

# West Park Chronicle Spring 2021

## West Park Residents Association

This has been an “interesting” time, which for WPRA started (or should that be stopped) with the cancellation of the Annual General Meeting scheduled for March 2020. The committee, in conjunction with local residents, has continued to function with help from the auspices of Zoom. The WPRA Facebook pages have also offered support to local businesses and given residents a chance to keep in touch.

There has also been the opportunity for residents to get to know others in the area through walks around our green suburb, even if social distancing means shouting across roads. Hopefully events are leading towards a more relaxed environment and (All Being Well) the 2021 AGM sometime this Summer.

It's worth reflecting on the work of WPRA since it was established in the early 1990's to provide a voice for local residents on issues affecting residents and the character of West Park. Over the years WPRA has been able to influence a wide range of changes in West Park, such as:

- Establishing the West park Conservation area.
- The rebuilding of Lawnswood School rather than a super market.
- Lobbying for parking restrictions and setting up a Residents Parking Zone.
- The designation of the West Park fields as Queen Elizabeth II Fields-in-Trust, giving them protection from building development in perpetuity.
- Opposing the New Generation Transport (NGT) trolley bus system proposed by the Council for Otley Road – NGT rejected after a public enquiry . The campaign led to the coming together of a whole series of local resident groups based around Otley Road and lead to the formation of North West Leeds Transport Forum (NWLTF). WPRA is affiliated to NWLTF.

### **Leeds Bradford Airport**

LBA has submitted proposals for new terminal buildings, which also includes extending night-time flights thus affecting noise levels for residents of West Park, Weetwood and Headingley. This was opposed by NWLTF and GALBA ( Groups Against LBA).

The proposal, agreed by Leeds City Council, is currently with the Secretary of State for Transport. There are expansions planned at other airports in England: Luton, Bristol, Southampton, Heathrow, Stansted and Manston – all of which are at various stages in the process. Campaigners are also expecting Gatwick to imminently submit plans to increase capacity. This issue will be included on the agenda for the AGM.

### **Friends of West Park Fields**

This is a group of WPRA members specifically involved with looking after the fields, in liaison with the Parks Department. Typically they have carried out annual litter picks, planted out Spring bulbs along the Spen Lane perimeter, hosted the Bands in the Park

event and also established a community orchard near the Kepstorn Road entrance to the fields, and provided new benches.

Ongoing proposals include the re-sowing of a 'wildflower bed', setting up a **Children's Play Area**, to be located near Spen Lane between West Park Grange and Spen Croft, and a further 12 fruit tree and 18 hedgerow plants being put in by residents on the orchard site.

## **Membership Update**

WPRA looks forward to continuing it's work for the West Park area, and is planning for an AGM in Summer, once Government regulations and rules are clarified. WPRA relies on the participation and involvement of residents and has been prompted by local residents about paying subscriptions:

So there are now two ways to pay:

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