



## Press Release

# Love Parks Week 2017

Leeds Parks and Green Spaces Forum are calling for people to celebrate, enjoy and support the parks and other public green spaces of Leeds this year in *Love Parks Week* which runs from 14 – 23 July 2017.

There are so many ways to enjoy your local park, woodland or nature reserve so why not get out and take a stroll, watch wildlife, play with the kids, do some sport, have a picnic or just relax and enjoy the view! And let us know about it with *#loveleedsparks*.

And if you really love parks why not get involved by volunteering or donating to the newly established Leeds Parks Fund?

There are over 50 volunteer groups that help out with parks and green spaces in the city and they'd love your support, whether it be nature conservation, gardening, fundraising or organising events, there's all sorts you can do to help. Visit [www.leeds.gov.uk/parksvolunteering](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/parksvolunteering) for more information.

The Leeds Parks Fund is a new charitable initiative dedicated to improving local public parks and green spaces for the benefit of people and wildlife. Donate today to help your parks blossom!

Events in Leeds parks this Love Parks Week are as follows:

### **Gotts park**

Saturday 15 July 2017

10am – 2pm

### ***Teddy Bear's Picnic***

Come and have a picnic in the rose garden at Gotts Park with the Wade's Ranger and The Friends of Armley and Gotts Park, you may even meet a life sized teddy bear! This free family event includes a nature and history walk around Gotts Park and some mysterious natural objects for you to help identify. Bring a picnic and your favourite teddy bear!

Meet at the Rose Garden in Gotts park, LS12 2QX

T: 0113 3367555

E: [joseph.walker@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:joseph.walker@leeds.gov.uk)

### **Temple Newsam**

Saturday, 15 July – Sunday, 16 July 2017

10am – 5pm

***Time Travellers***

Meet time travellers from the Anglo-Saxons to WW2 in our historical re-enactment weekend. Loads to see and do including arts and crafts, dressing up, dancing and storytelling.

Event entry is included in price of entry to farm and house.

T: 0113 3367460

E: [temple.newsam@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:temple.newsam@leeds.gov.uk)

W: [www.leeds.gov.uk/templenewsam](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/templenewsam)

**Lotherton Hall**

Saturday 15 July – Sunday 16 July 2017

***Edwardian Weekend***

Edwardian gala including dressing up, brass band, face painting, side shows and lots more Edwardian activities.

Event is included in price of entry to the estate.

T: 0113 3782959

E: [lothertonhall@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:lothertonhall@leeds.gov.uk)

**Middleton Park**

Sunday, 16 July 2017

1.30pm – 4pm

***Middleton's Historic Transport Walk***

Find out about trams, trains and coal waggons as part of the Festival of British Archaeology!

Meeting place: Visitor Centre

T: 07747092459

E: [info@fomp.co.uk](mailto:info@fomp.co.uk)

**Various locations**

Sunday, 16 July 2017

2.30pm

**Bands in the Park**

Free music concerts take place in parks around the city every Sunday throughout the summer. On the 16<sup>th</sup> July there will be concerts at the following locations: Beckett Park, Gledhow Valley Woods, Golden Acre Park, Lotherton Hall Estate, New Wortley Recreation Ground, Victoria Park in Calverley and Wetherby Riverside Bandstand. For more information visit the website.

W: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/LeedsConcertSeason/Pages/Brochures.aspx>

**Roundhay Park**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

1.30pm – 3pm

### ***Love Parks Week Guided walk***

*Join our head gardener to discover the award winning specialist gardens at Roundhay Park.*

Meeting place: Side of the Mansion House, facing the small lake, Mansion Lane.

T: 0113 3786002

E: [parks@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:parks@leeds.gov.uk)

### **Pudsey Park**

Wednesday 19 July 2017

10am – 3pm

#### ***Family Fishy Fun Day***

Learn about our fin-tastic fish and make a fishy friend to take home!

Meet at the Pudsey Park visitor centre

T: 0113 3367553

E: [parkseducation@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:parkseducation@leeds.gov.uk)

### **Golden Acre Park**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017

1pm – 3pm

#### ***Love Parks Week Guided walk***

*Explore the amazing plants and gardens of Golden Acre Park with the Head Gardener.*

Meeting place: Bottom of the café patio area

T: 0113 3786002

E: [parks@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:parks@leeds.gov.uk)

### **Middleton Park**

Sunday, 23 July 2017

12 noon – 4pm

#### ***Middleton Park Rock and Folk Music Festival***

Middleton Park's own music festival celebrating local bands.

Meet at the bandstand near the visitor centre.

T: 07747092459

E: [info@fomp.co.uk](mailto:info@fomp.co.uk)

*Booking required*

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Park in Farsley, Wetherby Riverside Bandstand and Wharfemeadows Park in Otley. For more information visit the website.

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## Notes to Editors

**The Leeds Parks and Green Spaces Forum** is a voluntary umbrella organisation made up of individuals and groups interested in enhancing the green spaces of Leeds. Members include groups like Friends of Temple Newsam, Friends of Lawnswood Cemetery, Beeston in Bloom and Woodhouse Ridge Action Group. More information can be found at: [www.leedsparksforum.org](http://www.leedsparksforum.org)

**Love Parks Week** is a national initiative that began in 2006 with a simple aim: to encourage people to visit, enjoy and take pride in their local parks and green spaces, driving the message that our parks and green spaces are essential to healthy, happy and strong communities.

More information about Love Parks Week is available here:

<http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/loveparksweek/2859>

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