Lightwoods Park and House Restoration Project

January 2015

Parks for People Programme
Heritage Lottery Fund
Lightwoods Park and House Restoration Itinerary

- Welcome and Introductions: Cllr Eling & Chair of the Group
- Appointment of Fairhurst Ward Abbotts (FWA)
- Project plans and scope of restoration
- Presentation from FWA
- Programme – start on site date / completion
- Phasing plan
- Lightwoods House Business Ventures
- Recruitment of Community Engagement Officer
- Volunteering opportunities
- Future Park and House Events

LOTTERY FUNDED

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Appointment of Fairhurst Ward Abbotts

• After a long tendering process for the project, the specialist conservation and restoration contractors Fairhurst Ward Abbotts won the contract to carry out the works to restore Lightwoods Park and House.

• They delivered an outstanding quality tender document which met all of the projects requirements.
Fairhurst Ward Abbotts

Lightwoods - Tender Submission

Tender submission for the complete restoration of Grade 2 Lightwoods House and Park for Sandwell MBC.
Submitted 4th August 2014 by Fairhurst Ward Abbotts

By Appointment to Her Majesty The Queen Builders and Decorators Fairhurst Ward Abbotts

Lottery Funded

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Fairhurst Ward Abbotts
Tender Price Issues

All of the tenders came in over the projects available budget therefore the project board, project team and HLF had to go through a process of value engineering and re-tendering before a contractor was appointed which is why there has been a 3 month delay in the start of the delivery of the works.
Value Engineering Process with HLF

• The team and lottery officers had a number of in-depth discussions about what was essential and critical to the project (both from a residents and visitors point of view as well as the lottery officers as the main funders and the planners).

• Elements which were not critical or a high priority on the previous 3 years consultation lists were removed from the project – they can be installed at a later date outside of the project when further funding becomes available.
Moving Forward

• The project meets its original aims and approved purposes set out by the funders and meets the needs of the local community.

• Both the park and house are going to be restored and after all these years people will be able to use and access these facilities!

**HLF Approved Purposes:**
• Refurbish the exterior and interior of Lightwoods house for mixed use.
• Renovate park, including laying paths to heritage design.
• Restore heritage items including bandstand and drinking fountains.
• Restore Shakespeare garden.
• Provide Aviary shelter and interpretation.
• Install drainage and reinstate pond.
• Tree works including removal of diseased, dying trees, remedial work, planting new trees and create views of the house.
• Provide play area.
• Provide event space.
Aims of the Restoration Project

The aim of this project is to restore the historical elements of Lightwoods Park and refurbish the Grade II Lightwoods House in an integrated approach so the House serves the landscape and vice versa.

We propose to reverse the decline of the park and house and conserve historical features as living assets to encourage more people to enjoy, learn about and become involved in the park.
Project plans and scope of restoration

- Overview drawings of whole scheme
- Lightwoods House drawings
- Historic features – bandstand and drinking fountains
- Shakespeare Garden
- Lightwoods Park drawings
- Play area
LIGHTWOODS PARK
and House Restoration Project

The house and its setting have survived relatively intact from the 1790’s, when it was built on land left to Jonathan Grundy II, a merchant living in Birmingham. It is thought to have been erected in 1791 and plans from this period show the house as a central block with detached wings, a walled enclosure to the north, perimeter paths and a carriage driveway. The house was extended in the 19th Century.

In 1902, the house and estate were purchased by means of voluntary contributions, and gifted to Birmingham City Council for use as a public park. Additional land west of Galton Road was added following the auction.

The park was an immediate success. In its heyday, Lightwoods House would have been an imposing feature of the park, and a focus for activity.

Over the years, the house has been altered and modified. One notable change has been the loss of the upper floor of the stable-block to the east of the house. This has significantly altered the external appearance and symmetry of the south elevation. The kitchen block, to the west of the house, remains.

Many of the original architectural elements survive, but are in poor overall condition. The house eventually became empty in 2007 and has since stood derelict.

The setting of the House, its outbuildings and walled enclosures are an important heritage asset, with the open rural aspect of the original parkland still evident. It is proposed to restore the grandeur and symmetry of the building, and alongside the landscape proposals, regain its status within Lightwoods Park.

- CMP1: General external/internal restoration work on all floors (existing structures, fittings and fixtures)
- CMP2: Utility infrastructure/service connection (repair and renewal)
- CMP3: Reinstate second storey to stables, chimneys, original windows, doors and flank walls
- CMP4: Minor internal alterations and thermal insulation to all floors and roof
- CMP5: Access lift, ramps and toilets
- CMP6: External and internal adaptation to existing outbuildings (Sure Start & Horticultural Training Unit)
- CMP7: Safety in fire and means of escape
- CMP8: New mechanical and electrical installations including rainwater harvesting, grey water and a biomass boiler

Issues:
Grade II Listed building. Derelict and in an unsafe state. Structurally sound, but poor overall condition of roof, walls and windows. Missing elements &/or replacements/alterations using historically inappropriate materials. Some important early design features of the house and its outbuildings have been altered/modified. Non-OA accessible.

Actions:
Conservation repair and reinstatement of the missing and degraded architectural elements and the external fabric. Restoration of symmetry to front elevations, including 1st floor of the stable block and repair and adjustment of boundary walls.
DDA access in conjunction with external paving levels.

LIGHTWOODS HOUSE
Exterior restoration 3.0
3.1
Early images from an album of photographs taken of Lightwoods House in 1902 reveals the original architectural detailing to the interior. To improve the park for visitors, this room (room 4), at the front of the house, became a popular tea room, with long views south and west across the estate. It is proposed to restore this room as a café/tearoom, and by introducing new doors in place of the windows link the space with an outdoor café.

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‘Reproduced by permission of Sandwell Community History & Archives Service and Birmingham Archives & Heritage. From an album of photographs taken in 1902 by Thomas Lowe.

Room 4 today

Current condition of the hallway (Room 2) and its appearance in 1902

The interior of the house has seen many changes over the years, beginning its life as a family home. In the early days of the park, it housed a tearoom, and plans were proposed for a reading room. In 1918 the house was temporarily converted to a convalescent hospital for soldiers wounded in the Great War, with the part of the premises previously used for refreshments converted to accommodation for 40-50 wounded soldiers. In 1971, the property was leased to the stained glass company John Hardman & Co.

Although the internal layout of the central core of the building remains relatively intact, it has suffered the ravages of age, and minimal maintenance since it was left unoccupied in 2007. Fortunately there is enough of the original ceilings, covings and woodwork detail surviving to place together and restore the historic interiors. It is unfortunate, but not unexpected, that the original wall coverings and decoration scheme have not survived intact. However, with careful examination and reference to the photographic record, it is anticipated that the essence of the original interiors can be reinstated.

The aim is to regain the use of the rooms to re-utilise the park as a busy, exciting venue and a visitor destination.

Issues:
- Building derelict and closed to the public. Has suffered from poor maintenance and vandalism.
- Poor condition throughout, although much original detailing intact.

Actions:
- Restore interior to historic detailing, and the historic views out across the parkland.
- Reintroduce period decoration, as requested by the public.
- Open the house up for community use using Community Centre principles.
- Provide business opportunities such as office space, and a venue for weddings and events, to ensure the building is self-financing.

See the ACTIVITY PLAN PL-03 and BUSINESS PLAN PL-04.
LIGHTWOODS HOUSE

Actions:
- Reinstatement of missing architectural elements
- Conservation repair of external fabric and external joinery
- Replace 1st floor on stables to reinstate symmetry on front prospect
- Reinstall original railings and boundary walls
- External lighting of front facade
**Proposed Ground Floor Plan**

Lightwoods House

**Actions:**
- Conservation repair and reinstatement of the principal rooms and hallway
- Disabled access to front entrance
- New security glass doors to hallway
- New catering kitchen and servery
- Lift access to all floors
- Compliant toilet facilities
- Conversion of cellarage to plant room with sump pump and space for biomass storage and boiler
- Maximised throughout insulation in floors and walls

- Reinstate public toilets
- Convert & extend stable block for Surestart
- Refurbish stables yard for Surestart (secure play area)
- Repair and convert outbuildings as horticultural project base
- Provide shower / wet room
- New electrical installation throughout
- New zoned heating throughout
Proposed First Floor Plan

- Remedial structural strengthening to staircase.
- New structural timber wall.
- Replacement supporting timber fitch beams (2 No) and partial replacement of timber joists.
- Insert additional timber joists to strengthen existing floors to accommodate new loading conditions.
- Removal of existing steelwork floor frame. Insert new timber fitch beam and partial replacement of timber joists.

Proposed Second Floor Plan

- Insert replacement timber fitch beam

LIGHTWOODS HOUSE

Actions:
- Conservation repair and refurbishment of principle rooms and stairway
- Provide acoustic folding partitions to long room
- Reinstate original plan to provide storage and toilets
- Alter layouts to create police room offices and toilets
- Provide new traditional lantern lights over kitchen
- Provide finishing kitchen and dumb waiter for functions
- Alter existing layout to provide toilets and snack preparation
- Refurbish existing rooms to create office space
LIGHTWOODS PARK
and House Restoration Project

Old photographs have revealed that an outdoor café was an important feature of early park life at Lightwoods. In conjunction with the refreshment rooms on the ground floor of the House, visitors were offered a facility encouraging them to spend more time at the park, and to enjoy the views.

Close inspection of the first photograph (with geese) reveals people taking tea on the terrace, immediately west of the proposed tearooms in the House.

Proposed location of the outdoor café terrace. New doors from the tearoom in the House (currently bay windows) will enable level, all ability access onto a hard surface.

This intriguing image shows 'Continental Tea Gardens' at Lightwoods Park. The exact location has not yet been established, but it is believed to be very close to the House.

Proposals will take the historic reference of an informal and low key facility, flexible and seasonal in nature. Barriers are to be de-mountable with storage for these, and temporary outdoor tables and chairs, provided in the House.

Issues:
Historic evidence of an outdoor café facility, closely associated with the House. The House is derelict and unusable in its current state. Public demand for park refreshment facilities.

Actions:
Restore the café facility, in conjunction with the House refurbishments, to the historic style and location. Provide level, all ability access from the new indoor tearooms. Provide storage facilities within the House for temporary barriers and furniture.

CAFÉ TERRACE
The outdoor tearoom
16.0
16.1
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THE BANDSTAND

Issues: The existing bandstand is heavily vandalised and many original details and elements are missing

Action:
- Renewal of missing vase finial
- Repair and reinstatement of roof covering details
- Renewal of eaves finial and cast iron fascias
- Renewal of missing cast iron balustrade and original gates
- Repair and replacement of stone dressings and entrance steps
- Renewal of cast iron guarding to steps and handrail
- Repair and repointing to the blue brick plinth
- Resurfacing of the bandstand floor
- Decoration and gilding to period colour scheme
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Although the original plan was for a single drinking fountain in front of Lightwoods House, the rate of public subscription allowed for a second to be erected to service the new extension. It is worth noting that following the erection of both fountains, a third sister one was installed in the adjacent Warley Woods.

Indeed a considerable financial contribution was made by Mrs. Julia Tilley, née Adkins (a relation of the previous owners of the park), conditional upon the incorporation of a drinking trough for dogs. An inscription on one of the fountains commemorates this request.

The two fountains are similar, but reveal subtle differences in the design. Both are raised on granite plinths with Portland stone bases, and water spouts exit from a ‘classical temple’ like structure into the bowls below. A wooden ‘gothic’ canopy, incorporating a dovecote, rises from the stone base. This would originally have been finished with a decorative terracotta tiled roof. An iron gas lantern would have sat beneath the canopy. Only the cast bases remain.

Both fountains are still in their original locations, however time has lessened their status within the park, and at present they appear disconnected from the park surroundings. With the proposed restoration work, and improvements to the footpath links, it is envisaged that they will again become treasured features and landmarks within the park.

Issues:
Historic features of the early park, in their original locations.
Both have suffered from vandalism and lack of appropriate maintenance, with many original elements missing or damaged. Services to both fountains have long since disappeared.

Actions:
Restore both fountains to their original detailing, including: renewal of apex finishing, repair of oak frame and moulding details, renewal of missing light fitting, repair the stone bases and memorial plaques, and reinstate stone paving surrounds.
Repair and recover roofing with cedar shingles to match the design of the original tiled roof.
Restore in conjunction with improved footpath links in the extension.

HISTORIC FEATURES
Drinking Fountains
7.0
7.2
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The gardens were established in 1915 within the former walled kitchen gardens to the House, laid out as an Old English Garden. The concept was to fill the beds with plants referred to in Shakespeare's plays. G. Johnson, B.A., Chairman of the City of Birmingham Parks Committee, produced an accompanying booklet, 'A Complete List of Shakespeare's Plants for use in the Shakespeare Garden at Lightwoods Park, Birmingham'. A copy is held by Sandwell MBC.

Many of the historic features can be seen in this old postcard of the gardens. These include a 'rustic' pergola, 'rustic' benches and a fully operational pool and fountain. The paths appear to be of a bound gravel construction, edged in a raised brick. Some of these blue clay edgings still survive and will be salvaged as part of the restoration.

Opening up the access from the rear of the building provides opportunities for events, ranging from tea in the 'Courtyard Terrace' to weddings with marquees on the 'Events Lawn'.

Removal of the palisade fence and restoration of a 2.3m high walled garden boundary with gated access from the car park, restores privacy to the Shakespeare Garden. A further access is proposed from the Horticultural Facility, through the existing eastern boundary wall, opening up training and educational possibilities.

Issue:
Original feature of the 20th century park, relatively unchanged.
In reasonable condition.
Tranquil and peaceful, although not totally seceded from the adjacent car park.
Well-loved, but under-used facility.

Actions:
Restore the garden and its historic features from old photos and planting records.
Restore the western boundary wall, with access from the car park. Create new access through the eastern boundary wall from the Horticultural Training Facility.
Modify the layout to accommodate events/activities and a courtyard tea terrace.

The gardens today show the original structure relatively intact, but footpaths are in poor condition, and the planting character lacks definition and has been simplified over time. The historic pergola, seats and sundial are missing, and the pool fountain is not operational.

SHAKESPEARE GARDEN
Hardworks & Softworks

9.0
9.1
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KEY
1. GATES
   a. Oak double gates to new entrance within garden wall. Refer to LA-15 Historic Courtyard - wall & gazing
   b. New bespoke ornamental pedestrian gate, to replace existing, designed and fabricated by local artist-blacksmith www.metalmeans.co.uk
2. RUSTIC PERGOLA
   Oak bespoke pergola to match historic photo www.coopercladitions.co.uk
3. RUSTIC BENCHES
   www.coopercladitions.co.uk
   a. Oak three-seater bench
   b. Oak Friendship Bench
4. POOL
   Clear out pool and replace walls and fountain to fall working order & to Historic design.
   New bespoke ornamental pool cover, to be designed and fabricated by local artist-blacksmith www.metalmeans.co.uk
5. SUNDIAL
   Replacement sundial, designed and fabricated by local artist-blacksmith www.metalmeans.co.uk
6. FOOTPATH
   New timber maximum path with bke spry dripping surface. To original layout, add them minor modifications around new access points.
7. EDGINGS
   Blue clay edgings, along all footpath edges, to match house Individual with the garden.
   N.B. Footpath added to accommodate new entrance to the back of the Outbuildings, Horticultural Area and Car Park.
8. TERA TERRACE
   Extended area of hard surfacing, with cafe facility serviced from the new building access. Pre-existing tables and chairs.
9. MARQUEES
   Space for temporary marquees. Can be used, facility, for functions associated with the House. Access for offloading from the car park.

THES SHAKESPEARE GARDEN - Hardworks
Drawing Number: 1A-15
Sheet 1 to 50 @ 1
Date: January 2018

N.B. Existing redundant drains to soakaways to be replaced with new drains with direct connection into combined sewer. Cross reference with drawing WSP-01 Surface Water Drainage Strategy.
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Early photographs show a pond at Lightwoods. Historic maps indicate that an open water feature has occupied the lowest point of the estate from at least 1820.

A rustic bridge is seen here crossing the water, forming a small pool to the north western point, with the larger pond (above) to the south east. The image captures the early rural character of the house and parkland, with the associated estate fencing and historic trees.

The pond has since been converted to a permanent concrete-lined skate-park and junior play area. However, the area is subject to localised flooding. It is proposed to implement a new SUDS feature, which will both restore the historic character, and alleviate site drainage issues.

Issues:
- Historic feature of the park, since lost
- Localised flooding
- Problems associated with proximity of junior play area with teenagers in skate-park

Actions:
- Relocate junior play area
- Restore historic feature including pool and swale, rustic bridge and realigned footpaths
- Restore associated features of the estate fencing and planting
- Alleviate site drainage issues. See WSP-01 Surface Water Drainage Strategy
- Increase biodiversity and associated educational opportunities

The rustic bridge will be reproduced from historic images.

As well as providing a flood control and water storage facility, the newly created wetland area will support an important ecosystem.

Planting will range from aquatics and marginals around the small pool, to wetland meadow in the swale area and this in turn will provide a home to a wide range of wildlife.

Increased biodiversity will also have benefits for education and training.

SUDS AND WILDLIFE AREA
15.0
Site drainage and water features
15.1
Children’s Play Area

Timber playground equipment list:
• Climbing frame and slide
• Dish roundabouts
• Climbing net
• Trampoline
• Animal spring rockers
• Swing
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NEW TIMBER FRAMED 'AVIARY' STRUCTURE.

Actions:
- See through structure
- Roof form to reference original Aviary
- Roof covering wood shingle to match drinking fountains
- 8 no display boards for local information
- Finish to match bandstand
- Dovecote gables to match drinking fountain
- Robust sheltered seating
- Stone paved base as drinking fountains
Thank you

Introduction
• Who are FWA?
• Project Experience
• FWA Lightwoods Team
• Lightwoods Park & House Organogram
• Community engagement
• Provisional Programme
• What do the “Friends of Lightwoods Park & House” request?
Introduction to FWA

1941 Est’ – Specialised in Camouflaging Aircraft hangers

1947 Painting contracts grew, RAF Southampton Hospital & Ford

1959 Growth with Royal Navel Colleges

1962 Client list grows with Buckingham Palace ,Hampton Court Palace & Windsor Castle

1970 Turnover exceeds £500k

1975 Turn Over Exceeds £1m & group admin established

1982 Founder John Fairhurst Retires. Turnover exceeds £5m

1998 FWA gain ISO 9001

2000 Awarded Royal Warrant for Building & Decorating to HRH

2002 Awarded Gold Award for Safety

2005 Kevin Brush Joins as Group MD

2009 Business units established

2011 Turnover exceeds £11m -70 yrs on

2012 FWA est Lichfield Office

2015 New HQ

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Project Experience
FWA Conservation are proud to announce that our plastering apprentice, Jamie Harper-Ptolomey, has been shortlisted for an ENGLISH HERITAGE ANGEL AWARD.

To VOTE for Jamie please click on this image.
Thanks in advance from the FWA Conservation team.
Community Engagement

- Closely working with FOLPH & Cherie
- Door to door introduction & flyer before we start
- Quarterly Residential meetings at Thimblemill Library
- Communications via social media
- Hard hat tours
- Workshop taster days
- School group tours
- Training opportunities
- SPAB tours
Community Engagement

South & City College
Birmingham

Lee Bird
Regional Manager
Park Conservation Ltd.,
The Shellesle
Chamber House
Sandford Street
Lichfield.
WS13 4BG
18th July 2014

Dear Sirs,

Having had the privilege of working with Park Conservation Ltd previously, South and City College Birmingham would be delighted to supply students for work experience placements on the Lightwoods House and Park contract.

As the Placement Officer at the largest Construction College in Birmingham offering a variety of trades ranging from Brickwork, Carpentry and Joinery, Painting and Decorating and Groundworks the work experience opportunities for our students throughout the 66 work contract commencing October 2014 would be amazing.

Not only would it enable the students to transfer the competencies they have learnt in College to a ‘real life project’ but it would also provide them with the crucial employability skills required to gain employment within the construction industry.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Linda Walker
Placement Officer
Tel No. 01213261360
Mob No. 07840077741

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Metropolitan Borough Council

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Provisional Programme

Project programme: 64wks
Mobilization on site: 26th Jan 2015
Contractual start on Site: 9th Feb 2015
Fair in the park: 30/04/15 – 06/05/15
Site hard hat tours (provisional dates): Sat 11/04/15 & Thu 14/01/16
Workshop taster days
Project Handover: Fri 29/04/16
Provisional Programme
Provisional Phasing Plan

AREA A1 House, Bandstand, Avary and Shakespeare Garden: Start 9th February 2015
Complete 31st March 2015
Complete 15th May 2015 (3 months)
- Upheaval to House & Outbuildings. Shakespeare Garden, Courtyard, one fountain. Footpaths directly adjacent to House (1m) and fountain to the entrance would also be undertaken in conjunction with the 1st boundary.
- The proposed Courtyard to the west of the house would be the contractor's compound and would be one of the first parts to be completed.
- Shakespeare Garden will be closed to the public during this time due to the close proximity of works & scaffolding associated with the house.
- The whole area would be secured by brown 2.4m high timber hoarding with sufficient space to allow earthquake and contractor access around the building.

Area A11: Scaffolding Fencing to Contractor's working area to be 2.4m timber hoarding (228m). Dotted line denotes existing walled boundary.

Bandstand & Avary in Area A4 & Avary in Area B1 to also be secured with 2.4m timber hoarding during restoration / construction.

AREA B1: Main Park! Start 31 August 2015
Complete 15th December 2015 (4.5 months)

AREA B2 Extension: Start 12th October 2015
Complete 15th December 2015 (3 months)

The western area of Upheaval Park including lawns, playground, and construction areas to be excluded from the project area. The eastern area of the Park, excluding the western area, would be accessible to the public. The entire area will remain open to the public and only the direct working areas would be temporarily closed to the public (for example sections of path, construction).

TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING: January 2016 - February 2016

To be undertaken during the planting season between January 2016 and February 2016 (with site surveys).
Lightwoods House Business Ventures

Types of businesses who have come forward to date:

- Operating the Kitchen and Tea Room - catering
- Education Recruitment Agency - will also be setting up a Tutoring / Education Centre / Summer School.
- Dance classes / dance school
- Wedding Venue
- Art classes/ holiday clubs, offer summer school/day care service
- Online shop / business
- Song and Dance Academy for the Bearwood and Smethwick area
- Florists – interested in producing any floral designs required for Lightwoods House and/or weddings
- Gift Shops
- Ghost Tours
- Heritage Centre
- Amateur Dramatics
- Health and Fitness programmes
- Plant & Vegetable Growing
- Lightwoods Park – tennis coaching, football and rugby clubs
- Music Event Organisers
Recruitment of the Community Engagement Officer

- Short listing in January 2015.
- Interviewing in February 2015.
- Should be in post in March/April 2015.
Community Engagement Officer

General description of this officer's duties:

• Developing opportunities for and encouraging greater use of Lightwoods Park and House.

• Organising and promoting events and activities.

• Providing and promoting a range of educational activities with local schools, local youth groups and the local community.

• Raising awareness and understanding of the importance of value of the natural and historic environment.

• Undertake monitoring and evaluation as required by the lottery.

• Supporting the Manager with the development of Lightwoods House (post-restoration).
Volunteering Opportunities

- Researching information for and designing park and house interpretation for display boards
- Events and activities
- Shakespeare Garden maintenance
- Park maintenance including litter picking
- Act as a neighbourhood watch
- Deliver literature about the park
- Promote the park and house
- Taster sessions in restoration craft skills
- Leading guided walks / health walks
- Volunteering in the house (post–restoration)
- Getting involved with horticulture
Forthcoming Opportunities / ways to get involved

• Production of Project Newsletters

• Volunteer training opportunities:
  o first aid
  o leading groups
  o volunteer co-ordination
  o playground inspections
  o funding applications
  o health and safety
  o event management

• Other similar project visits e.g. Himley Hall plus more

• Mid-build Lightwoods House Tours

• Event Programme

• Video Diaries of restoration

• Heritage skills workshop
Future Events

Ideas derived from previous consultations include:

• May Day Festival
• Drive In Movies
• Christmas Event
• Music Events
• Fun Fairs
• Skate park events
• History Walks and Talks
• Ghost hunts / walks
• Art events / exhibitions
• Vintage fairs, toy fairs, antique fairs, craft fairs, farmers market
• Graffiti art event – on skate park
• Music Events
• Cinemas in Lightwoods House
• Tea Dances in Lightwoods House
• Sporting events
• Nature events e.g. bat walks
Future Events

• We need to draw up an annual events programme for Lightwoods Park and House which does not impact on existing events that are established in the Bearwood Area.

• So..... over to you – please share your ideas!
Social Media and Web Links

• Lightwoods Park and House Restoration Project and Event websites are as follows:

  • http://lightwoodspark.wordpress.com/
  
  • http://bearwoodblog.com/
  
  • https://www.facebook.com/enjoybearwood
  
  • https://www.facebook.com/groups/325375174155691/
  
  • http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200249/parks_in_sandwell/1697/visiting_lightwoods_park/2