

Focus



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Focus Team presses for continued access onto the Country Park

Work on the Gedling Access Road is due to start in the autumn. Andrew has raised with the Borough Council concerns about maintaining access onto the Country Park whilst the road is being built. At present the only way for residents in Phoenix Ward to access the country park is via a footpath that connects Lambley Lane Recreation Ground with the country park. This footpath is where the road will be built: making it very difficult to access the country park.

Designated access point

Andrew has pressed the council to ensure that there will be a designated access point near to the recreation ground and has been given an assurance by the council that this will happen. The most obvious place for an access point onto the country park is at the far northern edge of the recreation ground to the west of the lower lagoons.



Above: Andrew & Clive at the stile, west of the lower lagoons- a good place to have an access point onto the Country Park during the Access Road building work.



Above: Andrew hands over a cheque to Joel the manager at the Ark.

Extra funding for the Ark

Each year Andrew, as a councillor, is given a small budget that can be used to make improvements in the local area or support local voluntary groups. This year Andrew has donated his budget to the Phoenix Farm Open Door Project based at the Ark on Wollaton Avenue. Andrew stated: "I am pleased that I have been able to support the Ark in the work that they do. They provide an invaluable service to the local community in offering an advice service open to all and a welcoming venue as a community café and friendship club. It's amazing what the Ark achieves especially as it is funded almost entirely from donations."

The Ark is open Monday to Thursdays 10am to 3pm and can be contacted on 0115 8599 556 or by email on: theark.gedling@ntlbusiness.com