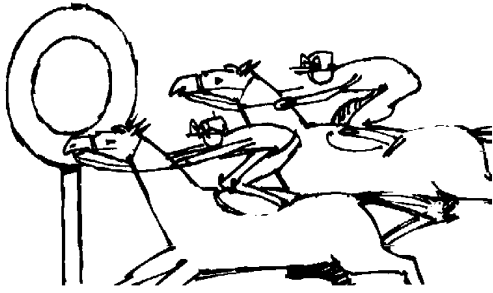


# News from...

# The Friends of Northampton Racecourse



## It's Your Park, Have Your Say.....

The Friends of Northampton Racecourse (FoNR) exists to ensure the facilities of the Racecourse park are maintained, enhanced, conserved and improved for the benefit of all users, specifically:




- to campaign to maintain the character of the Racecourse and its surroundings
- to initiate and monitor schemes for the development of the Racecourse
- to consult and negotiate with the Local Authorities and other bodies
- to aim for the Racecourse to gain the "Green Flag Award",

We are a voluntary group made up of people who have an interest in the park and its future. From keen sports enthusiasts to dog walkers. We want everybody to enjoy our wonderful park.

This year we are hoping to progress a number of projects for the park including:

- The provision of new seating, bins and signs.
- To work with the Umbrella Fair Organisation (UFO) to bring back the Racecourse Pavilion into use.
- Public consultation on the future of the 'arrow' sculpture (see overleaf)
- New tree planting
- Restoration of the old tram shelter
- And much more..

Want to get in touch?:

-  Facebook: **The Friends of Northampton Racecourse**
-  Website: [www.tfonr.org](http://www.tfonr.org)
-  E-mail list : [secretary@tfonr.org](mailto:secretary@tfonr.org)

### The FoNR Annual General Meeting

*It's Your Park, Have Your say.....*

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014

7.30pm - 9pm at Leicester Street Community Rooms

\* Plans for the park for 2014

\* Update on The Pavilion

\* Elections to FoNR Committee

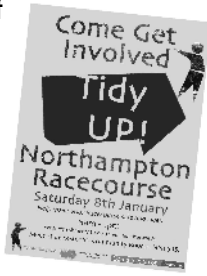
\* Updates from the Police & Park Ranger

*All Welcome*

## Your park in the heart of Northampton

# Get Involved!!

The FoNR organise a number of events throughout the year. From community clean ups on the park to fun days and family picnics. We always welcome new volunteers and helpers come along to one of our open meetings or just get in touch.



## A new start for The Pavilion

Phase 1 of refurbishment nears completion

The Umbrella Fair Organisation (UFO) has now moved into the ground floor of The Pavilion and almost completed work on phase 1 of the refurbishment which includes a new access ramp, project office and new toilets.



**Umbrella Fair Organisation**



Some problems sorting the drainage mean it took longer than anticipated but soon toilet facilities could be back on the park!

The next stage is more ambitious as we need to raise considerable sums of money to achieve the plan to bring the whole ground floor back into use with a community cafe and other facilities. If you can help volunteer please keep in touch via their Facebook page or website [www.umbrellafair.org.uk](http://www.umbrellafair.org.uk)

### What do you think of the 'Arrow' sculpture?

Designed by University of Northampton student James Jarvis and installed in 2007 the 'arrow' sculpture was controversial from the start. Some people didn't want the unique open space of the park interfered with. Others saw it as a good meeting place and focal point. Either way it is now looking in need of some paint! FoNR want to know whether you would like it removed or restored??

Send us your views by e-mailing us at: [secretary@tfonr.org](mailto:secretary@tfonr.org)



## Join Us Today!

The Friends of Northampton Racecourse (FoNR) is a voluntary group run by people like you. The group receives no regular funding and most people are giving their time free to help. In order to help pay for the cost of newsletters, room hire and general costs in running the group we ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 a year. You can give more if you would like to!

Friends of Northampton Racecourse meetings are always open to all everybody. As a member you will get advance notice of meetings and events and the chance to participate directly in our project work.

**Please complete and return this form to:**

Membership Secretary, The Friends of Northampton Racecourse, 19 St Georges Avenue, Northampton NN2 6JA

### Friends of Northampton Racecourse Membership Application

Your name (s).....

Your Address.....

.....Postcode.....

E-mail:.....

Telephone number.....

I enclose a cheque/cash for £5 made payable to 'Friends of Northampton Racecourse' (FoNR).

Please send me a form to pay annually by standing order from my bank/building society.