

Friends of Doncaster Road Park & Embleton Playground

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The Friends of Doncaster Road Park & Embleton Playground initially came together in May 2021. We then came together more formally with a constitution following our formation/founding meeting on 21st July 2021. Our aims are to help ensure Doncaster Road Park & Embleton Playground are well-maintained, accessible and safe public sites which enhance the quality and experience for all of our community using them, and for nature.

Our group was born from a mutual and overwhelming feeling of wanting our two parks to be very much improved for everyone in our community. Whilst they are both loved and used by many people (especially through COVID) they have just for too many years severely lacked a bit of nurture or improvement. Many people in our community would like to see a huge range of enhancements to both parks and have voiced this through various surveys and consultations over many years. However, there simply seems to have been very little actual action or change following these.

So far, we have organised several community activities/volunteering opportunities in both parks; goal-post painting, bulb planting, a pine cone bird feeder craft, and a park birdwatch. At Embleton Playground we have been successful in working with the Council to have a bench installed, and have repairs made to dangerous wetpour. And, at Doncaster Road Park we have been involved in ensuring the substation is more safely fenced. We have also been fortunate to have been awarded a grant for new signs for both parks and are very much looking forward to be a great start for much more welcoming entrances.

We love our parkswe absolutely want them to be better for everyone. We have lots planned for the future. 😊