

Chairs Report

The past year has been another very successful one for the Friends of Montgomery Street Park, notable highlights included:

Park Improvements

Work is now underway to remove fence and improve this area

Orchard planted

Continuing to keep the Police Box graffiti free (ongoing)

Funding

£40k secured from WREN for fence removal. (thanks also to Ritchie Fraser and Jennifer Johnstone)

£800 for orchard

Clean up equipment secured by Tasca

Events

August Fun Day was a great success – thanks to Sarah Pratico

October Planting Day and Halloween lantern Parade

January - Orchard planting with Leith Walk Primary

March - Clean Up

May - Picnic in the Park

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone who has helped, participated or been involved in anyway over the past year. The organisation of events is an important aspect of the groups activities in encouraging people to enjoy the park and to raise funds for the group.

Website

The Website has been redesigned and updated making it easier for people to contact the group via the website and a Facebook site has also been added. We hope that it will soon be possible to donate and join the group via the website.

Strategic Relationships

Two events held with Leith Walk Primary School – Orchard Planting and Picnic in the Park. We have found this to be a productive and enjoyable relationship which we hope to build upon in the future.

What next

August Fair planned for Sat 20 August, we have three volunteer organizers Bec Ewing and Khloe Salmon and Leanne Roberts.

Further fundraising – to buy a marquee, next stage of park development.

Working with other organizations – Leith Walk Primary, Other local primary schools, Other local Friends groups, Dalmeny Street, Calton and Hillside. Continue to build a productive relationship with City of Edinburgh Council. Renroc?

Membership/volunteer drive

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Chair
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