

Who are we?

Friends of the Meadows & Bruntsfield Links is a voluntary organisation founded in 2001 to help look after 80 acres of parkland in the heart of Edinburgh. In 2015 we became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), no. SC045955.

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?

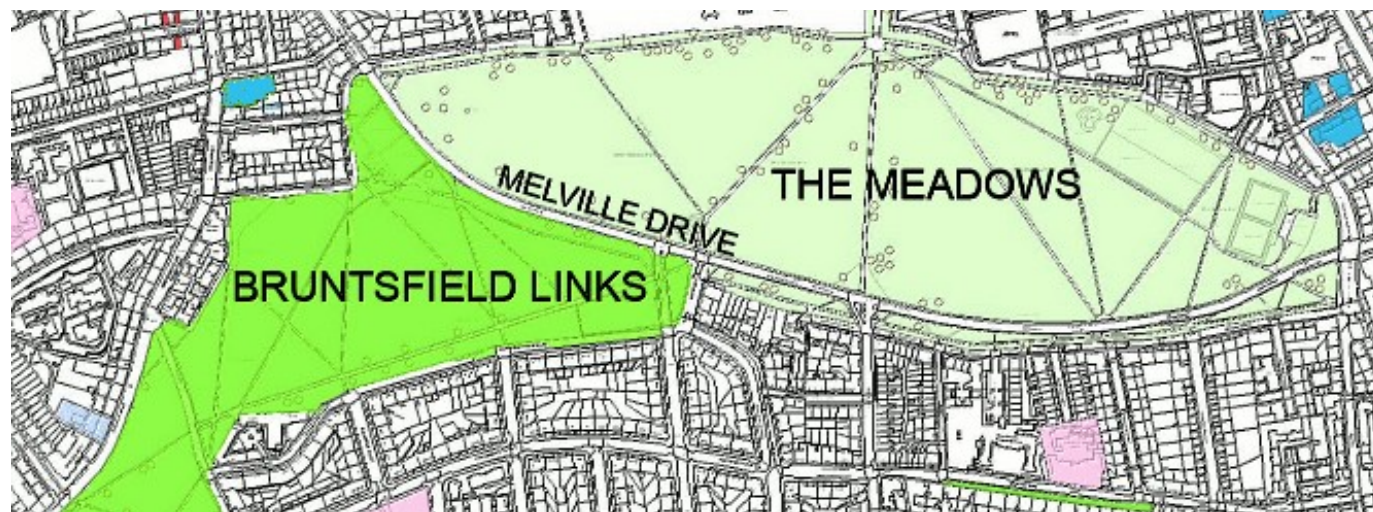
Bruntsfield Links is a Premier Park, originally the Burgh Muir. It is one of the earliest places where golf is known to

have been played, from the fifteenth century until 1890, when 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, helped by Park Rangers. These meetings are a great opportunity to meet other Friends and chat over a well-earned snack after working outdoors.



Liaison with the Council

Regular meetings are held with Council staff, at the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links Advisory Group (MABLAG), including members from Community Councils surrounding the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links. The six notice boards are managed jointly with the Council.

Membership Application Form

Title First Name: Surname:

Postal address:

Post code Telephone(s)

E-mail address:
(Your e-mail address will not be passed on to others, but will help to reduce costs when sending newsletters etc.)

I enclose my annual subscription of £5 (individuals) / £10 (organisations)

Additional donations £. Payment by cheque bank transfer standing order
(Make cheques payable to 'Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links', bank transfer or standing order via Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh South Clerk Street branch, sort code 80-02-83, account no. 00883749)

I am a UK taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid my contribution. Date:

Send to Alec Mann (Membership Sec.), 5 West Newington Place, Edinburgh EH9 1QT
If you wish to receive a receipt by post, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

I would like to help FoMBL by

What about wild life?

The flora and fauna on the Meadows and Bruntsfield 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, 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

