

Friends of Park Road Gardens accept two Green Awards

Pictured with Grange Mayor Tom Harvey, County, District & Town Councillor Bill Wear-



ing, SLDC Communications Officer Helen Coffey and Portfolio Holder for Community & Wellbeing Cllr Hilary Stephenson with Ed Nelson from Continental Landscapes are the Friends of Park Road Gardens, recently the recipients of a 4th Green Flag and a Green Heritage Award for the Gardens.

Margaret Robinson of the Friends said, "We are really delighted to win these awards with the support of SLDC and Continental Landscapes.

Over the past five years the Friends have been responsible for providing bird and bat boxes, identifying tree labels, devising a publicity leaflet, assisting in the 80th birthday celebrations for the Gardens, instigating and painting the new arch and seat project (designed by local blacksmith Philip Dalton), planting the rockery walls each side of the bandstand and providing new plants for the Sensory Garden including some with a donation from Grange Chamber of Trade."

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Winter Scenes

Many thanks to all of you who have sent in entries for our Winter Scenes in Grange & District Christmas Card competition. We will bring you the winners next month. Unfortunately due to the number of entries received we have to ask that no more be sent in at this time.

Mayor's Report

What report could begin without mentioning Clare Lane Bridge? Once again timescales have slipped. The latest update is that by the end of August SLDC officers will have finally met with Network Rail to arrange a series line possessions so the bridge erection can take place. I believe the blame lies with both parties for this delay with no real excuses. The end of the year estimates by SLDC for its reinstatement are looking highly optimistic, still we live in hope.

By the time you read this, planning approval for the new health centre at Berners may well have been approved. My understanding is that the Doctors are ready to move and approval could result in fairly swift action in starting construction. This is a really positive step that will kick start the rest of the Berners development.

Radio Cumbria have been doing some pieces on costal towns. I have a brief opportunity to promote Grange and focused on how fortunate we are to have such a wide range of volunteers. The work that's done is really appreciated by visitors and residents alike and contributes significantly to make Grange what it is (e.g Park Road Gardens recent Green Flag and Heritage award). When David Cameron announced his 'Big Society' proposals he would have done well to find out how we manage in Grange - arguably a shining example. Let's hope that some money trickles down as has been suggested so that we can deliver more and make Grange an even better town to live in and visit.

Finally, there was an unfortunate occurrence of some obscene graffiti outside the library at the end of the month. Swift action meant we got it removed, but this type of needless vandalism is something we can do without in Grange. It was probably the work of one thoughtless person and hopefully won't be seen again but should anyone see anymore being painted please let PC Morris or the Town Council know as soon as possible so the culprit can be caught and dealt with.

Tom Harvey
Grange Mayor

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Charity Ball

On the 20th November the Netherwood Hotel is hosting a charity ball in memory of Michelle Jurd, a mother of two young children and former RAF officer who was killed in a collision on the A590 last year. The Ball aims to raise £8000, which will be divided between the RAF Benevolent Fund, The Gurkha Welfare Trust, and Grange C of E Primary school. If the event is a success, then hopefully it will become an annual event.

There are 180 places at the ball, but tickets are selling very fast. Local businesses can book tables for 10 or 12 if they so wish, and individuals or smaller groups are very welcome. The event will be a black tie event, and tickets cost £60, of which about half pays for the meal with wine, and almost the entire balance goes to charity. On the evening three bands will be playing, including pipers from the Queen's Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment.

There are a number of amazing auction prizes on offer; including an original Mandy Shepherd painting, afternoon tea at the House of Commons with Tim Farron, and a half-day of cross country driving with Land Rover, but the organisers would like a few more, so if you can offer anything which might help raise profit for these extremely worthwhile causes, or if you'd like to apply for tickets, please contact Di on 07734050265. And if you just want to make a donation to the Michelle Jurd Memorial Trust, that would also be very welcome. Donations should be made out to the 'Michelle Jurd Memorial Trust', and can be left at the Grange Now Office.

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