

Grassmoor Memorial Garden Open Day



You are invited to attend

**GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY
& MEMORIAL GARDENS**

Open Day Celebrations

GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY PAVILION

JUNE 30TH

1-5PM

All Welcome to attend



**BARNES PARK
GRASSMOOR
S42 5DL**



Memories are vitally important, yet often a neglected area of grief. Honouring the dead can be done privately or publically, many find it comforting to go to places that have value, this is why we are creating in the heart of Grassmoor, a memorial garden for the use of the community and community groups, a place which brings people together to remember, to take pride in their local community, a place to honour and pay tribute to love ones in a natural outdoor space which also celebrates life and living.

Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council, have given permission for Grassmoor Community Venues and Sunshine and Shade to develop a memorial garden in the substantial raised beds which surround the New Pavilion in Barnes Park. The beds have been cleared of 6-8 tons of garden waste by a team of local volunteers. Some of the beds will be for designated for Community Groups; Rainbows, Blend youth project, craft club and the Methodist church have requested reserved beds, for their exclusive use. The very large area to the front being reserved for the local population, already there are 17 members of the community wanting to plant here.

The Parish Council, Grassmoor Events and Sunshine and Shade recognise that outside of plants other memorabilia placed in the garden may be subject sadly to theft or vandalism, but the name of a loved one is incredibly important, which is why to run long side the garden we want to develop a remembrance book which will sit in Grassmoor Community Centre honouring lost loved ones and be on permanent display. This will be supported by Clay Cross Art Group in respect of calligraphy and presentation.

An Annual memorial event managed by Grassmoor Community Events and Sunshine and Shade will run from the New Pavilion a celebration of their loved ones, of the garden and of the community. Grassmoor community memorial gardens will be a space where you can plant a favourite flower or plant, a place where people can sit in their community to commune with nature and their memories; its important as remembering well can help a griever develop positive perspectives, opening up possible ways to move forward after loss.

For further details don't hesitate to contact Rachel Snowball at hello@sunshineandshade.org.uk