



## Volunteers sought for Peace Woodland planting

**We're asking Green-fingered folk to lend a hand in the effort to create a Peace Woodland in Beacon Park.**

Lichfield Cathedral and the parks team has spent the last year working together to create a Peace Woodland in Beacon Park.

Along with plenty of volunteers, we've helped to pot 1,918 trees so they could be used in Lichfield Cathedral's Imagine Peace art installation in August, created by artist Peter Walker, which commemorated the centenary of the First World War.

Following the exhibition we've been caring for the trees in our community garden, ready for them to be planted out as part of a Peace Woodland.

The woodland, also designed by Peter Walker, will be next to Beacon Park's golf course. It will be launched at Easter and will feature a bronze plaque inscribed with names.

Volunteers are now needed to help us to create the woodland at a series of tree planting sessions in January.

Community tree planting sessions will take place on:

- **Sunday 6 Jan, 10am to 2pm & Tuesday 8 Jan, 1pm to 3pm**
- **Saturday 12 Jan, 10am to 2pm & Sunday 27 Jan, 10am to 2pm**

Gardeners will need to wear warm, outdoor clothing and gardening gloves. And, if you have a spade you can bring along, that would be a great help. Don't forget to book your spot on the tree planting sessions, so we know how many people to expect on the days.

All the planting sessions are dependent on the weather and ground conditions. We're planning to run more tree planting days - keep an eye on our historic parks website to find out when they are.

To book your place onto any of the tree planting sessions, please call Beacon Park on **01543 308867** or email [parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk).

## Welcome to ParkLife Welcome to our winter 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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# Lichfield Winter Wonderland

## Lichfield Winter Wonderland events cancellation

### Remember a loved one

You can create a place for memories of a special day or a loved one in our parks and green spaces.

We offer the chance to dedicate a bench, tree, plant or shrub. You can choose from traditional steel benches or wooden benches, as well as various species of trees and plants.

We offer wooden benches for £800 with a back rest or £600 without, which includes installation. Wood engraving is an extra £7 for each letter. Bronze or brass plaques are only available for benches with back rests and start from £75. Steel benches are £1,300, including a bronze or brass plaque and installation.

If you are interested in sponsoring a tree, please contact us to discuss the availability of trees and possible locations. Current tree varieties include: sweet chestnut, walnut, dune berries, ash and elder.

You may have a favourite tree or shrub that would make a more fitting memorial donation. Please contact us to discuss suitable plants and available locations.

As part of the service, we can plant your commemorative tree or shrub. However, benches and plaque stands need to be installed by our approved contractor, which we arrange.

Find out more at:

[www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/beacon-park](http://www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/beacon-park) or call us on 01543 308867 or email [parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk)

On 20 December, we were notified by Café International, the organisers of Lichfield Winter Wonderland that all Winter Wonderland events in Beacon Park had been cancelled due to the closure of the business.

We know that customers traders, suppliers and performers were hugely disappointed. We were also incredibly disappointed and our first priority was to ensure the site was safe and we worked with the suppliers and traders to clear the site in an orderly and safe manner.

As we were not the event organisers, we were unable to contact ticket holders directly as we did not hold their details, but we encouraged Café International's liquidators to do this.

We put up signage at Beacon Park, including the car parks, so any customers who arrived were told as soon as possible that the event was not going ahead. We also posted updates on Twitter and Facebook and on our historic parks, council and visitor websites.

While we did not organise the event, and hired the park to Café International, we are incredibly sorry to everyone that has been affected and that this has happened in one of our parks.

We're committed to encouraging quality events for residents and visitors and will be carrying out a review in the new year. This will ensure suppliers, staff and all those involved can participate to help identify what lessons can be learned to ensure the success of future events.

Café International has posted details on their website [www.lichfieldwinterwonderland.co.uk](http://www.lichfieldwinterwonderland.co.uk) including information for customers wishing to pursue a refund and contact details for their liquidators, Libertas Associates Ltd. For further information visit [www.lichfieldwinterwonderland.co.uk](http://www.lichfieldwinterwonderland.co.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](mailto:parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk)

Find the Friends on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FoLHP](http://www.facebook.com/FoLHP)





## What's on at Beacon Park - Jan - Mar 2019

We've got lots going on this spring at Beacon Park. Please remember that children need to be accompanied by an adult at all of our events and activities.

Date/time	Event details
<b>Weds 2 Jan</b> 10am start Ranger Station <b>Free</b>	<b>Health Walks - Beginner Level</b> Join the friendly team from Everyone Health for a short walk around Beacon Park. Walks will last around half an hour and will only go ahead weather permitting - call <b>03330 050095</b> to confirm the walk with take place.
<b>Weds 2 Jan</b> 11am start Ranger Station <b>Free</b>	<b>Lichfield Parks Health Walks – Intermediate Level</b> Join our friendly group for walks around the local area. Walks are circular and will take around one hour and will only go ahead weather permitting - call <b>01543 308867</b> to confirm the walk will take place.
<b>Sun 6 Jan</b> 10am - 2pm Behind golf course <b>Volunteer event</b>	<b>Community Tree Planting Day</b> Help us plant Beacon Park's new Peace Woodland and improve habitats for local wildlife. Weather permitting. Please bring gloves and a spade if you have them. Call <b>01543 308867</b> to book your place.
<b>Tues 8 Jan</b> 1pm - 3pm Behind golf course <b>Volunteer event</b>	<b>Neaten and Natter – Tree Planting</b> Neaten and Natter will be helping plant the Peace Woodland this month. To book your space, please call <b>01543 308869</b> .
<b>Weds 9 Jan</b> 10am start	<b>Health Walks - Beginner Level</b> <i>See 2 Jan listing for more info</i>
<b>Sat 12 Jan</b> 10am - 2pm	<b>Community Tree Planting Day</b> <i>See 6 Jan listing for more info</i>

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<b>Weds 16 Jan</b> 10am start	<b>Health Walks - Beginner Level</b> <i>See 2 Jan listing for more info</i>
<b>Weds 16 Jan</b> 11am start	<b>Lichfield Parks Health Walks – Intermediate Level</b> <i>See 2 Jan listing for more info</i>
<b>Fri 18 Jan</b> 1pm - 2pm Community Garden <b>Free</b>	<b>Wellbeing Wonder Wander</b> Join us on our monthly mindful sessions using various senses to explore the amazing natural world within Beacon Park. January's theme is Woodlice Pursuits.
<b>Weds 23 &amp; 30 Jan</b> 10am start	<b>Health Walks - Beginner Level</b> <i>See 2 Jan listing for more info</i>
<b>Sat 26 Jan - Sun 24 Feb</b> 9.30am - 3pm Ranger Station start <b>£1</b>	<b>Twig Hunt and Keep Warm Trail</b> Follow this trail around beautiful Beacon Park to help you identify some common British trees from their winter twigs and keep warm with some fun exercise challenges to try along the way.
<b>Weds 27 Jan</b> 10am start	<b>Community Tree Planting Day</b> <i>See 6 Jan listing for more info</i>
<b>Fri 1 Feb</b> 1pm - 3pm	<b>Event Volunteers</b> 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.
<b>Tues 5 Feb</b> 1pm - 3pm Community Garden <b>Volunteer event</b>	<b>Neaten and Natter</b> This volunteer activity is for adults who want to help us look after Beacon Park. Call <b>01543 308869</b> to confirm your place and to check the activity is running.
<b>Weds 6 Feb</b> 10am start	<b>Health Walks - Beginner Level</b> <i>See 2 Jan listing for more info</i>



## What's on at Beacon Park - January to March 2019 continued

Date/time	Event details
<b>Weds 6 Feb</b> 11am start Ranger Station <b>Free</b>	<b>Lichfield Parks Health Walks – Intermediate Level</b> Join us for a one-hour walk around the local area. Walks will only go ahead weather permitting - call <b>01543 308867</b> to confirm.
<b>Fri 15 Feb</b> 1pm - 2pm Community Garden <b>Free</b>	<b>Wellbeing Wonder Wander</b> Join us on our monthly mindful sessions using various senses to explore the amazing natural world within Beacon Park. February's theme is Signs of Spring Search
<b>Sat 16 Feb &amp; Mon 18 Feb</b> 10am-11am, 11.30am- 12.30pm and 1.30pm-2.30pm Discovery Hub <b>£2 each</b>	<b>Hobby Horse Workshops</b> Make a hobby horse from your old sock! Please bring a (clean) sock with you – all other materials provided. £2 each. Booking essential <b>01543 308867</b> . Most suitable for age 5+ but all welcome. Children must be accompanied.
<b>Weds 20 Feb</b> 11am start Ranger Station <b>Free</b>	<b>Lichfield Parks Health Walks – Intermediate Level</b> Join us for a one-hour walk around the local area. Walks will only go ahead weather permitting - call <b>01543 308867</b> to confirm.
<b>Fri 1 Mar</b> 1pm - 3pm Discovery Hub <b>Volunteer event</b>	<b>Event Volunteers</b> 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.
<b>Tues 5 Mar</b> 1pm - 3pm Community Garden <b>Volunteer event</b>	<b>Neaten and Natter</b> This volunteer activity is for adults who want to help us look after Beacon Park. Call <b>01543 308869</b> to confirm your place and to check the activity is running.
<b>Weds 6 Mar</b> 11am start Ranger Station <b>Free</b>	<b>Lichfield Parks Health Walks – Intermediate Level</b> Join us for a one-hour walk around the local area. Walks will only go ahead weather permitting - call <b>01543 308867</b> to confirm.

**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
<b>Fri 15 Mar</b> 1pm - 2pm Community Garden <b>Free</b>	<b>Wellbeing Wonder Wander</b> Join us on our monthly mindful sessions using various senses to explore the amazing natural world within Beacon Park. March's theme is Signs of Spring - Revisited.
<b>Weds 20 Mar</b> 11am start Ranger Station <b>Free</b>	<b>Lichfield Parks Health Walks – Intermediate Level</b> Join us for a one-hour walk around the local area. Walks will only go ahead weather permitting - call <b>01543 308867</b> to confirm.
<b>Sat 30 March - Sun 28 April</b> 9am - 4pm Ranger Station start <b>£1.50</b>	<b>Easter Trail</b> Follow a self-guided puzzle trail around Beacon Park. Aimed at age 3+ with adult help. There are three levels of clues so adults can join in this year too! Includes a small prize. 
<b>Sunday 31 March</b> 11am start Beacon Park <b>Free</b>	<b>Cycle Rides for All Lichfield Taster</b> Join in a three and a half mile group cycle ride. This is the first in a series of cycle rides that will run each month until September. Simply bring yourself, your bike and your helmet to Beacon Park and join in a taster group cycle ride round Lichfield. Go to <a href="http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/cyclerides">www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/cyclerides</a> to find out more. 

### Nature Conservation with CPG

Our Countryside & Parks Conservation Group (or CPG) meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 10.30am to 3pm and carry out conservation work at parks and open spaces across the district. All over 18s welcome - we provide the tools. To find out more please email Peter at [parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk)



**Tennis for Free:** Come along to coach-led tennis sessions on Sundays at Beacon Park from 2pm to 4pm. Register and find out more online at [beaconparktennis.co.uk](http://beaconparktennis.co.uk)

