

Friends of
Magdalen Green



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Our latest updates!

After a very tough two years, let's hope 2022 will be better.

We have not raised any funds since January, 2020, but Making Dundee Home and Just Bee invited us to take a table at their Soup and Pudding event as part of the West End Christmas Fortnight, 2021. We raised over £200 for our strained finances, and want to say a big thank you to MDH and Just Bee for their help.

We did not ask for subscriptions last year, as we were unable to hold events, but we hope you will all renew your memberships now.

As always, we have projects for the Green - you will see a lot of activity in the next few months. We have picnic tables (with bbq proofing) coming to the Bowling Green, and we hope they are safe from the vandals who burnt one to the ground last year. The drinking fountain will also be sited here, but we will need to raise more money to ensure this happens soon.

Work to install two accessible picnic tables has already begun, welcome additions to the facilities. "Sheila's bench" has been through the wars, some people will insist on having bbqs on a wooden bench! Despite some tlc, it has now begun to rot, and will be replaced with one of a more durable material.

Even in these tough times, we do have outgoings, such as Public Liability Insurance and website fees. However, some acts of vandalism have cost us dearly. After five vandal free years, the Bandstand had a young man gaffer-taping protest notices to the pillars, which, obviously, removed some paint when the police made him take them down. Another person painted something on the floor, and despite D.C.C.'s best efforts, it could not be removed. Luckily, Andrew Elliot (who restored the Bandstand in 2016) was in Scotland and came to our rescue one Sunday to remove it. This cost us over £540, as D.C.C.'s new procurement arrangements would have delayed payment, but the Council have given us more tables, bbq proofing, and the new bench. There will also be more bins and dog waste bins.

We will be applying to trusts and for grants, as we have done successfully in the past for big projects.

While the biodiversity project was very divisive, we continue our good relationship with Dundee City Council, having met with them several times to ensure the Green remains accessible to all. We have also agreed to assist them in any further consultations, to reach a wider audience than the online method does.



We are pleased to announce our renowned Soup and Pudding lunch! Please come along to Meadowside St. Pauls on the 26th of February, at 11.30 am., (finishing at 1.30).

There will be home baking, craft stalls and tombola, and tickets are £5 or pay at the door. We hope you will let us know if you will attend, as we will hold our AGM at 1.45pm, and would like our members to be present. at the first AGM in three years!