Litter Summit 2013

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Falls Park 2013

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Falls Park



- Map of Falls Park
- History
- ASB
- Projects / Initiatives
- Partnerships
- Cairde Pairc na bhFál
- Events
- NIEA Award
- Future Plans

Map of Falls Park



History





- Falls Park formed part of the Thomas Sinclair Estate
- In the 1820s the Sinclair family of the Mountain Bleach Green, and friends of Wolfe Tone, used the lands to exercise their horses and pack of hounds
- Falls Park lies within the townland of Ballymurphy in the heart of west Belfast





- Local partnerships exist between Parks
 Management and PSNI
- This joint approach has helped control ASB in the Park

















- Joint operations
 between PSNI and Park
 Rangers are carried out
 to help control
 vandalism within the
 park
- The Park is now a safe and welcoming place

Bike Club





- The club offers a free service to youth, community groups and schools
- Local schools use the club as part of their PE syllabus

Healthy Schools Project







To feed or not to feed







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Green Flag/Local Press





GOING GREEN: Councillors Tim Attwood, Tom Hartley and Steven Corr congratulate the Belfast City Council team in receiving the Green Flag Award for the Falls Park 2257mj11

Celebrations as Falls Park wins a Green Flag

Working Partnerships



- Friends of Falls Park
- Ulster Wildlife
- National Trust
- St. Galls GAC
- Falls Community Council
- Upper Springfield Development Trust
- Bike club
- Translink
- Local Schools
- Suicide Awareness Support group

Partnerships







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Cairde Pairc na bhFál Friends of Falls Park



Purpose

- Protect and develop the natural environment and heritage of the park and surrounding green spaces (Meadows to Mountains)
- Raise funds to improve facilities
- Promote community involvement in the use and regeneration of the park
- Create community ownership and a sense of belonging
- Create a safe and welcoming place

Cairde Pairc na bhFál Friends of Falls Park

Meadows to Mountains Annual Walk









Teddy Bears Picnic







Dig In





Tepee in Falls Park



- As an environmental educational tool this tepee was purchased by the ASB Officer
- It is used at all major events held in Falls Park



Camp na bhFál





 One night camp out in the park

Campfire stories

Daytime activities



Camp na bhFál







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Multicultural Festival





Event in 2012

 Building trust with Police and Council

 Events to bring children together

Water Community Environment Award – Uiscí Reatha









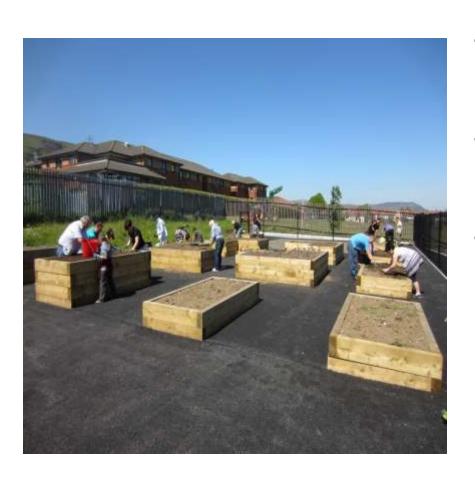






Community Garden





- Community garden opened 2013
- Embraced by the local community
- Partnership with The Friends of Falls Park & The Conservation Volunteers

Community Garden





- Fantastic results in year one
- Facilitated sessions every Thursday for users gain new skills
- Community given ownership

Future Plans





 Installation of the new sports pitches and changing facilities in Falls Park

Future Plans



 Installation of signage showing linkage between Bog Meadows, Falls Park and the Belfast Hills

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- Plans for allotments beside the community garden
- Site would provide much needed allotments for the City



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Thank You

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