

Old photographs or drawings of site wanted

# Appeal to replace historic park gates

AN APPEAL has gone out to replace the gates from a Great Barr Park which disappeared around 15 years ago.

The Friends of Red House Park want to install security gates similar to those which used to stand at the Newton Road park in a bid to conserve the history and heritage of the site.

The group have some funding available for the project but if they can provide evidence or proof of what the original gates looked like, then more cash from National Heritage could be released.



Friends of Red House Park Kate Clash, Sarah Carter and William Gunn.

Chairwoman Sarah Carter said they were particularly interested in finding old pictures of the gates from residents who used the park.

"Currently we have no photos of what the gates looked like but there may be people who have old pictures with the gates in the background which could prove invaluable.

"If we can show groups like National Heritage that we are trying to conserve the history of the park then outside funding could be made available," she said.

The pictures may also be used as part of a memory book which will be compiled along with old newspaper cuttings.

People with any information on the park gates are asked to contact Sarah Carter on 0121 357 4842.

Last month Sandwell council announced a string of improvements for the park following a five month consultation period.

As well as upgrading the sports and play facilities plans for an on site park ranger were also revealed.