**Sunderland Green & Open Spaces forum – update on developments from September- November 2019**

* Forum agreed key priorities as finance, membership, media & influencing. A number of projects have been mentioned but actioning them will depend on capacity within the partnership.
* Bi-monthly Forum meetings – September, Sharon Lashley, NE Pollinators project
* Follow up from Julie Elliot meeting, July ’19, Graham Marsh her Administrator asked to follow up approach made to SCC’s leadership team.
* Follow up from Ian Richardson & Sandra Mitchell meeting. Ian mentioned a Sunderland Green & Open Spaces strategy. Forum stressed an involvement from outset. Unable to find out status of this work.
* Continue to support the re-emerging Friends of Roker Park group
* Presented to
  + Area VCS Forums – West & East
* Attended a Wilder Washington seminar that discussed survey work the group had carried out and devise a strategy for future action.
* Application to NLCF, #CelebrateNationalLottery25, for funding to organize a celebration of the diversity of Sunderland’s open spaces.
* National Federation of Parks & Green Spaces
  + Attended both the Yorkshire & Humberside and North East Community Empowerment regional meetings, Doncaster 7/9/19 & Newcastle 27/10/19
  + Trustees & Special General meeting, Birmingham, 23/11/19

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