

Agenda Item no. 7

Stevens Park, Quarry Bank

Activities and Events in the Park

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Community Development Officer

Introduction

- Emma Jackson- Community Development Officer employed by Dudley Council for the Stevens Park, Quarry Bank Restoration Project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund
- Temporary contract of employment from August 2021- November 2024
- Employed for 2 days a week to deliver the activities and events outlined in the HLF Activity Plan.



Arts and Crafts

- Craft Club runs every Tuesday and Wednesday in the community room of Tintern House.
- Members of the club regularly get involved with other events in the park.
- Three Craft Workshops have been delivered over the past 1.5 years to teach people how to knit, crochet and patchwork.
- Community arts and crafts sessions have been held for Easter, Christmas and Halloween.
- Art in the Park event with The Art Yard



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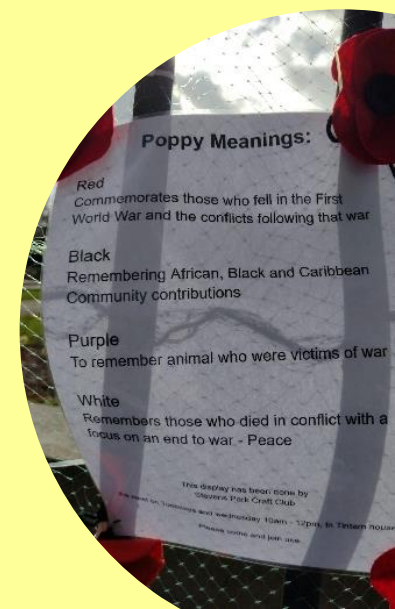
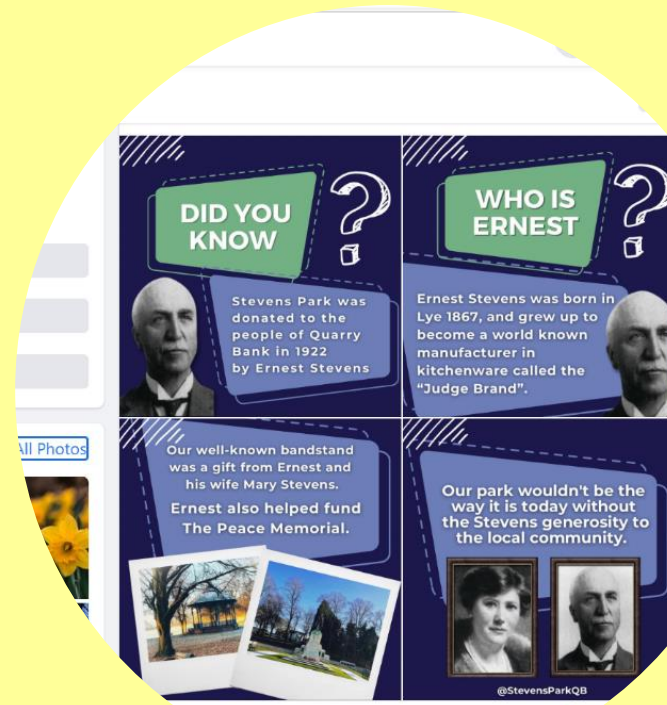
Health and Fitness

- Park Active every Monday
- Midland Mencap cycle lessons with Old Park School
- Summer Football Skills for Kids
- Mum and Kids Summer Fitness Classes
- Ladies Only Bootcamp



History and Heritage

- Remembrance Day Service in the Park led by Rev. David Hoskin of Christ Church, Quarry Bank.
- Local primary schools (Quarry Bank, Mount Pleasant and Thorns) visit the park and lay handmade wreaths.
- History Scavenger Hunt in the Park.
- Social Media Infographics with info on the history of the park.



Nature and Wildlife

- Local schools have visited the park several times to take part in nature activities.
- These have included making bird feeders, mini beast hunts and building a bug hotel.
- We have also held several community activities
- Work has been done to improve the wildflower meadow. Last year the sward was cut and collected and yellow rattle seed has been sown to reduce the growth of dense creeping grasses.
- Trainees from EJFP are a part of the wildflower restoration project.



Events 2021-2022



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Sunday 9th April- Easter Event



Saturday 22nd July- Green Fest



Sunday 13th August- Art in the Park (can change to Saturday 12th if required)



Summer Bands on the Bandstand (dates tbc)



October- Halloween event (date tbc)



December- Christmas event (date tbc)

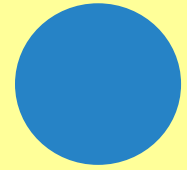
Upcoming Events 2023

Green Festival

- Community fun day event with market stalls, live music, talks, demonstrations and activities.
- Organised with Wild Earth Movement a community led organisation which aims to inspire and empower communities to make positive impact on the planet.
- Emily Jordan Foundation will be involved with recycling and eco activities during the event including the improvement of wildflower area.
- Local small businesses will be present as well organisations such as RSPB and Wildlife Trust.
- Aim to recruit volunteers who will have long term involvement in eco projects within the park.



Target Audience



The project has identified these groups as the target audiences for the park:

- Children and Young People
- People with Disabilities
- Females
- People over 50
- People Seeking Training/Development Opportunities
- Under-represented Ethnic Groups

Family Fun Day events, summer football skills, school visits

Midland Mencap Cycle lessons, Green Gym sessions, Craft club

Craft club/workshops, Ladies only Bootcamp, Mums Fitness, Mums meet social and Mindfulness Hub

Craft club/workshops, Lets Chat Bus, Bands on the Bandstand, Remembrance Services

Park Active volunteers, social media volunteer, event stewards

Seeking diverse ethnic audiences has been difficult. It is hoped the World Food Market (part of Green Fest) will represent and increase ethnic diversity in the park

Volunteers



Park Active Volunteer- Over 40 hours



Craft Club Volunteer- Over 200 hours



Social Media Volunteer- 12 hours



Event Stewards- 2 volunteers have completed 6 hours each at events.



We now have two more volunteers who are scheduled to help at the next event on Sunday 9th April.