

Many hands make light work. We need volunteers for the autumn clear up on Saturday 18th October. Our Annual Report for 2024/25 has just been published, read highlights and download it here. Find out more about our future plans and how you can get involved.

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## Autumn in Newlands Park

Its a lovely time of year to visit Newlands Park, as the trees glow in their autumn colours.

Read on for our latest news, future plans and how you can get involved.

# Our bushes need a trim



**Join us for the big autumn tidy up  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 10-12**

Join the Newlands Park volunteers on Saturday 18th October from 10:00 to 12:00 for a bit of fresh air and exercise.

Our regular volunteers need help to prune the shrubbery in the park and generally tidy up in preparation for winter.

Its a big task, but its very rewarding to see the impact that can be made in just a couple of hours, when enough people get involved. Tools and safety equipment will be provided, so please come and join us. We will meet beside the pond at 10am, or find us by the bushes!

There's no need to sign up, just turn up. Contact us on [volunteer@friendsofnewlandspark.org](mailto:volunteer@friendsofnewlandspark.org) if you have any questions.

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***Have you seen our  
Annual Report?***

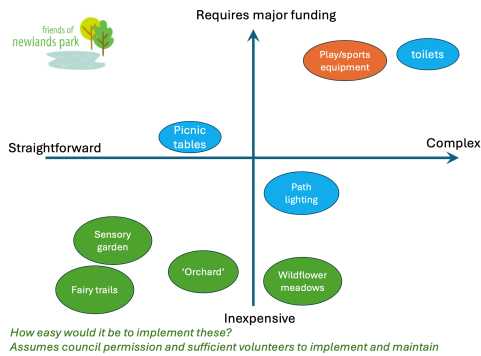
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Report

Our latest Annual Report, launched at our AGM on September, is now available on our website. It highlights our key achievements and activities over the past year, including the re-opening of the pond, gardening and other volunteer activities, interactions with Glasgow City Council regarding park maintenance, and an update on our consultation on the future of Newlands Park. We have listed a few highlights below but the full report is worth a read.

<b>Horticulture and biodiversity activities</b>	Invested £755 in plants and bedding materials Continued to refurbish flower beds with new sensory/biodiversity planting Weekly (summer) butterfly transect observations Created a bug hotel
<b>Volunteering</b>	15 regular volunteers & 1,378 hours of volunteering Apr '24 to Aug '25 (recorded monthly). This consisted of 1,000 hours of gardening and 378 hours of other volunteering.
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Application submitted for new pétanque (boules) area beside tennis courts. Ensured that tree stumps left after Storm Eowyn were left as informal climbing structures
<b>Events and social benefits</b>	Supported the fête organised by local scouts and guides, in September 2025 Ran activities sessions for children: 'Map the Dens' and 'Build a Bug Hotel' Held volunteers' summer lunch & Christmas dinner Hosted a public consultation event
<b>Pond</b>	Now fully reopened. New, wheelchair and pram accessible path constructed, bench and wildlife information sign installed.
<b>Fundraising</b>	Individual donations received totalling £655.25

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## What's next for FoNP?



**We are developing a strategic plan for the park, based on feedback from the 284 responses we got from our recent public survey. There's a lot for us to think about, but we want to get started on some of your suggestions soon!**

At the moment we are working on two new additions to the park, based on public interest and feasibility.

Picnic tables were one of the most frequent requests, so we are researching suitable suppliers and considering the best place to locate them. We need to work with the council on this, as they are significant pieces of infrastructure.

We are also planning a Fairy Trail in the maze area behind the pond. Thanks to recent ground clearance work by volunteers from Keppie Design, we have located a suitable place for the Fairy Castle. We now need people with construction skills to help us build it!

## Join our regular volunteers

**Would you like to be notified directly about specific gardening or other volunteering\* opportunities?**

Let us know what you are interested in, and provide us with your email address and/or phone number in order to be added to our list of volunteers. *There is no need to make a regular commitment, just join us when you can.*

The Wednesday morning gardening group usually carries out routine tasks such as weeding and planting. Its a very friendly group and no gardening skills are required, and as long as you are able to pull out a few weeds, you will be very welcome.



The Saturday 'hit squad' is also open to everyone. We particularly welcome those who are able to tackle some of the heavier tasks, but there are always lighter chores too so why not bring the kids?

*\*Most regular volunteering at the moment is for gardening tasks, but if there are other ways you would like to volunteer please let us know below and we will contact you to discuss how you are interested in helping. We are not short of ideas but we need people with a wide range of skills and interests (e.g. fairy homes construction).*

**PLEASE NOTE:** This volunteering list will ONLY be used to contact you about the specific activities you are interested in. It will NOT be used for general communications by Friends of Newlands Park (that's what this newsletter is for).

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### Every donation counts

*Can you spare even a pound or two? We rely on donations & grants to fund activities and infrastructure projects that benefit all users of Newlands Park. All donations are gratefully received.*

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