



If you see Sid, tell him that at long last there is to be a Friends Group for Whirlow Brook Park! SU3A is a prime mover in getting one established. The City Council is fully behind us. FOWP will be a separate entity but will work closely alongside the SU3A's own Gardening at Whirlow Brook group who will continue to tend the rock garden and the area around the lily pond. The Friends Group will plan the restoration of other parts of this lovely park, organise volunteers and raise the necessary funds.

Chris Cave, Maggie Girling, David Jordan, Roger Lasko and Shelagh Woolliscroft have formed a steering group and there is to be a Covid-safe community consultation evening on Wednesday 19 May. This will be held in Whirlow Brook Hall. Come along at any time between 4-8 p.m. and have your say as to what you would like to see in the park and gardens. There will also be a plant sale on the top lawn.

We need more good people to help form the management committee or offer other support. We hope to find people with experience in web design, event organisation, fund raising, health and safety, ecology and landscape horticulture. In the medium term we may even grow our own plants!

We hope that many SU3A members will want to become a Friend and that some might want to be a hands-on volunteer. We plan to meet twice a month and there will be a range of tasks on offer

If you can't attend but would like to contribute your ideas and/or become a Friend, then please email [friendsofwhirlowbrookpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwhirlowbrookpark@gmail.com) and you will be sent a questionnaire/application form. You will also find us on Facebook @[friendsofwhirlowbrookpark](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofwhirlowbrookpark).

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