



Manor Fields Association Newsletter

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AGM

This years AGM will be held at the **St Thomas's Suite, St Thomas's Church, Chatsworth Road at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd November**. We welcome constructive comments at the AGM and it is always a pleasure to meet our members. Please get in touch beforehand if you have any items for discussion at the meeting, or if you would like to volunteer to be on the committee. We are especially looking for a representative from the **Deerlands Road** side of the fields to join the committee. We hope to see you there!

Fun Dog Event

2017 has been yet another successful year for the Dog Event. Despite the high winds and muddy conditions we had a fantastic turn out with over **300 people** and over **150 dogs** joining us. As well as support from local businesses and politicians really made for a great day raising **£928**.

Sincere thanks go out to everybody who turned up to the dog event, this has really turned into a great and fun community event. Also, a very special thanks to all those who volunteered, to all the local businesses who supported us and everyone who donated raffle prizes and lovely cakes. We wouldn't have been able to do it without you!

Appeal

As you may have noticed this year we have had an awful lot of maintenance required on the fields. There have been many trees which have required attention, be that pollarding or in some cases cutting down entirely. This has been an expensive task costing us **in excess of £1000 more** than our usual maintenance fees of **£1300**. This means we will need to raise **over £2000** to cover our costs this year.

As you know we are entirely funded by donations, the Fun Dog Event helped us raise some much needed funds (**£928!**) to help get this maintenance done but we still need to raise more money to make sure we can continue to maintain and improve the fields.

Manor Fields is a community resource, enjoyed by many people on a daily basis. Any amount you can give to the appeal will be very gratefully received, and allow us to continue to keep the fields as a public amenity.

When giving, if you are a taxpayer, and giving for the first time, please fill in the Gift Aid form overleaf as well as the slip at the bottom of this page. If you have given before, there is no need to fill in the declaration again. Please return the slip below with your donation to any committee member. All gifts will be acknowledged.

Thank you all for your continued support

Name.....Address.....

I/We enclose cash/cheque (made payable to Manor Fields Association) to the value of.....

I/We would like to become members of Manor Fields Association

Signed.....Date.....

Field Developments

We are currently working on some ideas to improve the fields for all. One proposal, which we have been working with residents on, is for a kids copse which will compliment the current copse and give an area for families to play with their children. We are interested in hearing any other ideas you might have so please get in touch or **bring along your suggestions to the AGM.**

Breaking news! After years of our slowly corroding dog waste bin Chesterfield Borough Council has given us a new bright, shiny and bigger bin. Thanks go out to the Borough Council for organising this for us.

Reminder

This year we have had some unusual activity on the fields that you may have witnessed. So just a gentle reminder to residents that the fields should not be used for dumping any kind of garden waste, or building materials or for burning bonfires on. Also if you can refrain from playing golf on the fields or pitching tents overnight this would be appreciated.

We also found what appeared to be a snare on the fields which would be potentially very harmful to dogs and wildlife as well as children. So if you spot anything like this please contact a committee member or the local authorities as soon as possible.

Membership - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Last year you may remember we changed our charitable status. We **need** to ask **all** our members to register their support for the new charity. So, **if you have not yet done so**, we would like to invite you to continue supporting us as you have in the past and ask to sign up as a member of the CIO, *Manor Fields Association.*

You can head to our website www.manorfieldsassociation.co.uk and fill in the form found on the home page or www.facebook.com/manorfieldsassociation. You can also choose to sign up to our digital newsletter that will be sent a few times a year keeping you abreast of news and events on the fields.

Gift Aid Declaration

Name of Charity: Manor Fields Association (Charity Number 1168830)

Details of donor:

Title.....Initials.....Surname.....

Home address.....

.....Postcode.....

I would like the charity to treat all donations I have made since 4 October 2006 to the date of this declaration, and all the donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

Signature.....Date.....

NB You must pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the appropriate year.

To find your nearest Committee member please consult the noticeboard by the entrance to the fields.



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