

Community News for the Echo: 20th October 2007.

Pittville

This autumn has seen the beginning of an exciting and challenging period for Pittville with the Borough securing a Project Planning Grant of £49,800 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for Pittville Park and Estate. The grant is to fund the preparation of a Stage One application to the HLF under the "Parks for People" programme. The objectives include restoring the Park and estate to their former glory, improving connection and integration with the surrounding area, increasing the range of opportunities and activities for local communities and conserving and improving the overall heritage value. If successful, this application would secure major funding over several years.

Evidence of widespread public support for the enhancement programme will be of great importance for the success of the Stage One Application. Consequently, to this end, the Planning Staff of the Borough Council have already established a planning and consultative structure which will include representatives from community groups such as Friends of Pittville and the Pittville Area Residents Association, to prepare for the next approach to the HLF in August next year.

On Wednesday 24th October the Friends of Pittville will hold its AGM in the Main Hall of Pittville School at 7pm. The meeting will be addressed by Borough Council senior staff who will explain the substance of the grant which has been received and outline the way in which the Borough Council is preparing for the next, major step in 2008.

The general public is warmly invited to the meeting, and will have the opportunity to contribute to the discussion about the way ahead for the Grant. Full details of the current position may be found on the web site of the Friends of Pittville at <http://www.friendsofpittville.org>.

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