**Sunny Bank Vale** is virtually unique in Droylsden, being the only substantial area of open natural land in Droylsden that contains wooded land, wet areas and meadow land. It forms part of the Medlock Valley and is a natural extension to Clayton Vale which lies immediately to the west of the site.

**Sunny Bank Vale** consists of 39 acres of land owned jointly by Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (19.5 acres) and Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (19.5 acres).

The land is located between Edge Lane and Greenside Lane, Droylsden – originally part tip and part open public access until the late 1970s, when it was tipped with household refuse by the then Greater Manchester Council. During the tipping the refuse was covered with material mostly from motorway excavations and once the tipping was concluded, grass was seeded, whips planted and some paths

laid. There was however; no maintenance and some of the land owned by the GMWDA was passed

to Tameside MBC.

Subsequently, an amount of secondary tipping was undertaken by the GMWDA, trees planted and

these areas were fenced off to prevent public access.

For the last 20 years plus, the site has received no maintenance or management, other than that undertaken by GMWDA for Health & Safety reasons, and the site has deteriorated accordingly.

**The Friends of Sunny Bank Vale** group was been formed in July 2011, by local residents on behalf of the community following a petition signed by approximately 50 local residents seeking improvement of the land for use as a natural facility.

The membership of the group comprises nearly 40 local residents who have come together to take positive action to improve their environment and to ensure that this is sustained for future generations. Where possible the group will use recycled material or material that will have the least adverse impact on the environment.

**The Friends of Sunny Bank Vale aim to:**

Promote Sunny Bank Vale as an area of public open space with open and free access.

Work in liaison and consultation with Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority and

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council and any successive owners of Sunny Bank Vale to

improve and manage footpaths, fencing, trees and the general environment on

Sunny Bank Vale, Droylsden.

Encourage the use of Sunny Bank Vale for the purposes of informal recreation

(such as walking) and education for the local community, schools and other visitors.

Encourage and promote wildlife and enhance the ecology and environment of the area.

***Why not join us – www.friendsofsunnybankvale.weebly.com***

