



Friends of Dartmouth Park
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PRESS RELEASE

**Sandwell Stride Launch Health Walks
in Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich**

The Friends of Dartmouth Park are gaining momentum in readiness for the Heritage Lottery Fund's decision, expected soon, on the application for funding to restore Dartmouth Park to its former glory.

The park is still a great place to visit even before its restoration and Sandwell Stride Health Walks is adding a Dartmouth Park Health Walk to its list of very successful walks. The Dartmouth Park Walk will be weekly on **Monday afternoons at 2pm and starts on the 15 September from the main entrance in Reform Street**. This is a walk for all weathers and all abilities as it uses the pathways in the park, but it is also interesting because it will take the walker to parts of the park that they may not previously have visited, and gives splendid views over Sandwell Valley. The walk is perfect for mothers with babies in buggies, who will have the safety of walking in a group, meeting and chatting to other mothers, as well as improving their health through regular walks.

For people interested in the restoration of Dartmouth Park there will be a special **Restoration Walk on Sunday 14 September**, also commencing at 2pm at the Reform Street Entrance. This walk will look at the history of the park and the restoration project with the help of photographs.

If you would like to learn more about the Friends you are very welcome to join us at our **Quarterly Meeting on Wednesday 24 September at the Masonic Hall, Edward Street, West Bromwich**. The meeting commences at 7.30pm, but if you would like a tour of the Masonic Hall before the meeting please arrive at 7pm.

Our guest speaker is Graham Eyre-Morgan (Borough Archaeologist), and David Brown, the Project Manager for the Restoration of Dartmouth Park will be updating us on any developments relating to the Heritage Lottery Bid and the restoration. Interval refreshments will be followed by a Quiz on West Bromwich with prizes for the winners.

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