 Dec 10am - 12noon & 2pm - 4pm Discovery Hub £15	Christmas Wreath Workshops Use a variety of locally sourced greenery to create a Christmas Wreath. Booking essential - to book call 01543 308867 .
Weds 19 Dec 11am start	Lichfield Parks Health Walks See 7 Nov listing for details
Fri 22 Dec 1pm - 2pm Ranger Station start.	Wellbeing Wonder Wander Join us on our monthly mindful sessions. December's session is called Winter Tree Shapes .

Volunteer: Our Countryside & Parks Conservation Group carry out conservation work across the district. Find out more by emailing **parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk**

Tennis for Free: Come along to coach-led tennis sessions on Sundays at Beacon Park from 2pm to 4pm. Register & check online at **beaconparktennis.co.uk**