INVERURIE URY RIVERSIDE PARK

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NEWSLETTER

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A park for people and wildlife to enjoy together
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KEEPING IN TOUCH

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Ury Riverside Park SCIO Steering Group currently meets alternately online / Face2face on the THIRD Tuesday of each month, 6.00 pm–7.15 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 / Facebook pages:

WEBSITE: www.uryriversidepark.com or scan the QR code below
www.facebook.com/uryriversidepark
Or write to us: EMAIL: ury.riverside@gmail.com

Spring in Ury Riverside Park – Alder catkins

WILDLIFE AND PLANTS

Monitoring continues and 2022 recordings have now been sent to North East Biological Records Centre (NESBReC) for inclusion in their records. Please let us have photos and details of your sightings in 2023 via our email.

AWARDS

Nominations are in for Awards from Keep Scotland Beautiful - It's Your Neighbourhood and Community Green Flag Award

URP has previously received Awards Level 5 Excellent for It's Your Neighbourhood in 2021 and 2022. In 2022, URP won the RSPB Nature of Scotland Community Initiative Award. The Green Flag Award is a first-time application for 2023.

Thank you to BARRATTS

who supplied and installed equipment near the Souterford Entrance for our young visitors to enjoy.

Plans to obtain funding are being considered to increase this area to include older children.

Watch this Space.

Children's Play Area

The URP SCIO is run by volunteers and if you would like to know more please email ury.riverside@gmail.com and one of our team will get back to you.

On-going Site Maintenance: Volunteers continue to keep the paths, verges and specific areas mowed and look after our young trees.

Walks and Talks: Our volunteer experts organise informative and interesting events - if you or your organisation are interested, email us to arrange dates for you to come and see what we do in the Park.

Future Events

Details are posted on our Notice Boards in the Park and on our Website and Facebook pages.

Also circulated to interested visitors on our email list.

QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Along with town-wide events, Volunteers at URP planted trees, which have been photographed and recorded within this scheme.

THANK YOU to all our Volunteers and Supporters.

OTHER NEWS

Portstown Footbridge over the River Ury: Plans for this build are in the pipeline and will eventually provide a link for Portstown housing estate to the town and connect with a foot/cycle path to Meg Way in Oldmeldrum.

Sheep and Giant Hogweed: Following recent consultations sheep are being introduced, in fenced off areas, in order to eat the GHW to help control this invasive plant.

PROTECT OUR NESTING BIRDS AND WILDLIFE

Visitors and dog walkers are asked to keep to the paths and avoid nesting areas during Spring and Summer months.

NEWSLETTERS / INFORMATION:

Available on our Notice Boards; also Newsletters are supplied to some local venues; updates are available to view on FB / website pages and sent out by Email via Mailchimp.

If you would like to go on our mailing list, please send details to: ury.riverside@gmail.com

LITTER ! Please take your litter and dog waste home or put in bins outside Lidl and Birch Drive (footbridge entrance).

IT'S EASY
Pick it up,
Take it home !

Please visit Trip Adviser and 'Like' our Facebook page, where we welcome pictures and comments and observations about the Park from our visitors.

Data Protection: We do not share information with other organisations and Data Protection terms apply.

If you see any creatures in distress in the park, please phone Scottish SPCA Tel: 03000 999 999 for advice

Spring-time cutting work in the Park

Regular users of the park will have noticed that spring-time usually sees a tractor and mower in the park cutting various different areas. This is done to ensure that a variety of habitats are maintained to help improve the diversity of both flora and fauna in the park. Timing of this cutting work is crucial to balance the provision of cover for over-wintering birds, mammals and insects and to avoid disturbing ground-nesting birds as they make preparations for the breeding season.

Unfortunately, the ongoing wet weather has worked against our well laid plans this year rendering the ground too wet for the tractor to operate. The ground-nesting birds are continuing with their spring preparations regardless. The park trustees will be monitoring the impact of this change to planned management within the park. Who knows, it may prove to be beneficial to some species of plants or birds, or it might not, only time will tell ...

Notice to Dog Walkers ...

Ury Riverside Park is successfully developing into a special area for visitors to come and enjoy. It is also a nature reserve for local and visiting wildlife providing a beautiful area for native species of wildlife, plants and trees.

OUT-OF-CONTROL DOGS: It is of concern to the Trustees and Volunteers dealing with the daily running of the Park that there have been incidents recently of some dog walkers allowing their dogs to run free, fight and disturb nesting wildlife. This also causes concern about the safety of other visitors and children who have come to enjoy their walks.

Owners are urged to keep their dogs on a lead and under control, particularly during breeding seasons.

WILDLIFE CAN CAUSE DAMAGE: Swans and other creatures will attack dogs and humans that come too close to their nest sites. Be Aware and Keep Safe.

WILDLIFE IS PROTECTED BY THE LAW:
It is illegal to allow your dogs to disturb wildlife and their nesting sites.

... and Dog Waste / Litter Droppers

Please have consideration for the environment –

TAKE IT HOME

Exhibition of Photographs
Ury Riverside Park – Wildlife through the Seasons

Monday 26th June – Saturday 29th July 2023
(during the opening hours of the Acorn Centre)

Ian Talboys is holding an Exhibition of Photographs
at the Acorn Centre, West High Street, Inverurie

Ian is a Trustee and Volunteer at URP and is renowned for his wonderful photography. He can often be seen in the Park taking exquisite photographs of plants and wildlife. He also received Runner Up 2019 Scottish Nature Photography Award in the Scottish Landscape Urban Greenspace Category.

Scottish Nature Photography Awards
Scottish Landscape Urban Greenspace Category Runner Up 2019

Theme of the Exhibition will be based on Ury Riverside Park and its wildlife through the Seasons and framed photographs will be available to purchase at the Acorn Centre with profits going towards URP funds.

Everyone is welcome to come along and view the Exhibition and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a fine piece in the Acorn Centre's excellent restaurant whilst enjoying Ian's photographs.