

**A park for people and wildlife to enjoy together
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Ground Nesting Birds and Giant Hogweed

Just a reminder that there are new signs up at Ury Riverside Park.

Please keep your dogs on a lead: Ground nesting birds are calling the park home right now, and we need to give them space to raise their chicks. Being on a lead will help your furry friend avoid disturbing the birds and their nests.

Beware of Giant Hogweed: This invasive plant can cause nasty burns - if you see it, admire it from afar and keep yourself and your pets well away.





<https://www.uryriversidepark.com/>

Scan our website QR code.

Our website has details of all activities and events happening in the park. Also look at our notice boards in the park for up-to-date information.



Living on the edge of this beautiful park



Ian Talboys

LITTER **GLASS DOG POO** LITTER **GLASS DOG POO**!!!!!!

Most visitors to this Park are responsible and care about the environment and take away their litter and dog waste. BUT there continues to be that small core group who just DON'T CARE. Complaints continue about Litter in Inverurie Town and in this Park.



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Please Please Please, could those people who persist in leaving litter, broken glass and dog waste take a moment to think about the damage to children, dogs and the environment that their actions are causing.

Thank you, thank you, thank you

to our valued invisible team of litter pickers who are individuals who regularly pick up other people's litter. Your efforts are noted and **VERY MUCH APPRECIATED**.

If anyone else would like to help: - individual litter pickers work independently and when they wish. Waste bins are placed at Oldmeldrum Road & Birch Drive entrances - they take litter & dog poo.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP REDUCE LITTER IN THE PARK AND TOWN:

Occasional litter picks are organised in the Park and details are posted on our website / facebook pages. Monthly litter picks are organised by Inverurie Community Council in the town, and if you are interested in joining in, please send your details by email to: inverurie.secretary@outlook.com

PAWS ON PLASTIC:

We recently heard about this project based in Stonehaven and look forward to connecting with the group to learn about their plans to reduce dog waste and litter in their area. To see how their project is doing, details can be found on our online website and FB pages – Please follow them and perhaps think about getting involved in our own locality.



Photo by
Susan Adams

Keep Scotland Beautiful Spring Clean 2024

Our latest litter pick as part of this event took place in March and several volunteers collected over 12 bags of litter on a very windy and damp day!

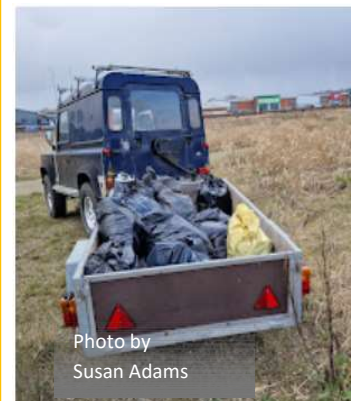


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Thank you to all of you for your efforts to keep this park tidy and safe.

Portstown Footbridge near school

Update on the new path network.

Works are due to start in the near future, conditions allowing, to link the new bridge to the existing path system. Path closures are expected to take place at times.

Notices will be posted on FB / online pages / Notice Boards and on-site. Please take extra care when large machinery is on site.



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Photo Competition and Calendar 2025

Following the success of our photo competition last year we are running a similar photo competition this year and are inviting entrants to upload photos taken in Ury Riverside Park of the park or its wildlife.

Photos chosen by the judges will be used to produce a fundraising calendar for the park. Please fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/URP-Calendar-2025> to enter the Ury Riverside Park Calendar Competition 2025.

If you can't upload your photo to this Google Form please email it with your name and title of the photo to ury.riverside@gmail.com. The photo should be in JPEG format, between 1MB and 5MB and in landscape format.

The closing date for entries is 28th June 2024.

Good luck!

Ury Riverside Park Calendar Competition 2025



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Ury Riverside Park SCIO is a registered charity SC046919

Scan below to enter



<https://bit.ly/URP-Calendar-2025>



<https://www.fishingthefly.co.uk/inverurie-angling-association.html>

Inverurie Angling Association (IAA)

IAA manages the Inverurie Burgh Fishings which includes the River Ury. The club welcomes new members of all ages. Membership offers some great fishing on both the Don and Ury beats covering approximately 6 miles of river renowned for salmon, sea trout and brown trout. To promote the sport of angling to school children, with a view to educating, encouraging, and increasing the number of Junior Members, IAA is offering FREE MEMBERSHIP to under 16's.

For more details and an application form, please scan the QR code.



Have you spotted, and can you identify, these beautiful species found in Ury Riverside Park?



MONITORING WILDLIFE AND PLANTS IN URP

Improving biodiversity is one of the main objectives for the park. To measure progress towards this aim we will be carrying some biological recording in the park. This will involve setting up ten 100m log transects where we will be recording and counting all the different plants growing in a 1m square at ten points along each transect. We also have a volunteer undertaking a monthly 'BeeWalk' where he counts all the bumblebees seen along the route as part of the national Bumblebee Conservation Trust survey.

Spring and Summer present ideal opportunities to see and record new and exciting creatures and plants appearing after the floods of last Winter. Please send us photos and details if possible, of sightings of what you find via our website. Details will be recorded and sent into the national database at the end of the year.

Sheep, Giant Hogweed and Wet Meadow Seeds

Following the success last year, a larger flock of sheep is due to go into the enclosure in the park to help deal with Giant Hogweed problem. Check Facebook for more information.

Volunteer Seed Sowing

As the combined efforts of sheep grazing, mowing and spraying work to reduce the Giant Hogweed in the park, there are some areas which have been left devoid of vegetation. To address this, a group of trustees and volunteers spent a sunny Saturday morning spreading a Wet Meadow Mix on some of the bare areas. This was mainly in the sheep grazing field but also around the park end of the new bridge. The seed mix was sourced from Scotia Seeds near Brechin who specialise in supplying seeds of local provenance suited to the local conditions.

Wet Meadow seed being sown



The mix includes 19 perennial wild flowers and 9 grass, rush and sedge species. Introducing these native plants will help stabilise the bare soil left by the hogweed and will also improve biodiversity, encouraging a wider range of pollinators to make the park their home. A full list of seed mix contents can be found here...

<https://www.scotiaseeds.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Wet-Meadow-Mix1.pdf>



Tree guard removal

SITE MANAGEMENT continues throughout the year, as weather permits. Recently, Volunteers checked the trees planted over the past 5 years. Now becoming established, with many outgrowing their protective tree guards, these guards are being removed and re-used or recycled as necessary. Other activities include mowing of path edges, and selected areas to manage plant growth.

Can you help?

Ury Riverside Park SCIO is looking for a minute secretary

What you'll do:

Attend monthly meetings (online or in-person, lasting 1.5-2 hours).

Take clear and concise minutes.

Circulate minutes after they're approved.

If you are interested, please contact us: ury.riverside@gmail.com

KEEPING IN TOUCH - MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Ury Riverside Park SCIO Steering Group meets alternately On-line / Face2face - **THIRD** Tuesday of each month, 6.00 pm–7.30 pm. All are welcome – if you wish to join in, please email your details so we can send the links and details.

ON-LINE & CONTACT:

Please visit our Website and Facebook pages:

Website: www.uryriversidepark.com

FB: www.facebook.com/uryriversidepark

Email: ury.riverside@gmail.com

Twitter (X): @UryRiverPark

TRUSTEES AND VOLUNTEERS

Ury Riverside Park SCIO is run by a team of volunteers and we are looking for TRUSTEES to enable our work to continue.

If you are interested in joining our group as a Trustee, please contact us: ury.riverside@gmail.com

If any creatures are in distress in the park, please contact Scottish SPCA Tel: 03000 999 999.
For concerns about the sheep, please phone: 07901 514229.