

Who are we?

Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links is a voluntary organisation founded in 2001 to help look after 95 acres of parkland in the heart of Edinburgh.

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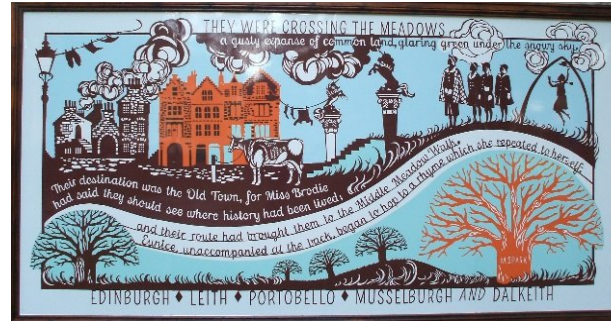
What are the Meadows?

The Meadows is a Premier Park, and was designated a Millennium Park in 2000. It was developed from the former Burgh Loch in the eighteenth century. Cricket, football, and many other sports are played on the Meadows. There are two children's playgrounds, and two cafés open spring to autumn.

What is Bruntsfield Links?

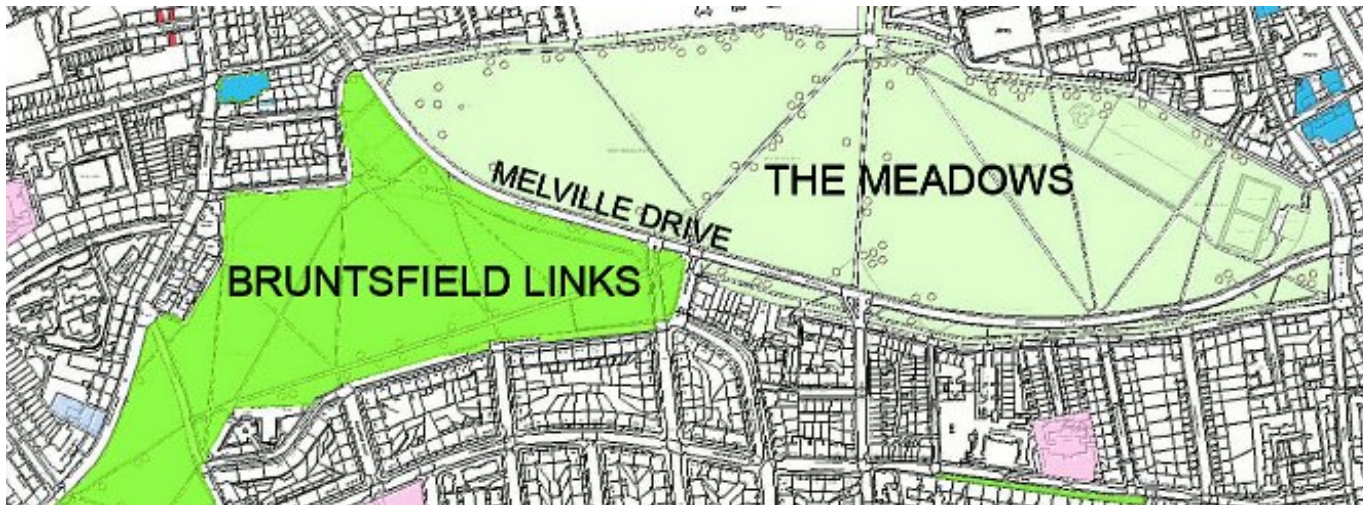
Bruntsfield Links is a Premier Park, originally the Burgh Muir. It is one of the earliest places where golf is known to have been played, from the fifteenth

century. In 1890 the Short Hole Golf Course was established; its use is free to all. There is a children's playground and a croquet club.



What do the Friends do?

The Friends hold three public meetings a year at different historic centres around the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links, when interesting speakers are invited and issues of importance to the public are discussed. The Friends have gained funding for ambitious projects, such as the Meadows Mural, illustrated here.



Educational activities

We work together with local schools, and projects have included planting shrubs at the foot of the Meadows Mural. We also work with Edinburgh University students, who have even organised a project of their own on the Meadows.

Voluntary work

There are monthly gatherings to carry out voluntary work (illustrated below). These meetings are a great opportunity to meet other Friends and chat while working outdoors.



Liaison with the Council

Regular meetings are held with Council staff, and also with representatives from Community Councils surrounding the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links. Park Rangers help at our monthly work parties. The seven notice boards are managed jointly with the Council.

Membership Application Form

Title _____	First Name: _____	Surname: _____
Postal address: _____		
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<small><i>These personal details will be used only for FoMBl purposes and will not be passed to other parties. By supplying them I agree to receiving occasional communications from FoMBl. An e-mail address reduces costs when sending newsletters etc.</i></small>		
Annual subscription is <input type="checkbox"/> £8 (adult) <input type="checkbox"/> £5 (student / under 25) <input type="checkbox"/> £15 (organisations)		
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<small><i>(Make cheques payable to 'Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links'. If you wish to receive a receipt by post, or a form for paying by standing order, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.)</i></small>		
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Send to Alison Service (Membership Sec.), 7 Sciennes Road, Edinburgh EH9 1LE		
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What about wild life?

The flora and fauna on the Meadows and Links are of real interest. Every spring the crocuses and daffodils are a delight, as are the magnificent cherry blossom avenues; the trees are maintained by the Forestry Department. Squirrels frolic, bees buzz; wild flower meadows flourish (thanks to Greening our Street) as well as formal beds planted by Council staff. Many varieties of birds are seen, and it is a favourite area for dog-walking.

Newsletters and website

We keep members up to date with three newsletters a year. These are now sent out by email, to save expense, but can be sent by post to members not on email. They are also freely available on our website, www.fombl.org.uk, which has a great deal more information about the history of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links, as well as current news.



An invitation to join

Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links

Help us to care for these special places

