



Lottery money where it's needed most

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Help Us To Design Parnwell Park

Aged between 16 and 25? From the Parnwell area? Interested in design?

Then you may be the person the British Trust of Conservation Volunteers and the Parnwell Pride Project are looking for.

As part of the Parnwell park rejuvenation process, the Parnwell Pride Project, funded by the National Lottery's Fair Share programme, are hoping to build a team of young people (aged 16 to 25) who can help design, plan and build a multi-use shelter, a wildlife garden or an environmental sculpture for the Henshaw Park area of Parnwell.

This is a unique opportunity for Peterborough's young people, as they will get to see their project through from start to finish, from applying for funding to seeing the finished feature in their local park. The group will be supported by an experienced project officer from BTCV who will coach the team through every stage of the project.

Jo Stradling from BTCV said, "This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to get involved in a community project which will lead to creating a lasting feature in the Parnwell area. The project will also help build the key skills which employers often look for in employees."

Those who are interested in this opportunity and want to find out more are invited to come along to the Parnwell Park Regeneration meeting at Parnwell Community Centre on Saturday 28 February or alternately to contact Jo Stradling on 01733 563642 or e-mail

Parnwell@btcv.org.uk

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Notes to Editors

The Parnwell Park rejuvenation meeting is taking place on **Saturday 28 February** from **2.30-4.30pm** at **Parnwell Community Centre, Saltersgate, Peterborough.**

The British Trust of Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) is the UK's leading practical conservation charity. BTCV aims to connect people with place, build healthy sustainable communities and increases people's life skills. Find out more at www.btcv.org.

BTCV's Parnwell Pride Project is funded by the Big Lottery Fair Share Trust. The aim of the project is to create a better environment where people from all cultures feel valued, included and involved.

Recently BTCV have helped create a community garden at Parnwell's Community Centre and have also hosted an educational session on feeding the birds which involved making bird feeders for Parnwell residents.

The National Lottery's Fair Share programme aims to distribute Lottery generated funds into communities that have received less than their fair share of Lottery funding through individual grants. Parnwell is one of those areas. Set up in 2003, Parnwell's Fair Share fund will see over £800,000 distributed for projects related to community empowerment, the environment and community safety over a ten year period.

The Parnwell Fair Share programme is managed by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation who work with a panel of local people. The Parnwell panel is chaired by Shelagh Smith, managing director of Greenwoods Solicitors.

The programme has already delivered significant benefits for the people and communities of Peterborough, including

- Funding a number of environmental projects involving local people in their planning and delivery
- Installing/upgrading bus shelters and re-routing bus routes to improve accessibility
- Supporting older people in Parnwell, including facilitating the Parnwell friendship group
- Community gardens, including a rockery at the Parnwell Centre
- Delivering youth work in the area, and forming the Parnwell Kru
- Establishing a Parnwell newsletter

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