

**FRIENDS OF SPRINGFIELD PARK & GUISELEY WELLS
GUISELEY WELLS BENCH DESIGN SURVEY**



BACKGROUND

The Friends of Springfield Park & Guiseley Wells have been awarded one of a unique set of 15 community benches provided by the Leeds Civic Trust 'Take A Seat' Project. The benches will commemorate how the citizens of Leeds came together during the Covid 19 Pandemic of Spring 2020. A little like the Trust's Blue Plaques scheme that celebrates notable historic events.

The bench will be sited in the ancient heart of our community, at Guiseley Wells, and will be painted with an individual design telling the 'Guiseley Story' of this time. Our artist will be Lucy Phillips of Codswallop CIC.

During the pandemic, nature and the outdoors became a sanctuary for many local people. They took to their gardens, streets and the surrounding landscape to walk, run, grow produce and find solace. Many reported that with 'more time' they noticed far more about the local and natural environment than they ever had done before.

The design of this historic bench will be based on those experiences. Can you help inspire our artwork for this historic bench by telling us 'your story'; what the outdoors and the natural environment meant to you in this period, and what you experienced about the community coming together?

COMPLETING THE SURVEY

Tell us your story of Spring 2020 by responding to the following questions. Once complete you can email back to Lucy lucy@guiseleytheatre.org, or alternatively post a paper copy through the letterbox on the smaller black door at Guiseley Theatre. If you prefer there is an online survey here <https://forms.gle/aljeRp17T7gj9ex9>. The information is anonymous but you can give us your name if you wish.

Please make sure we have your response by Friday 5th March 2021.

QUESTIONS

Write or draw your experience under each question, continue overleaf if necessary

1. What outdoor activities did you most enjoy during the COVID-19 Pandemic lockdown from March to June 2020?
2. What was it about your outdoor activities and the natural environment that you particularly enjoyed?
3. Did you notice anything in particular in your garden, local landscape or the natural environment during this time?
4. Send us a photograph of something outdoors – in your garden, the natural environment or an outdoor activity that was important to you during the March to June 2020 pandemic . Write a brief description of what this shows.
5. Do you think the local community has come together during the pandemic? If so how have you experienced that?

You can follow progress on the Friends of Springfield Park & Guiseley Wells Facebook Page.