

Friends of Springfield Mill

April 2009: The transformation is nearly complete!



If you've visited the area recently, you will have noticed the transformation that's taken place. Paths have been laid, trees planted and ponds dug. Grass sowing and a pond-dipping platform are the main items left to do before the opening ceremony.

OPENING CEREMONY: 12-4pm Sunday 13th September is when we will have the official opening ceremony. You are heartily invited to join us. There will be a number of VERY interesting talks and events, including a photograph competition (bring a digital camera), pond dipping and talks about the history and wildlife of the area.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday 19th May at 25A Polton Bank. 7-9pm. This will be the usual mixture of short reports from committee members, and agree on the future shape of the group. It will also be a chance to hear more details about the remainder of the project.

NAME CHANGE You will notice the proposed change of name to "Friends Of Springfield Mill. This is to reflect the changing role of the group. We can ratify it at the AGM.

ADAPTING HOW WE THINK OF & USE THE AREA



As people start to visit the area, it's clear we have to treat it with respect. The new warden (Jo Cooke) has already started working with local schools to include it in their projects.

One issue we must deal with is dog fouling. The smooth tarmac path is encouraging children to come to learn how to cycle safely. It gives us clear evidence of how the area is of value for children. We must help keep them safe. Dog dirt carries the roundworm *Toxocara*, which can cause blindness.

**Please take a poop scoop bag with you;
"Bag it & Bin It"
Encourage others to follow your example.**

If you have previously been in the habit of dumping garden waste on the site, this is no longer appropriate or acceptable. The council has a regular collection of garden waste in the brown bins.

With Best Wishes from your committee: Pete Cain (Convenor), Susan Stanton (Treasurer)
Tim Tuke (Membership) Sheena Dryden and Rosemary MacKay