

STRUTT'S PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2017

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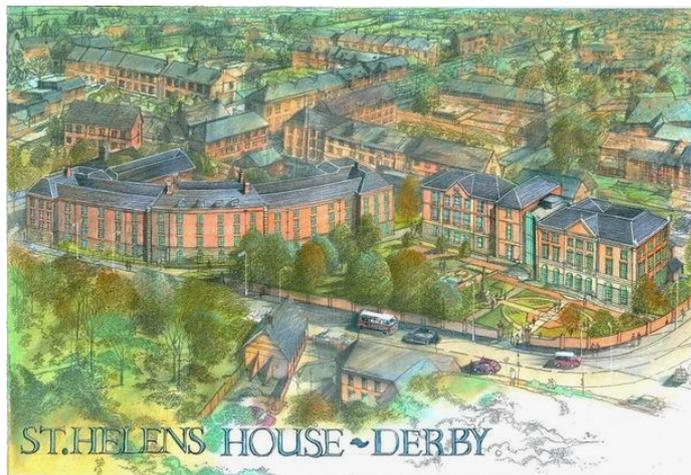
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SPRA is non-political and aims to:

- stimulate public interest and opinion
- promote a sense of community in the area
- improve the safety and amenities of the area
- improve the preservation, protection, development and enhancement of features of beauty, historic and public interest
- further the welfare and interests of the residents of the area
- encourage an awareness of the neighbourhood.

Kings Crescent Development

You may have already noticed that work on the area adjoining St Helen's House has started. The Old Chapel and the wooden Derby School buildings on Edward Street and King Street have been demolished. The developers, Nine Investments Ltd, have recovered bricks, stone and stained glass for recycling via local reclamation yards. The foundation stone of the chapel will be incorporated into the new build. This development will include 44 apartments and 3 town houses with basement parking under these properties. The Pearson Building and the old headmaster's house will become offices. Birchover Sales & Lettings will market the properties which are expected to become available in late 2019. Further information about the development including a detailed blog about progress and some history of the site can be found on the website: www.kingscrescent.com. Thanks to Stuart Bennett Director of Nine Investments for providing details on the development.



Picking Litter

During the summer several local residents gave up a Sunday afternoon to take part in a litter-pick. The Council provided the plastic bags, gloves, litter picks and the all important health and safety instructions. Litter and rubbish was collected from the roads east of Duffield Road. Litter seems to be a perpetual source of complaint, so thanks to all of those who were prepared to do something to improve the environment for everyone. Special thanks to Lisa Eldret for co-ordinating with the Council and David Morris, manager of the Co-op shop, for providing the bins for disposal of the rubbish collected. The next litter pick will be on Sunday, 26 November 2017. We will meet, as last time, at Five Lamps at 2.00 pm.

Dustbins

A reminder has been received from the Council that residents should remove dustbins from pavements as soon as possible after refuse has been collected. The Council has delivered leaflets to the most often offending properties.

Green Flag Award for Darley Park - Again

On 1 August 2017, for the third year in succession, an award was presented by the Right Worshipful, The Mayor of the City of Derby, Cllr John Whitby, in celebration of all the hard work by Friends of Darley Open Spaces and other volunteers. Our local parks are superb and we can only feel indebted to those who volunteer to work tirelessly to help maintain them (see FODOS article page 4).



The Green Flag Award is the benchmark national standard for publicly accessible parks and green spaces in the United Kingdom.

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Character and Detail: 25 years of Conserving the Strutt's Park Conservation Area - *By The Conservation Team, Derby City Council*

Strutt's Park is an area with a large number of historic buildings and much notable architecture. Most notable is St Helen's House - one of Derby's most impressive architectural gems. Dating from the 1760s it is a grade I listed building. Also of note is Pugin's Victorian gothic St Mary's Church which is listed as Grade II. The consistent architectural quality and 'group value' of the wider Strutt's Park street scene - from the grand Victorian villas on Duffield Road to the terraced houses along Arthur Street and interwar semis on Chevin Road led to Derby City Council designating it as a Conservation Area in 1991. The designation means that the Council has to have special regard to its character and appearance when assessing planning applications. It means that Council is required to ensure that developments harmonise with the established character of the area in terms of scale, design and materials.

To further protect the historic appearance of the area an 'Article 4 Direction' was also made in 1992. This allows the Council to ensure that the smallest changes to the historic fabric and architectural detail do not harm the character of the area, particularly their cumulative impact. Residents need to apply for planning permission for any changes to the frontage (or road facing walls) of their houses: windows, doors, boundary walls and gates or railings, roofs, and for rendering or painting elevations. The Conservation Area status means that the Council is required to retain as much historic detail of the area as possible and, where practical, enhanced through the reinstatement of historic detail.

Within the conservation area there is also special protection for trees. Six weeks' notice should be given to the Council if of any plan to cut down or lop a tree. This provides an opportunity for a Tree Preservation Order to be made if the tree is of particular amenity value.

If you are planning any external changes to your home or works to trees, please check whether you need permission. The Council have the power to take enforcement action where the necessary permissions have not been gained. The Conservation Team can be contacted on: **01332 640809**, or email builtheritage@derby.gov.uk. For tree works contact: 01332 640795 or email developmentcontrol@derby.gov.uk. For further information about Strutt's Park and what it means to live in a conservation area, see: www.derby.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/conservation/conservation-area/

Dealing with sewer odours around Strutt's Park

Severn Trent Water (STW) is working to resolve the long-standing problem of the sewer odours. Chris Mulligan, who attended our AGM in April, explained that STW has conducted a number of sewer cleanses and investigated the pumping station at Darley Abbey. Since then residents have reported the problem of the odour had been reduced. Chris explained that a long-term solution might require change to the pumping station and STW is considering adding a dosing unit to the station to neutralise any septicity. Unfortunately this is not something that is a quick fix. Chris went on to explain that it would help if the public refrained from flushing nappies, wet wipes, or oils down their toilets or sinks. These should be disposed of as domestic refuse.

If you smell odours you can contact STW by visiting its website www.stwater.co.uk/help-and-contact/contact-us/ or mention it to a SPRA committee member.

Reporting issues to the Council

If you wish to report dog mess or litter on the streets around Strutt's Park, or fly-tipping, graffiti, missed bins or any Council related issue there is a really easy and quick way to do this. Go to www.derby.gov.uk/report-it and fill out the online form. It takes you through step-by-step and asks you to select from a long list what you want to report, when you saw it, the precise location - you can even upload a photo of the mess/litter. Plus, before you submit the form, you can opt to get feedback on what's done to resolve the issue. Alternatively, phone Derby City Council help desk on 01332 640000 (Monday to Friday 8.30 am - 5.00 pm).

Some useful contacts:

Police / Fire & Rescue

Emergency - phone 999
Police non-emergency - call 101
Website: www.derbyshire.police.uk
Website: www.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk

NHS Choices www.nhs.uk

If you urgently need medical help/advice but it's not a life-threatening situation, phone: 111 .

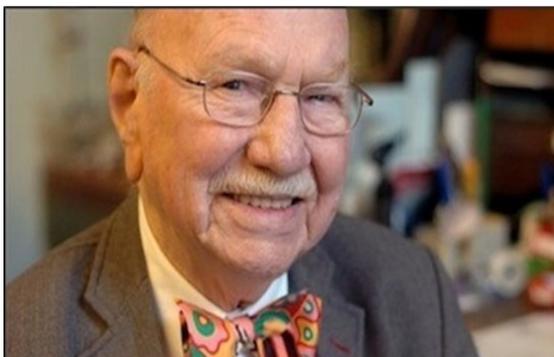
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Dr Harry Morrow Brown

Strutt's Park includes the home of the world-renowned Derby doctor Harry Morrow Brown – who, through his pioneering research, helped millions of asthma and allergy sufferers world-wide. He died in 2013 at the age of 96, having lived and worked in Highfields House for over 40 years. We all now know, either through personal experience or that of a friend or family member, how effective 'puffers' - steroid inhalers - are. It was Doctor Morrow Brown, working from his home laboratory, who first demonstrated their effectiveness, despite the scepticism of the medical establishment.



Dr Harry Morrow Brown 1917-2013 was born in Scotland, near Gleneagles. He qualified at Edinburgh University in 1939 and joined the army at the start of the Second World War in October 1939. In 1942 he was drafted to India and finished the war responsible for the health service for half of Ceylon. He was demobilised with the rank of Major.

After various appointments in Scotland, he took, in 1953, a position as a Consultant Chest Physician in Derby. At first he was dealing mainly with tuberculosis sufferers but his focus soon changed to asthma and allergy. It was in Derby that Dr Morrow Brown developed his lifelong interest in asthma and its allergic causes. His single mindedness was illustrated early in his career when he refused to accept a Medical Research Council trial which decided steroid tablets were not helpful in the treatment of chronic asthma. He explained "Using my old student's microscope, I devised a test which enabled me to distinguish in minutes between allergic asthma with eosinophilia cells - which respond to steroids - and chronic bronchitis, which does not. The results of my trial, the very first to show only the wheezy patients with eosinophilia cells in their sputum were helped by steroids, was published in the Lancet in 1958 - but attracted no attention from the council or anyone else." Undaunted he continued his research.

An important step for Dr Morrow Brown was the founding, in 1968, of the Midlands Asthma and Allergy Research Association (MAARA). This funded research, particularly developing strong teams in aerobiology - the study of airborne microorganisms, pollen, spores, and seeds, especially as agents of infection, irritation and allergic reactions. He was an early researcher on nano-particles and their role in pathology.

He was particularly interested in the causes and diagnosis of allergies and developed a needle for Skin Prick Testing which became commercially available and continues to be widely used to determine individual allergy problems. The identification of allergens is particularly important for those who have strong reactions as it allows them to avoid their causes and so reduce their need for steroid treatments. He was a pioneer in the study of the development of allergies and asthma in children, babies and before birth.

Dr Morrow Brown summed up his life "I have carried out research projects in allergy and in aerobiology for over 50 years. My objective has always been to find the cause rather than suppress the symptoms with drugs." Dr Morrow Brown died on 22 August 2013 aged 96. He saw his last patient in 2013.

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Visit our website www.strutts.org for:

- Committee minutes
- AGM minutes
- Past newsletters
- The Conservation Area Booklet: general advice for those wishing to make alterations to their property.

Friends of Darley Open Spaces - *By Alison Grimwood*

The Friends of Darley Open Spaces (FoDOS) are a group of local residents who, since 2005, have been friends of Darley and Derwent Parks, Darley Fields, Dean's Field and Parker's Piece. Our aim is to make the very best of these lovely green spaces. The new Welcome Boards have been a very satisfying result this year. The project started in 2013 when my husband, Jon and I walked the boundaries and discovered 10 official entrances and a few unofficial jitties. Being new to the area we wondered how people knew what's here to be discovered and enjoyed. We need those boards they have in other parks, with maps and pictures, we thought. Partnering with Strutt's Park Residents' Association and the Council we designed and paid for a board at North Parade. Later DerwentWISE and OCOR brought in other funding and we could continue to design and populate the other boards. Little Chester and Darley Abbey history groups provided us with fascinating facts and intriguing images to add to the boards. We ended up with 10 tantalising tasters of the open spaces, placed at strategic entrances to engage visitors old and new. This year, for the third year, Darley Park has won a Green Flag Award. The Green Flag Award looks, amongst other things, for community involvement in management and/or developments and results achieved. I think we can honestly say that FoDOS have made a significant contribution. Self-seeded trees have been managed, allowing us better views either side of the Derwent. A mosaic and bug palace have been put in the old walled garden area to attract more visitors. The hydrangea collection burst into flower again this year and was well worth a visit, even for those who think pink mop heads are best left to the grandparents. Projects for next year are the all user path, excavating the ice house and possible plans for a make-over of the area around the café.

If interested please visit the FoDOS website: www.friendsofdarleyopenspaces.co.uk

Delivery Scam Alert - *By Belinda Elliott-Dawes*

One of my neighbours called on me recently to report some concerns she had regarding a delivery to her house. As I am on the local Neighbourhood Watch, I took the details and then spoke to the police. They confirmed that it was a scam. A delivery was made to her house and had the correct address and had her husband's name. My neighbour, although not expecting a parcel, opened it. In the parcel was a new, top of the range iPhone. A little while later there was another knock on the door and another driver asked if they had taken delivery of a parcel. He asked to have a look at it, consulted his clipboard and said that the numbers did not match up and that the parcel was not for them, whereupon he took the parcel away. My neighbour was justifiably concerned that they might be charged for the phone.

The scam is: A stolen credit card is used to order an expensive item. A name and address is obtained (maybe from a dustbin) and the delivery is made to the victim's house. The delivery is tracked by the criminal on the internet and they wait nearby until the parcel is delivered to the unsuspecting recipient. The criminal then moves in, with the excuse that delivery numbers don't match and they walk away with their illegal gains. The rightful owner of the credit card is the one who will lose money, but the victim will have been used as an unwitting accomplice in the offence.

Please be on your guard, unexpected deliveries are always to be treated with suspicion. If someone arrives to take the delivery from you, try to find out what company they are from. Maybe they have a logo on their shirt or even a badge. Try to get the vehicle registration, but never put yourself in any danger.

If in any doubt please inform the police of the incident by calling 101. You will not be in any trouble yourself and your information will help the police to build a picture of the offence and the area the criminals are working in - hopefully helping track down the criminals and preventing the concern and cost for someone else.

Useful contacts when faced with scams

There is much publicity about scams. People say they'll never be taken in by them but it can be easy to fall into a trap set by scammers who are experienced in appearing credible and plausible. The Citizens' Advice website: www.citizensadvice.org.uk has examples of scams - many of which are particularly sophisticated

If you do fall prey to a scam, you can report it to the police by calling 101 or via the website: www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Derbyshire County Council has a bulletin which reports the latest scams and gives very useful advice. The website is: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/consumer_advice/scams/default.asp. You can report a scam to Derby City Council you can find details on www.derby.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/trading-standards/report-a-scam/

There's also very good advice on Age UK's website at www.ageuk.org.uk and on the National Trading Standards' website at www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk.
