

Funding Successes

The District Council has been successful in its funding bids from two landfill tax distributors for the two separate parts of the restoration of Hall Leys Park, namely the refurbishment of the park, and the installation of new up to date and stimulating play equipment. Waste Recycling Environmental (WREn) has pledged £48,497 towards the playground improvements, whilst the Onyx Environmental Trust have put forward £50,000 towards the cost of the restoration works to the park, including the fountain, tram shelter and a sunken garden.



Other bodies who have kindly put funding or time towards the restoration of Hall Leys Park include:

- Derbyshire Dales District Council
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- EMDA
- Matlock Town Council
- Matlock Civic Association
- The Matlock Park Bowls Club

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Events in the Matlock Valley

August to October 2004

- 4 August Woods up with Orchids— A walk through fern covered slopes in search of Bee Orchids and other fascinating flowers with local expert Mary Mason. Meet 7pm Greyhound Hotel, Market Place, Cromford. 2 miles, 2 hours. Tel: 01629 761326.
- 7 August Live Music at the Whistlestop Centre. Hear the melodious sounds of students from the University of Derby. 12 noon to 4pm, Whistlestop Countryside Centre, Matlock Bath. Tel: 01773 881188.
- 4 September Sale of Derbyshire Produce. Local producers will be selling their wares and donating a percentage of proceeds to the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. 12 noon to 4pm, Whistlestop Countryside Centre, Matlock Bath. Tel: 01773 881188.
- 4 Sept - 30 Oct Matlock Bath Illuminations and Venetian Nights. Firework Nights 18th Sept, 9th Oct and 23rd Oct, starts at 9pm. Also with entertainment and stalls. Tel: 01629 761224
- 11 & 12 Sept So you think you know Cromford? Join Martin Gillie from the Arkwright Society for a trip back in time to the days of Sir Richard Arkwright and his cotton spinning empire. 2pm The Shop in the Yard at Cromford Mill. 1 hour, 1 mile. Booking essential on 01629 823256. Cost £2 or £1.50 concessions.
- 12 September Visit Lumsdale, once renowned for its water powered industry but now famous for its natural beauty and waterfalls. Walk led by the Arkwright Society. Meet at 3pm in lay-by opposite Highfields School, Matlock for an easy 2 mile walk. Tel: 01629 761326
- 1 October Dalesmen Male Voice Choir - Charity Concert in aid of Cancer Research UK Matlock Branch. Starts at 7.30pm at The Edgefold Club, Matlock Tel :01773 824852

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Who are Butterley Pearce?



Originally founded in 1952, CJ Pearce are a medium sized civil engineering contractor based in Telford, Shropshire.

In April 2004 CJ Pearce joined the Meade Corporation which comprises of a number of successful UK companies including Butterley Construction. CJ Pearce were subsequently renamed Butterley Pearce.

Butterley Pearce have delivered works in both rural and urban environments, and pride themselves on completion on time, to a high standard and within budget. They have been an integral part of prestigious landscape projects in Bristol, and Burslem. The District Council are pleased to welcome Butterley Pearce on board to deliver this important project.

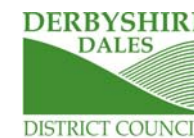
HALL LEYS PARK RESTORATION UNDERWAY !

The District Council has accepted a tender from Butterley Pearce Ltd of Telford to undertake the restoration and landscape works to Hall Leys Park. This park forms the first element of the Heritage Lottery Fund supported 5-year Matlock Parks Project.

Setting up works will begin during the week of the 23rd August and actual works will start on site after the Bank Holiday. The park will be substantially complete by Christmas. Much of the Park will remain open during the works, and any events booked will be accommodated. However, as previously reported, working areas will need to be fenced off for safety reasons.

A number of elements proposed as part of the restoration project required Planning Permission. This was granted for the provision of a skate park, new wet and dry playground equipment and new maintenance base for the Park Staff and Rangers. This structure will be located at the bottom end of the park, and help to conceal the flood station to the rear. As a result of local opinion the train and boating shed will remain as they are. A new Planning Application has been made for the provision of a new Bowls Pavilion situated between the boating lake and bowling green.

The contract is currently being draw up by the District Council, and detailed discussions are underway with Butterley Pearce regarding the detailed programming of works within the Park. The restoration works are identified on the middle pages of this publication.



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HALL LEYS PARK

Please note, this plan is for illustrative purposes only and does not show detailed designs.

A new pathway leading to the Broadwalk will be created from the entrance off the corner of Knowleston Place and Causeway Lane.

New playground and water play equipment will be provided.

A new building will be provided to house the Rangers and the Parks Maintenance staff. This building will be in park style architecture and help to screen the Environment Agency pumping station to the rear.

A new bridge will be installed across the Bentley Brook during the next phase of the project to provide a direct link from Hall Leys Park to Pic Tor.

The Pavilion will retain the café and ticket office. The central section will be developed for interpretation, and ramps will be provided to ensure access for all abilities. The area outside the café will be opened out to provide a wider seating area.

3 hard tennis courts will be provided with new fencing and nets. A surfaced area will also be provided for the installation of a skatepark.

The flood wall will be realigned to provide access to the toilets from the park.



It is planned to provide a new bowls pavilion in park style architecture located centrally along the Bowling Green.

The fencing around the Bowling Green will be replaced.

A company specialising in heritage restoration will restore the bandstand.

Once situated in Crown Square the tram shelter was built in 1899. When the tram service on Bank Road closed in 1927 this shelter was relocated to Hall Leys Park. This important and historical building will be restored by a specialist company.

A new viewing area opening up the river and bridge will be undertaken by the Matlock Civic Association.

Other Works:

Lighting— more attractive lamp columns and lights will be installed in current locations and additional lighting will be provided from the pavilion to the Causeway Lane toilets .

Benches—new benches and litter bins will be provided throughout the park.

Resurfacing— new surfacing will be provided throughout the park.

Planting—new shrubs will be provided throughout the park.

New rose arbours will be installed in the sunken garden

The fountain will be restored to working order and new railings provided around the base.

The War Memorial will be relocated to the side of the circular area to provide a more user friendly space for formal gatherings, and in particular Remembrance Sunday. The memorial will be highlighted with paving and new railings incorporating a poppy motif.

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