

# Towneley News

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## *The Stumpery*



## DUCK FEEDING

People enjoy feeding the ducks, but over feeding can lead to problems:

- Feeding encourages more ducks than the pond can naturally support
- Too many ducks will kill all other plant and pond life
- White bread is duck junk food and leads to malnutrition, heart and liver disease and other health problems

Please feed only a small amount occasionally.



**Thank you for your cooperation**

## TOWNELEY CENOTAPH

Unveiled by Lord Derby in 1926 and attended by a crowd of over 30,000 people, Burnley War Memorial (Towneley Cenotaph) is made from Portland Stone, showing carved busts of a soldier, airman and sailor. On each side are bronze female figures representing wives, sisters and mothers, as well as a rosemary bush for remembrance, and a cricket bat, representing the men's boyhood.

To commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War in which 3,675 service men from Burnley & Padiham lost their lives, crosses for each were placed on the front lawn of the Hall, and the Portland Stone Statues of the cenotaph have been cleaned, and once again look in pristine condition.



## CHANGING TIMES

Towneley's 175 hectares of woodland, gardens, play areas, fields and meadows require a dedicated team to maintain and improve them. The Friends of Towneley Park volunteer every Thursday morning 10am to 12noon, and we always welcome new helpers, but we are delighted that the Green Spaces and Amenities department at Burnley Borough Council are still supporting us with full time employees. The Council now have a new team managing Towneley.

In 2018 we said "goodbye" to Andy Buck (Parks Officer) and Steve Woods (Head Gardener) after many years of service to Towneley. We wish them both good luck for the future.



**ANDY CARLY GLOVER SEAN KERR**

The new team includes Sean Kerr, as the Parks Officer with responsibility for the management and maintenance of green spaces in approximately half the borough. We also have Carly Glover as the Playground Officer, and she has been working hard with the Friends to raise funds for, and plan, the Riverside playground, along with the other 58 playgrounds in Burnley that she maintains. Damian Hartley has been appointed as Estate Manager for Towneley, which includes the three golf courses, the woodlands, gardens and playing fields, and he also manages the grassed areas at the Prairie.



**DAMIAN HARTLEY GARETH MORGAN EMMA TAYLOR LYSANDER LORD**

With such a workload, he is ably assisted by his Golf Course Team, and, in Towneley by Gareth Morgan. On a temporary basis, we've had Emma Taylor and an apprentice, Lysander Lord, as part of his two-year training.

Please help the Towneley Team to keep the park looking good and respect the Code of Conduct. Remember to keep dogs on leads on the gravel, and refrain from leaving chewed logs and sticks on the paths and gardens.

## THE STUMPERY

**As part of our ongoing work to restore Small Lime Walk, it was decided that the inclusion of a stumpery would make an interesting area. A stumpery is essentially a collection of tree roots, logs and branches filled in with soil.**

The slow breakdown of the rotting wood replicates the native woodland floor and returns useful organic matter back to the soil. The stumps create lots of cracks and crevices for a succession of insects and small mammals that live in, and on the wood.

Using ferns as the mainstay, and then interplanted with winter bulbs, such as snowdrops, early woodland tulips and species daffodils, and not forgetting the many shade loving hostas, we hope that the stumpery and new pathways we've created, will give some inspiration to our many visitors, and hope you watch Small Lime Walk grow into an enjoyable area.





## DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

For over 20 years the Riverside Play area has delighted children and their families, and as many of you will know, it gets very busy at peak holiday times. Some of the equipment is now starting to show signs of wear and tear, and 2019 will see a complete refurbishment costing around £140,000.

Over the summer of 2018, extensive consultation took place with members of the public and community groups, about how they would like to see the play area improved. The results of this consultation were that people wanted more equipment for younger children, extra swings, improved sand and water play, better access and improved facilities for children and adults with disabilities.

All of these suggestions have been included in the final design and plans for the improved play area have been on display around the park for several weeks. The work will take around 3 months to complete, and should be finished by Easter 2019. The Friends of Towneley Park, together with Burnley Borough Council have raised the money through grant funding and donations. Special thanks to Lancashire Environmental Fund for their £30,000

grant, and to the public's generosity by supporting our activities. FOTP have already contributed £5,500 from our funds towards this equipment, and over £1,500 from other events we have organised, will be used to buy picnic benches, litter bins and additional facilities for the playground.

With a view to providing value for money, not all the equipment will be new, some of the existing equipment will be updated and re-used in the new design. However, included in the plans is an innovative and interactive piece of equipment, a "Yalp Arch", that will be the first of its kind in Lancashire, creating a really special play area for the enjoyment of all visitors to the park. including a water fountain to be installed near the Rotunda

We hope that you will enjoy the new, improved play area at Riverside, but don't forget there are other play areas within the park, at Barwise and Fulfilledge. Barwise (off Todmorden Road) includes an adventure playground and a large picnic area with adjacent pay and display car park, and from FOTP have also bought a water fountain which will be installed near the Rotunda.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**In 2018 the Friends were delighted to receive offers of help from other groups and organisations.**

We had a lovely morning when Holly Grove school children came along and helped us to plant bulbs on Small Lime Walk. We hope they will return.

Ten young people from the National Citizen's Service gave a day of their time to remove Balsam alongside Everidge Clough. What a difference they all made.

Burnley College students came along in September and helped to clear the weeds, saplings, and unwanted trees in the Hall Car Park bed, along with lots of other jobs. One of the students has even helped to design the garden at the top of Small Lime Walk. We owe them and their tutor Sarah, a big "Thankyou". They plan to work with us

**Please consider how you might help in Towneley, however small or large the task. Pick litter, pull balsam, weed a flower bed, clean a sign, wipe down fitness equipment, clean a bench, bring a group of children and adults for an hour or two, to fulfil a task. Any offers will be welcomed, and you too can help to make a difference at Towneley. Thankyou.**



## TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Friends of Towneley Park have teamed up with the Ribble Rivers Trust to deliver an education programme in local schools designed to engage and educate local children about environmental issues in and around Towneley Park.

The children will, through Trout in The Classroom, have a very 'hands on' experience where they not only get to contribute directly, by boosting the local trout population, but also learn about their local environment and how they can affect it.

In January, Springfield and Worsthorne schools took delivery of 100 wild Brown Trout eggs which were placed into special installations designed to mirror the conditions in the local river. The apparatus was designed and installed by RRT staff and the Friends have paid £500 towards this. The children will be able to see first-hand the remarkable life cycle of the brown trout and, once hatched, get to

nurture the young fish until they are ready to be released in the river Calder in Towneley Park in the spring.

Throughout the programme the children will be tasked to improve their environment with special emphasis on reducing the amount of litter in the park. This will include campaigns to educate and engage the whole community as well as physically getting involved in other activities in the park.

By engaging with the children, at an age where we can influence attitudes and behaviours, we can create future guardians of the environment who can influence others now and in the future.

Neil Ashworth, an Educator for the RRT, said "We are very excited to be working with Friends Of Towneley Park on this project and consider this pro-active approach as an example that others will adopt in the future".



## APRIL

- 19-22** Pendelphin Rabbit Trail in the Hall
- 21** FOTP Easter Trail & Treat: 1-3pm £2 per child. Register outside the Hall Shop

## MAY

- 5** May Fun Fair – Ride & Parking Fees apply
- 6** May Day Festival – contact peter.thorne@sky.com

## JUNE

- 9** Brass in the Park - Silver Alliance Band 2-4pm. Free event. Donations welcome. Refreshments available.
- 30** Classic Vehicle Show

## JULY

- 7-16** Burnley Wakes Fun Fair
- 14** Holistic Therapy Exhibition. Private event, entry fee to exhibition.
- 13/14** Trail Blaster Endurance Run
- 14** Towneley 10k Run
- 21** Immersion Theatre: 'Alice in Wonderland' in the Park. Bring your own picnic and seating. Tickets from Burnley Mechanics.

## AUGUST

FOTP Summer Trails in the Park. £1 per sheet.

## SEPTEMBER

- 6/7** Heritage Open Weekend, free entry for all visitors
- 7/8** Craft Fair 12 – 4pm
- 8** Hall tours throughout the afternoon

## OCTOBER

**Half Term** Halloween Trail in the Hall £1 per sheet, **use your Annual £5 Pass** or admission charges will apply

## NOVEMBER

- 11** -Remembrance Day Service 11am
- 24** Christmas Craft Fair, over 30 stalls selling handmade and crafted goods, refreshments, charity stalls. Free entry for all visitors.

## DECEMBER

- 8** Santa comes to Towneley – Christmas Trail and visit from Santa. Children 2 – 9 yrs. Must be pre-booked. For details see [www.fotp.btck.co.uk](http://www.fotp.btck.co.uk) or Friends of Towneley Park Facebook page.
- 11** Annual Christmas Carol Concert, followed by a festive buffet

### FOTP MEETINGS

Thur 11th April, Thur 25th July, 23rd Jan 2020, 10am Friends Meeting Room at the Bowling Green.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sat 19 October 11am in Towneley Hall Lecture Theatre.

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Every Thursday – FOTP Gardening Club 10am-12 noon. Meet at the Friends Meeting Room.

Crafters meet every Monday from September to May 1pm-3pm.

Everyone welcome to come along.



# Useful Information

- **Friends of Towneley Park** contact **Chairman - Maureen Frankland** on 01282 432423 [fotp1902@gmail.com](mailto:fotp1902@gmail.com)
- **Vice Chair - Pat Ashton** on 07758564781 [patpeteash@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:patpeteash@yahoo.co.uk)
- **Newground/Offshoots** 01254 265163 [www.newground.co.uk](http://www.newground.co.uk)
- **Stephen Hastings** for sporting events on 01282 477232
- **Sean Kerr** Parks Officer on 01282 425011 or email [skerr@burnley.gov.uk](mailto:skerr@burnley.gov.uk)
- **Carly Glover**, Playgrounds and Events Officer on 01282 425011 or email [cgllover@burnley.gov.uk](mailto:cgllover@burnley.gov.uk)
- **The Rangers** 01282 831053

For general information and leaflet downloads please visit [www.burnley.gov.uk/towneley](http://www.burnley.gov.uk/towneley)

### Hall Opening Times

Daily (except Friday)  
12 noon – 4pm  
From 5th November – February  
Half Term – Saturday & Sunday  
12noon – 3pm

### ADMISSION CHARGES

**ALL ADULTS** - £5 per person, ticket valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. Children & Students – FREE.

For Hall information, events & bookings please ring Towneley Hall 01282 477130.

### The Stables Cafe

Open from 10am daily.  
For more information and for bookings call 01282 430111.

### The Rotunda refreshments

In Riverside car park, open every weekend, bank holidays and school holidays.

### CAR PARKING

Hall Car Park: 80p per hour  
Riverside, Barwise & Woodgrove: £1.50 per day.

Annual Hall Car Park (to cover ALL car parks): £60.  
Riverside, Barwise & Woodgrove only: £39.

### How to Find Us:

Towneley Hall, Towneley Holmes, Burnley, BB11 3RQ

You can donate to the Friends of Towneley Park on Facebook or through our website [www.fotp.btck.co.uk](http://www.fotp.btck.co.uk)

### HELP!

If you see anyone in the park causing damage, acting anti-socially or taking park resources that do not belong to them, please phone 101 for anti-social behaviour, 999 for theft, or 01282 472107 to leave a message, which may take time before you receive a reply.

When in Towneley, please remember:  
**TAKE NOTHING BUT PHOTOGRAPHS,  
LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS,  
KEEP NOTHING BUT MEMORIES.**