



Cairde Pairc na bhFál

Friends of Falls Park

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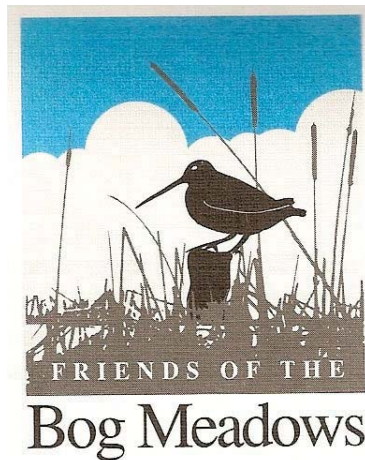
Purpose

- Protect and develop the natural environment and heritage of the park and surrounding green spaces (Meadows to Mountains)
- Raise funds to improve facilities
- Promote community involvement in the use and regeneration of the park
- Create community ownership and a sense of belonging
- Create a safe and welcoming place

Partnerships



Ulster Wildlife Trust



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- River clean-ups
- Raising awareness
 - Public events incorporating activities around the water environment
 - Newsletters
 - Poster
- Removing invasive species – Himalayan Balsam, Laurel and Sycamore

Falls Park River Clean-up



Bog Meadows Clean-up



Himalayan Balsam



Meadows to Mountains Annual Walk



Teddy Bears Picnic



Camp na bhFál



Multicultural Festival



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Newsletter: Issue 1—Summer 2011

First Citizen Endorses Cairde

The Mayor of Belfast, Niall Ó Donnghaile, this week welcomed representatives of Cairde Páirc na bhFál to his Parlour in Belfast City Hall.

The Mayor listened to informal presentations from group members explaining what they hoped to achieve in the Falls Park regeneration programme. Chairman of the group, Aidan Crean, outlined plans for a number of initiatives and events that have been planned for the summer months.

Ciarán Hartley gave a brief summary of some longer term projects the group is actively working on. These include plans to restore the gate lodge and to introduce allotments. Bob McAllister, Allotments Officer, detailed these plans and gave a rundown of their proposed



Chairman of Cairde Páirc na bhFál, Aidan Crean, delivers an overview of the Group's plans for the Falls Park in 2011 to new Belfast Mayor Niall Ó Donnghaile

location and problems they have encountered.

The mayor listened intently during these presentations and encouraged the group to keep up the hard work and commitment they have already shown. Mayor Ó Donnghaile stated he would use any influence he could, to support these initiatives. He encouraged officials of

Belfast City Council to adopt a positive attitude towards the proposals and offered to help in future events.

The meeting closed with the Mayor presenting certificates to the group who had taken voluntary courses in Child Protection Awareness Issues.

Ballymurphy Stream Cleanup

Waders, waterproofs, gloves litter-pickers and bin-liners were the equipment of choice for the hardy members of Cairde Páirc na bhFál when they embarked on a river clean-up in the park in April this year. 2 skip loads of discarded rubbish—



everything from plastic drinks bottles, cans, carrier bags and inevitable shopping trolleys, were hauled from the Ballymurphy Stream. This was an excellent volunteer exercise with instant results for the users of the Falls Park.

Upcoming Events

- Meadows to Hills Walk (See report on 2010 Walk, Page 2)
- Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Dawn Chorus in the Park
- See Our Facebook Page for details

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