

ARMLEY COMMON RIGHT TRUST

A RESUMÉ OF THE YEAR 2007

There has been significant progress made this year in that we are changing our constitution by going to a company limited by guarantee. We have also been able to increase our presence in the community by holding more events on our land.

The events we had had were Armley Fun Day on the Moor, Urban Picnic in Charlie Cake Park, the great Armley Cake competition again in Charlie Cake and finally Carols in the Park at this same venue.

A lot more work has been done by both the trustees, Friends of the trust and a major contribution from Groundwork. The general consensus by the local people is that Charlie Cake Park is vastly improved. The major work done by Groundwork was the clearance and trimming of all the borders in the park, planting of new shrubs and perennials and the creation of the rose beds in the centre of the green. Also Ground work replaced the old base of the burnt out hut with a lovely mosaic brick base.

This year we have been able to keep all the grass mown without any hiccups, also been able to clear a lot of the coppicing around the trees on Armley Moor as well as Moor Top.

The other major piece of outwork we have got this year has been a set of plans for Armley moor, Moor Top and Hill Top drafted for enhancing the sites and major renovation of the landscape. This was carried out by the Councils Parks and Leisure Division. There has been talk of looking for some Section 106 money to make a start on the Armley Moor to keep it in line with the Council upgrade of Armley Town Street. These plans will also make it easier for us to apply to other funders for grants.

Financially we are solvent if we want to retain our status quo. The only revenue we get is from the Showmans Guild for use of the Moor for the feasts. This gives approx one thousand pounds.

We have managed to maintain a level of community involvement with approx 10 regulars who help us maintain the land. We would of course like to see this increase but I think every one is aware of the level of apathy this is prevalent when physical labour is involved but nevertheless we will continue plugging away

David Boutle
Deputy Chair