



Friends of the Hampden Park

February Newsletter

As some of you will have seen the gardening volunteers are getting back on the tools on good days, but the weather has been a problem. This has not stopped us working on our programme for future projects, meeting with the local council to discuss our aims. We will carry out lots of work reclaiming parts of the park that have suffered from neglect. This does not include woodland areas which are the responsibility of Eastbourne Borough Council.

Some of the group have cut back hedges and reclaiming parts of the walkway around the lake, allowing easy access to the life belt as well as uncovering warning notices.

We have been informed by the Council that the main outlet from the lake will have new planking and the culvert will have all of the debris / silt removed, allowing a greater flow of water through the main outlet stream, so that visitors will be able to experience sights and sounds of nature at work.

The lake is also going to have new fencing erected around part of it, removing all of the metalwork panels

There will be some planting of shrubs and flowers in readiness for the spring and summer. A lot of the beds have been cleared of unwanted or invasive plants and will only need maintaining this year.

The FOTHP Web site is now live, please take a look and let us know what you think. Here is the link www.friendsofthehampdenpark.co.uk

The AGM will take place in April. All members will be informed of the date.

We are still in consultation with the local council about plans for the park, post April 2026 ground maintenance and the possible closure of the public toilets.

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