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Newsletter

Hi Members 21st October 2020

Firstly with further restrictions having been added to our city recently we wanted to say that we hope you are all keeping safe and well and to remind you that our park can be a great resource for fitness and wellbeing.

Covid-19 continues to have a huge impact on what we can do as a group but our committee are still working hard in our park most days to make it the best it can be until we can get all our volunteers back involved.

Our Wild Flower Seeding event last month was a huge success and we look forward seeing wildflowers along the embankment next to the helipad next year!

We have also been successful in the last month or so in strengthening our relationship with Liverpool City Council and in particular with our parks team and management.

We have had some fantastic conversations about how we would like our park to keep improving whilst waiting for Alder Hey to return our full park and our parks management team at LCC are very much on board with our ideas and are helping to support us in improving what we have to offer.

We have recently completed the installation of our 4 veggie raised beds which we hope we can get the community and our locals schools involved with.

Also we have confirmed the installation and location of a table tennis table to be installed and that should be in soon with event ideas planned for that to involve our community.

Lastly September also seen us start our Lamb Banana Rescue! We spotted Alder Heys Lamb Banana stuck in a load of brambles, right next to Alder Heys construction site and by us raising his precarious position Alder Hey have now removed him into storage for safe keeping. However we are pushing to have him relocated to our park either in the short or long term for all our community to enjoy.

We also found out that his name is Rocking and his design was based on Elton John. We spoke with the Artist Alex who is very much on board with the idea of involving the kids of Alder Hey and our local community to help redesign him and so will keep you posted on whether Alder Hey allow us to give their Lamb Banana a new lease of life!

As always we are working on lots of things including our first kid's wellbeing event on the 30th of October, some spooktacular Halloween events and some brand new exercise equipment for our park!

We are also working on plans to fund the replacement of our very tired kids play area as we feel Alder Heys target completion date for this of 2023 is simply not good enough for community!

Exciting times are ahead and we hope you are enjoying our park and the additions we are bringing to it!

Kind regards

The Friends of Springfield Park Committee

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