



YEARBOOK 2016





Welcome to the Moor

The Friends of the Moor are a group of people in Knutsford who have volunteered to work together to promote the use of the Moor as a public open space for leisure and recreation in a clean and safe environment.



The group provides a link between the local community and Cheshire East Council (CEC). The group was established in 2005 following the Parks Strategy published by Macclesfield Borough Council in January 2003 and the Moor first achieved Green Flag status in 2009.

The Moor has a long history of community use and this has been researched by local historian, Joan Leach MBE in her publication. 'A history of the Moor'.

The Urban District Council acquired the Moor in 1907 and since then successive local governments and groups have worked towards the improvement of this area for the enjoyment of the local community.



**FRIENDS OF THE MOOR
INVITE YOU TO ASK:**

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT THE MOOR?

**FROM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
PLAY AREA TO TREES
AND FLOWERS.**

**YOU TELL US
HOW CAN THE MOOR
BE BETTER?**

**Join us for our AGM
Wednesday 18th May
6pm at the Town Council Offices
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The Committee

In May we held our Annual General Meeting, asking Knutsfordians to ask us what we are doing on the Moor. We gave an update on what we have worked on over the last year and our plans for the future. A new committee was elected:

- Debbie Jamison (Chairman)
- Michele Hammond (Deputy Chairman)
- Jan McCappin (Secretary)
- Stewart Gardiner (Treasurer)
- Peter Russell
- Jacquie Grinham
- Andrew Malloy
- Adam Keppel-Garner
- Cllr James Power (Knutsford TC)



RSPB Big Birdwatch

January
2016

The eighth annual birdwatch took place on Sunday January 31st as part of the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. Knutsford Ornithological Society were on hand to help identify the various birds seen on the Moor as attendees were split into three groups focusing on different areas.

In total 35 different species of bird were seen, from blackbirds and blue tits, to great crested grebe and even a Kingfisher!



Above: Poster for the event

Below: The Birdwatchers



Rotary Club Jog

March 2016

The Moor was once again host to the annual Rotary Club Sponsored Jog. This year over 300 people completed the challenge to see how many 750m laps around the Moor could be run in 60 minutes!

This year it raised funds towards the new Scout Hut, and the scouts turned out in full force to take part.



Litter Picks

March
2016
October
2016

The Friends of the Moor cleaned for the Queen on Saturday 5th March, collecting over twenty bags of rubbish.

The Friends were given a litter picking kit from Cheshire East Council and were joined by town councillors, volunteers and members of the Knutsford Lions.

The second litterpick of 2016 took place on October 22nd. Volunteers focused on different areas of the Moor including the entrance to Dog Wood.

Cheshire Fire Service and Cheshire Search and Rescue undertook a 'litterpick' of the Moor Pool, spending six hours pulling numerous items from the pool including over 30 bikes, a complete streetlight and a bathroom sink!





*Left: Cleaning for the Queen.
This page: Clearing the Moor Pool*

Lion's Street Fayre

May
2016

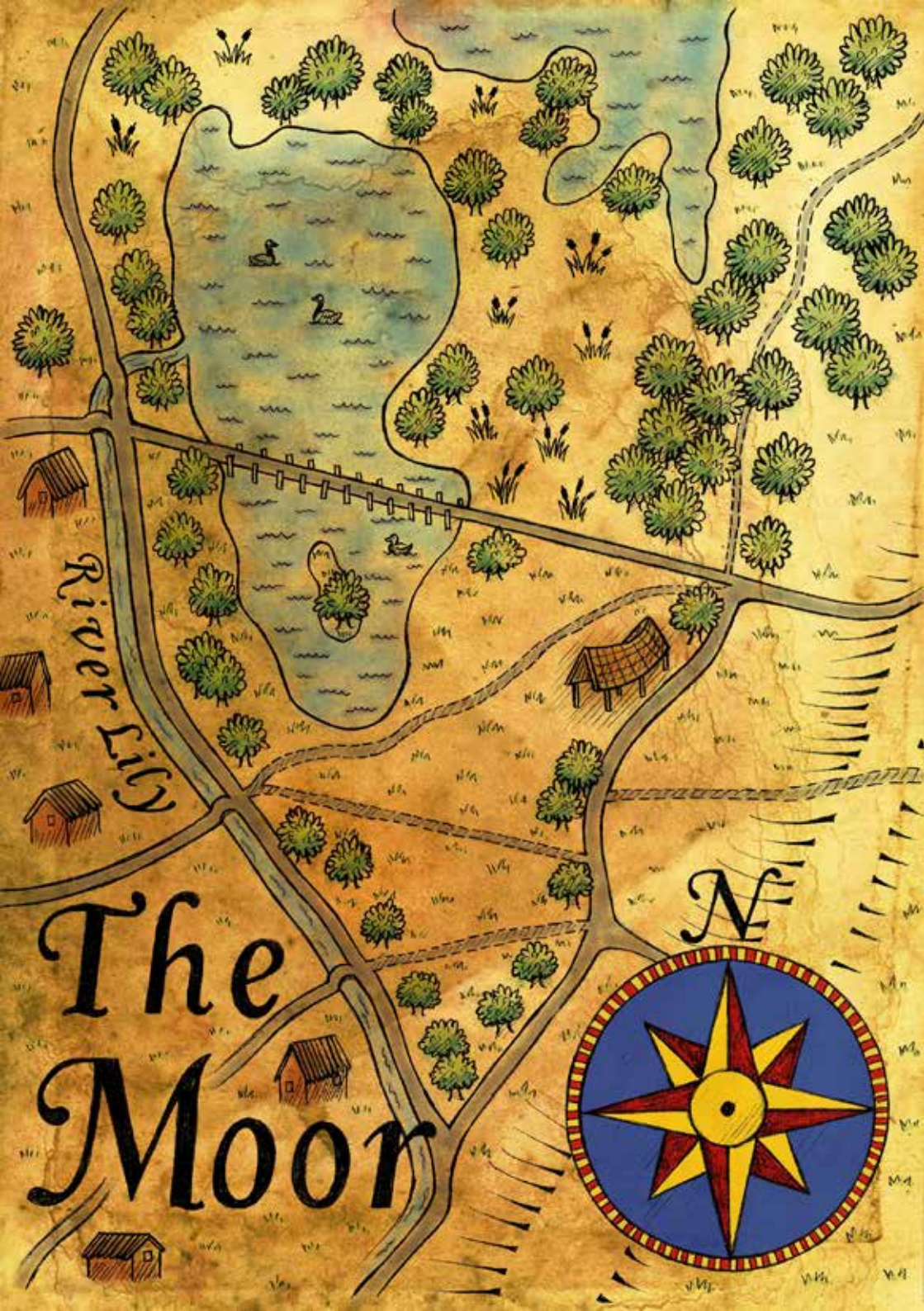
The Friends held a stall at the Lion's Street Fayre once again; this time asking visitors to help uncover the buried treasure hidden on the Moor. An antique-style map, drawn by Lyndsey Green, was divided into a series of squares where Canute's buried treasures might be.

Prizes were given from a number of local businesses including Mr Simms Sweetshope, Waterstones, Lyndsey Green Illustration, Co-Op, Waitrose and the Real Fruit Creamery.

The top prize of the sweetie hamper went to Christopher Gray.



Left: The Friends' stall
Right: The treasure map



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Reunion on the Moor

May
2016

The Moor was the host of a reunion in May when over 200 Knutsfordians from the 'Remembering Knutsford' Facebook group met up.

The reunion saw old neighbours and school friends meeting, with many having moved away many years ago.



National Play Day

August
2016

The Moor was bursting with activity for National Play Day in August. Organised by the Friends of the Moor a host of activities took place - all provided by the community.

Friends of the Moor have been around for 10 years and for that time we have had an annual event but it has changed over time. It was the help of Knutsford-based organisations has really helped the event flourish.

It kicked off with the SciBar joining us and we are building on the success of that! The major change this year was that the Friends had to run the event under their own public liability insurance.



**play
day** 2016



KNUTSFORD MOOR
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3RD
2PM TO 4PM

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**GAMES, ANIMALS, SCIENCE
EXPERIMENTS & CRAFTS**

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Canute's Crossing

September
2016

The Moor was invaded by King Canute and his Viking army (Bexton school) as part of Canute's Crossing, organised by the Knutsford Promenades Community Association.



Green Flag Award

October
2016

For the eighth year running, the Moor was awarded the prestigious Green Flag award.

The flag was raised by Town Mayor, Cllr Jan Nicholson, along with the Friends and volunteers for the October litter pick.



Play Area Refurbishment

October
2016

The play area received attention again this year, with new surfacing, more equipment and a new circle of swings outside the main area.

The new equipment in the younger children's area included more swings, a roundabout, play panels, a new springy and a new playhouse.



Special Thanks

The Friends of the Moor would like to thank:

- Knutsford Ornithological Society
- Knutsford and District Lions
- Knutsford Library
- Cheshire East Council & ANSA
- Mr Simms Olde Sweetshoppe
- Knutsford Town Council
- Knutsford Police
- Cycle Knutsford
- Cheshire Fire & Rescue
- Cheshire Search & Rescue
- Real Fruit Creamery
- Northwich Metals
- Lyndsey Green Illustration
- Lawsons
- Knutsford SciBar
- Knutsford Scouts
- Lower Moss Wood
- Stockley Farm
- Knutsford First Responders
- WA16:PR
- Bikes n Gear
- Knutsford Children's Centre
- Knutsford Promenades
- Mere Day Nursery
- Kompan
- Sandra Power and Friends
- Knutsford Hosts
- Tatton Estate Management