

News from...



The Friends of Northampton Racecourse

New Adventure Play Area Takes Shape

Work is almost completed on the new adventure play area on The Racecourse which is due to open on 14th May.

The ambitious project has taken place thanks to The Friends of Northampton Racecourse (FoNR) securing funding from The Big Lottery, The Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Open Door Centre.

Following an extensive consultation over the summer the winning design was awarded to Miracle Design & Play Limited a Northampton company based in Moulton Park. The project has

been built in conjunction with FoNR, Miracle and Northampton Borough Council.

The play area is designed for children aged 8-13 and uses the existing land levels to provide interesting 'play in the landscape' as well as new play equipment on the park, the largest piece being a 6 metre high climbing frame. Public tours of the play area will take place on March 25th at 4pm - meet by the site if you would like a sneak preview. Otherwise it will open from 3.30pm on 14th May after allowing for time for the grass to be regrown around the earth works. Look out for more details of the opening event!



Consultation Meetings on new Dragon Mound Locations (see over)

Wednesday 10th March

4.30pm - 7.00pm The Picturedrome, Kettering Road

7.30pm - 9.00pm Leicester Street Community Rooms

Come along and have your say

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Dragon Mounds - New Locations Proposed



Following last year's consultation meetings with local residents about plans for a 'dragon mound' play area at the Barrack Road end of The Racecourse the Friends of Northampton Racecourse have come back with three possible new locations. The 'Dragon Mounds' consist of grassy mounds in the shape of a dragon. Comments about the previous location not being suitable have resulted in three new areas being considered (see above). It may also be possible for new children's play equipment to also be located by the mounds should FoNR be successful in various funding applications. Come along and have your say on the plans at the Consultation Meetings (see front page for details).

Next Open Meeting

The next meeting of The Friends of Northampton Racecourse will be held at
7.30pm on
29th April 2010
At Leicester Street Community Rooms
All welcome

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