



Lottery money where it's needed most

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Parnwell asked how they would like to see their green spaces grow

The Parnwell Pride Project, funded by the Big Lottery Fair Share Trust Programme, is asking how Parnwell residents would like to improve the green space surrounding the Henshaw area.

The National Lottery Fair Share Trust is funding the British Trust of Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) to come up with a design to improve the green spaces in Parnwell, but resident input is vital. Whether it is benches and picnic tables for sunny days, a bandstand for shelter from the rain or simply the improvement of paths – your ideas can be shared at a public consultation meeting on Saturday 28 February, from 2.30 – 4.30 pm at the Parnwell Community Centre. Residents are urged to provide their suggestions which may be included in the final design.

Jo Stradling from BTCV has spotted that a bark pit which was once the home of a play pirate ship has naturally developed into an area where wildflowers are growing. Jo said "it would be fantastic to develop this further into a wildlife garden; this can be enjoyed by the whole of the community and also would provide an area for outdoor educational activities for children from local schools."

Jo continued to say "It is important to make the most of our green spaces, as they have so many uses - a place to relax, to meet with friends, to exercise and for children to play. It is important that we develop a park that everyone will use and continue to enjoy for years to come."

The Big Lottery Fair Share Trust hopes that once the park has been developed the area can be used to host future community events such as BBQ's and festivals.

All Parnwell residents are welcome to come along to the park rejuvenation meeting on Saturday 28 February and to become involved in the park rejuvenation. Children are very welcome to attend the meeting also.

For further information on becoming involved in the Parnwell Pride Project or to volunteer to take part 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) are 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.

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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