

# Mirrlees Fields Action Group

## MFAG Newsletter July 2012

### **The Fence**

By a separate e-mail you should have received a letter from the Chair of MFAG, David Gosling, explaining the response of the MFAG Committee to the erection of the new fence on the Fields.

We want all of our members to rest assured that the Committee is fully dedicated to its original mission statement of 'protecting and improving access to the Fields' - all of our actions today are being carefully considered in order to expedite the transfer of ownership of the land from MAN to an organisation which mirrors our mission statement.

We will be requesting MAN to leave open the long-established access points to the Fields from Flowery Fields and Barlow's Lane South, while recognising that these are not legal rights of way at the present time.

### **Flowery Fields Allotments Open Day**

The Flowery Fields Allotment Association is having an Open Day on Saturday 28th July from 10.30 to 3pm. Entrance fee is £1.00, senior citizens 50p and children free. There will be fresh produce from the allotments, bottled preserves, cakes, cream teas, Bar-B-Q, tombola, raffle, plants for sale, children's corner and quiz, flowers and growing advice, tips and recipes.

### **MFAG is on Facebook**

Our Friends of Mirrlees Fields Facebook page now has 90 members and is becoming an important source of information to everyone interested in the Fields. All members can post messages about the Fields or photos of the Fields or their dog(s). It is the quickest way to alert us if there any problems and to express concerns, or simply to share your enjoyment of the Fields. If you are not already member then do come and join us by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/145989658799940/>

### **Cheshire Wildlife Trust**

The Cheshire Wildlife Trust might be interested in acquiring the fields if MAN is willing to hand them over. This is the positive news, but until we have had discussions with MAN about their current intentions for the fields it is difficult know whether this is a way forward. The CWT has members and volunteers in this area who would be keen to work on conservation of the Fields while also encouraging public access. They are also positive about the potential for educational activities given the location of the Fields in the centre of an area with a high population.

### **MFAG Calendar**

We are attempting to put together a calendar of the Fields for 2013, which we can sell to help raise some much needed funds for the Mirrlees Fields Action Group, and also to raise awareness about the fields, their ever changing natural beauty and hopefully a few cheeky

pictures of members dogs and other wild life on the Fields!

Do you have any images you would like to submit? If not, would you like to get out there and take a few!?! Does not matter how old they are, which part of the fields, any time of year or who is in them really - we just want to try and capture the essence of the fields. Send your photos to us via e-mail at [info@mirrleesfields.org.uk](mailto:info@mirrleesfields.org.uk)

### **Woodsmoor History Project**

Thanks to all of you who have shared your memories of the Fields and Woodsmoor for the Woodsmoor History Project. We're still looking for information, memories, old images and photographs of Woodsmoor and the Fields, so do get in touch if you can help by e-mail or contact Sue Bailey on 0161 612 5234.

### **Membership**

As a result of our membership drive we now have 620 members of MFAG. New members are still coming through via our web-site. If you know people who use the Fields but are not yet members please encourage them to join. There is an on-line form on our web-site: [www.mirrleesfields.org.uk](http://www.mirrleesfields.org.uk)

### **New waste bin on Flowery Fields**

For the last couple of years Charlie Gallagher has been emptying a bin for dog waste by the allotments. We are very grateful to him for having carried out this service for so long. Now, thanks to the representations of Cllr Linda Holt the Council have provided a bin which is located at the end of Flowery Fields.

Dog waste continues to be a problem on some parts of the Fields. Please be a responsible dog owner and pick up your dog's waste and encourage everyone else to do likewise.