

HAILES QUARRY PARK NEWS

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Join the mailing list to receive regular information about events & activities in Hailes Quarry Park. Comments or questions about the Park are also welcome. Please note your details will not be passed on to any other organisations.

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EVENTS COMING UP:

- Nov** -Sparks in the Park
- Nov** -Bulb planting
- Dec** -Christmas crafts
- Jan** -Winter Woodland Art
- Feb** -Treasure Hunt!

For more information about events, look out for posters around the Park or contact Abby:

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Summer Bike Club 2010: young cyclists in Wester Hailes receive free bikes!



Duncan Shaw does some stunts and 21 kids get new bikes!

During July and August, ELGT has been working to get children outside and active through a cycling programme in Hailes Quarry Park. The highly successful Summer Bike Club offered six sessions and attracted over 50 enthusiastic children.



The Bike Club was developed by ELGT and run in partnership with local bicycle recycling and cycling promotion charity, the Bike Station, and funded by the Forestry Commission Scotland. Sessions gave local children between 8 and 12 the opportunity to learn bike skills and maintenance, go on bike rides in the park and along the Union Canal and take part in woodland activities such as shelter building and environmental games.



Top:
Cyclists go on a trip to Spylaw Park

Above: Johnny from the Bike Station shows the kids how to change a tyre

The Bike Club proved a hit with the local kids, who all agreed that they can now ride a bike more safely and they have been spending more time outside, feeling healthier as a result. The majority of children have made new friends through the Bike Club and are proud of their newly-found bike skills, including being able to carry out basic bike checks as well as doing stoppies and wheelies!

We hope to be able to run the Bike Club again during 2011 Easter & Summer Holidays - keep a look out for information posters in the park!

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Update!

Have you heard the story of the Hermit's Head in Hailes Quarry Park?

A new 'Learning Discovery Area' has been built in the wooded area in the middle of the park, designed to encourage exploration and natural play as well as providing an outdoor classroom for local schools to use for eco-education.

Thanks to the People's Postcode Trust, ELGT commissioned local stone mason and artist, Andy McFetters, to create a unique 'Hermit's Head' stone sculpture. This reflects one of the legends surrounding the park – the story of an old hermit who lived as recluse in a cave in the 19th century.

The Hermit's Head is an interactive

play sculpture, with the face of the hermit carved in solid stone with grass eyebrows and a grass moustache!

As part of Tell-a-Story Day on the 27th October, children from Longstone Primary School came along to hear Midlothian storyteller, Ron Fairweather, tell tales of hermits and quarries and life before the park even existed!

They also collected woodland treasures to decorate the Hermit and learned all about the stories surrounding the legend of the Hailes Quarry Hermit.



Fun Day Success!

The Wester Hailes community celebrated its fourth annual Fun Day in Hailes Quarry Park on Saturday 12th June 2010, which was organised by the Trust and the Friends of Hailes Quarry Park.

The sun shone and over 2,000 people came along to Hailes Quarry Park to cuddle the animals of Gorgie Farm, listen to music, join in with environmental activities, hear storytelling on the Re-Union canal barge, hunt for bugs, play on the inflatable slide, get their face painted and learn some great new bike skills!

The 2010 Fun Day was the biggest event yet and celebrated an incredible calendar of events in the Park over the past year.

We need volunteers to help out next year! If you would like to get involved in the 2011 Fun Day, please contact Abby:

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Volunteering in the Park

During the summer months, the Quarry was regularly whipped into shape by enthusiastic people generously donating their time to improve the park, clean up litter, repair the bike track and carry out conservation work in the wooded areas.

Time and energy from Tesco Bank staff and groups involved with Dundeein Canmore and CHAI's EVOLs project has helped to maintain the park to a high standard, keeping it safe, attractive and popular with the local community.



Events



Over the past few months the park has been filled with people playing frisbee golf, searching for bats with bat detectors and competing in mini highland games!

We have a jam-packed programme of events coming up - keep a look out for posters in the park with more details, or get in touch with Abby! abby@elgt.org.uk 0131 445 4025



5 November 2010 6pm—7pm	Sparks in the Park!	All community
Late November 2010	Bulb planting	Longstone Primary
December 2010	Natural Christmas crafts on the canal	All community
January 2011	Winter woodland art	Longstone Primary
February 2011	Orienteering / treasure hunt	All community

Sparks in the Park!

Friday 5th November: 6.00-7.00pm

An alternative to fireworks night – an extravaganza of light in Hailes Quarry Park, featuring:

- Fantastic fire-juggling display
- Make your own lantern and join our lantern walk around the park
- Create a pathway of light
- Launch a fiery message into the sky

The event is aimed at families, and is free and open to all.

★ WHALE NEWS
 ★ This Autumn, WHALE Arts Agency is hosting professional performances on your doorstep! No need to go into town to enjoy top quality theatre experiences, just pop over to Westburn and enjoy some great entertainment.
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 ★ * Friday 12th November at 7.00pm
 ★ **DANCE MIX** - A night of performances from Scottish dance companies including Room 2 Manoeuvre and Alba Flamenco.
 ★ * Friday 26th November at 7.00pm
 ★ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** - The classic seasonal story by Charles Dickens, re-told by storyteller Mike Maran with live music.
 ★ Tickets - £6 full price, £4 for local residents.
 ★ Call on 0131 458 3267 for more info and to book.
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An Outdoor Gym? We would like to know your views!

Do you like getting outside and being in the fresh air? Do you enjoy that amazing feeling you get when you exercise? If there was a gym in Hailes Quarry Park- would you use it? An outdoor gym is simply gym equipment situated outside for everyone to use - a free gym in your local park, where you can exercise in the great outdoors. There are now hundreds of outdoor gyms in urban parks and open spaces across the UK, and ELGT would like to know what people in Wester Hailes think about installing one in Hailes Quarry Park. Please contact the Trust if you have any ideas/thoughts/points of view about the potential new outdoor gym that you would like to share with us - abby@elgt.org.uk 0131 445 4025

Comments, suggestions or questions about what's going on in Hailes Quarry Park?

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