

# Report to: Environment Committee

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**Subject:** Friends of the Heath Update

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## 1.0 REPORT OF PAST ACTIVITIES

### Conservation Work Days

- Replaced bollards separating the nature reserve from the field
- Cleared scrub from the heather patches
- Maintained and monitored thirty bird nest boxes. We have observed them being used by Great Tits, Blue Tits and Nuthatches.

### Heath Condition following May Day

After the Fair had done its clean-up we still found a considerable amount of litter, including: plastic flowers, plastic bottles and bottle tops, plastic cups, plastic forks, cable ties, cans, glass bottles, and wooden chocks. We have highlighted this to Tatton Estate but have received no acknowledgement.

### Heath Forum

The Heath Forum has set up at the start of the year to progress issues with The Heath. It comprised representatives of Knutsford Town Council, Friends of The Heath and Tatton Estate. It was agreed to meet quarterly but so far only one meeting has taken place, in January. At that meeting we agreed on the content of the document "Guiding Principles for Holding Events on The Heath" and that Fisher German would produce a proposal for repairing or replacing the railings round The Heath. The Guiding Principles document was signed in March by Friends of the Heath and Knutsford Town Council but not yet by Tatton Estate. We are waiting for the next meeting to be arranged.

**Litter Bins** At a meeting of the Environment Committee last year (24<sup>th</sup> September) it was agreed that the Council would pay for four additional bins, and these were installed at the end of January 2019. These make it easier for visitors to dispose of their litter and have also reduced the load on the existing bins that tended to fill up quickly. We are grateful for the support of the Town Council for making this possible.

## 2.0 FUTURE PLANS

The next public event to be organised by the Friends of the Heath will be a litter pick on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.



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