

# 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



# ASB



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



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- 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

# 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





# 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



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# Future Plans



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

# Future Plans



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



The End

Thank You



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