

# Lichfield Parks Project Update

Now the weather has improved, it has enabled the contractor to make vast strides forward towards the completion of Beacon Park, Minster Pool and Walk, the Garden of Remembrance having been re-opened in 2010 in time for the 11 November commemorations. The play area in Beacon Park has been completed and opened following RoSPA approval however benches, bins and planting are still outstanding in this area but will be installed at the earliest opportunity.

Work to Minster Pool Walk is on schedule with the final decorative surfacing being laid in late May as the weather has to be dry and warm for this surfacing to be successful. The Museum Gardens are progressing well, the statues having been conserved, and the fountain restored. The fountain is due to be recommissioned later in April and the final surfacing to all the paths in this area is due early to mid May. Again, as with the surfacing in Minster Pool Walk, this is a weather dependent operation.

There will be around 50 large specimen trees being planted within Beacon Park in the next month with species including walnut, sweet chestnut and river birch. Paths within the park where they have been worn due to contractor traffic will be mended, and bare areas of earth, seeded. The District Council is also currently working on a series of interpretation panels which will be installed throughout the park before the summer holidays. Further interpretation in the form of self guided leaflet trails and podcasts are also due to be produced later in the year.



The woodland paths



The fountain stonework



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# Beacon Park Events 2011

## Dawdle at Dawn

Sun 1st May 4am– 6am

Marvel at the wonders of the dawn chorus on this early morning walk led by local expert Bob Russon. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars if you have any. £2.50 per person. To book your place, please call: 01543 308183.



## Mini-monsters Bug Hunt

Tue 31st May 10-12pm or 1-3pm. FREE family pond dipping and bug hunting as part of National Family Week. All children must be accompanied. Meet at the Pavilion in the middle of the Park.



## Paint a Bird Box

Sat 30th July 10am-3pm

Join the rangers and paint your very own bird box (while stocks last). No need to book, just turn up. Head for the pavilion in the middle of the Park. £3.50 per box.



## Fairy Walk

Sunday 28th August

Hear the story of the Beacon Park fairies, then wander through the Park. FREE. Fancy dress encouraged. All children must be accompanied. 11am, 1pm & 3pm. Lasts up to 1 hour. No need to book - head for the tennis courts and look for the bunting.

## Beacon Park History Walk

Tue 10th May 11:00am

As part of Local and Community History Month, learn all about the history of Beacon Park, Minster Pool and The Garden of Remembrance. Lasts approx 1.5 hours. FREE but please book your place on: 01543 308869.

## Minute and Magical

Fri 3rd June 10-12pm or 1-3pm

Enter the magical world of fairies, goblins and elves through games, play, stories and crafts including wings and headbands/crowns. £2.00 per child. Booking essential: 01543 308869. Most suitable for children aged 4+, all children must be accompanied.



## Beacon Park Fun Day

Thurs 4th Aug 11am-3pm

Enjoy a wide variety of games, sports and outdoor activities in the new look Beacon Park. And don't forget your picnic & teddy to join in the **Teddy Bear's Picnic** (photo 2pm). Free entry.



## Lichfield Proms in Beacon Park

Sat 3rd Sept

Lichfield District Council's free annual outdoor concert for the whole family. Now in its thirteenth year, the event is an opportunity to enjoy a late summer evening of al fresco dining, live classical music and fireworks. Lichfield City Band from 6:15pm. Main Concert from 7:30pm.

## Moth Recording Mornings

Thurs 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 18th Aug & 22nd Sept.

From 8:30am. Join us first thing to try and ID moths caught in the trap from the night before. Presence of moths cannot be guaranteed. Ring 07931 891 086 from 8:00am to confirm. FREE.

## Tree-mendously Useful Summer Tree Walk

Wed 27th July 11:00am

Tree Officer Gareth Hare will lead a gentle walk around some of Lichfield's most interesting trees highlighting the specific uses of certain species. £2.50 per person. Approx 1.5-2 hours. Please book: 01543 308869.



## Bat and Moth Night

Fri 26th Aug 8:30pm til late

A fascinating evening discovering the secrets of night-time wildlife in Beacon Park. All children must be accompanied. Wrap up warm. Torch recommended. £2.50 per person. Please book: 01543 308869.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Would you like to learn new skills, meet people and help the Park? Volunteers wanted to help with various conservation tasks and at events. Please email [ruth.witczak@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.witczak@lichfielddc.gov.uk) for further information.

## Also in Beacon Park:

### Lichfield Greenhill Bower

Monday 30th May

<http://lichfieldbower.co.uk>

### Cars in the Park

Sat 2nd/ Sun 3rd July

<http://www.carsinthepark.com>

### FUSE

Fri 8th/ Sat 9th/ Sun 10th July

<http://www.lichfieldarts.org.uk/fuse.asp>