

# Friends of Castle Park

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**The overriding objectives of Friends of Castle Park group are to continually strive for park improvements and to keep Castle Park looking as good as possible and fit for purpose.**

Friends of Castle Park Facebook Group was started in October 2018, to give the park a voice and its users a platform where they can share ideas and raise concerns.

We encourage park users to become members of FOCP FB group.

New members are asked 3 questions:

1. What do you like about Castle Park?
2. How could the park be improved?
3. What don't you like about Castle Park?

The answers people give to these questions are extremely useful when creating a vision for the park, when talking to BCC about problems in the park, or when negotiating with developers about park improvements including biodiversity, carbon footprint and recreational opportunities.

We are keen to grow the number of members in our group, so that the weight of membership can have meaningful influence on important park issues and decisions.

## **FOCP Mission Statement:**

- To inform members about park developments, activities and history
- To pay homage to the contribution of those who have sacrificed their lives in war
- To provide a platform for members to post interests, opinions and concerns about Castle Park
- To gather members' views to be used as evidence for influencing decisions about important park issues
- To celebrate the diversity, history and beauty of Castle Park and ensure that these attributes are shared with as many people as possible
- To ensure that the significance of the Castle ruins, Vaulted Chambers, St Peter's Church, St Edith's Well and St Mary le Port's Tower and ruin are well known to Bristol residents, businesses, visitors and tourists
- To ensure that the history in Castle Park is a maintenance priority for Bristol City Council
- To capitalise on funding opportunities for maintenance and improvements,
- To maximise park potential in Bristol Central and its status as the only Harbourside park, main thoroughfare and an important destination for residents, workers and visitors

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