**Sunderland Green & Open Spaces forum – update on developments from April –September 2019**

* Launched April ’19 after two years in shadow format. Coverage in Sunderland Echo <https://www.sunderlandecho.com/news/people/going-green-as-new-sunderland-campaign-group-brings-together-communities-to-champion-future-of-open-spaces-116698>
* Developed website, facebook, twitter & information leaflet/card
* Bi-monthly Forum meetings – April Ean McKellar, Chair/Secretary Newcastle Parks Forum, June, Karl Stabler, Conservation Management Services CIC/Friends of Doxford Park
* Met with Cllr. Amy Wilson, Portfolio Holder Environment & Transport, Julie Elliot MP, Ian Richardson & Sandra Mitchell, Acting/Assistant Directors Community Resilience & Environment
* Working on a ‘How to set up a Friends of Park group’
* Supporting the emerging Friends of Roker Park group
* Presented to
  + Area VCS Forums –Coalfields, North, Washington
  + Friends of Thompson Park,
  + Friends of Princess Ann Park
  + Wellbeing Network
* Affiliated to National Federation of Parks & Green Spaces
  + Produced a case study on the Forum for their website
  + Completed a community empowerment survey
  + Will be attending Yorkshire & Humberside Community Empowerment regional meeting, Doncaster 7/9/19
* Successful bid to National Lottery Community Fund, £5,980. Awarded in August. Funding for
  + Revamp of social media
  + Design & produce banner, redesign/produce leaflet
  + Meeting room costs
  + Purchase of equipment, lap top projector & screen for loan
  + Establish & run training courses. Welcome ideas

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