

Greenspace

News from Birkenhead Wirral

Association of Significant Cemeteries (ASCE) AGM and Conference Wirral Museum, Birkenhead, Wirral 2008

The Friends of Flaybrick in partnership with Wirral Council succeeded in organising this major international conference to highlight the key role volunteer's play in cemetery care and restoration. Sixteen nations were represented from all over Europe with one delegate travelling from Australia.

The speaker programme brought together many of the key players in the UK voluntary sector, together with representatives from the professional sector and English Heritage. Dr Julie Rugg, of York University's Cemetery Research Group, chaired the conference. Dr Rugg acted as liaison officer to the government on the 2004 Burial Law Reforms.

Delegates enjoyed presentations which speakers shared views based on their own experiences in the management of cemeteries.

By bringing together best practice and establishing guidance for the future, it is hoped the conference has produced lasting benefit to the UK voluntary sector. The conference also gave delegates from the rest of Europe an understanding of the particular problems that are encountered in UK cemeteries.

In conclusion it was of immense value that people from a wide social and cultural background shared experiences, knowledge and perspectives to resolve their own individual issues. It was found that although each country has different ways of managing their cemeteries they often share the same problems.





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Vintage Summer for the Park



This summer's events and activities in Birkenhead Park were a massive success. The summer activity programme was crowned by the inaugural Birkenhead Park Festival of Transport. An estimated 15,000 people visited the park over this two day event, making it easily the biggest

event held in the park for many years. Highlights of the Festival of Transport, organised by Birkenhead Lions and Wirral Transport Museum, included vintage cars, Victorian fairground, steam-boats on the Lower Lake and donkey rides.

Other highlights from the summer events programme included the Festival of Sport, minibeast hunts, pond dipping and butterfly hunts. With Christmas crafts, Christmas carols, guided walks and bird watching for beginners there is also plenty to do in Birkenhead Park this winter.

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