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## The Love Seat finds permanent home in Stirchley Park - official opening Saturday 8th June - 1.30pm



The Love Seat has been permanently installed in Stirchley Park. Commissioned by art and regeneration community interest company Place Prospectors it was kindly received by the Friends of Stirchley Park and installed by Kerwood Design & Build.

The Love Seat was commissioned for Love Stirchley More by Place Prospectors back in February 2013 and many festival goers and residents wrote their love messages or thoughts about love onto the seat. We hope many more messages may appear on it in the future.

Jayne Murray from Place Prospectors said "The Love Seat was a popular part of Love Stirchley. We toured it around different places in Stirchley in the run up to the Festival and during the Festival people came to sit on it outside Stirchley Newsagents. People found all sorts of ways to contribute their thoughts on love – I think the fact that it was going to have a permanent home in Stirchley was very appealing. "

The Love Seat was received by the Friends of Stirchley Park a group that was formed just over 12 months ago with the expressed desire of working to raise the profile of this hidden green space. The Chair Peter Evans said:

'The Friends are extremely grateful to Place Prospectors for donating the Love Seat to the park and also to Kerwoods for installing it. It's such a unique piece of work and is proving to be quite popular. The Love Seat has capped off a great 12 months for us. Recently planted saplings, 2 other new benches and welcome signs are all helping to bring people back into the park after some years of neglect.

The Love Seat is the second artwork produced by Place Prospectors to become a part of Stirchley Park. Previously 'Sleeping Child' added to the boundary wall by Title in 2012.



The Love Seat outside Stirchley Newsagents during the Love Stirchley festival & being installed by Kerwood Design & Build