



## Newsletter 2019

### Spring Walk

A spring walk with Lindsay McCulloch, Environmentalist from Southampton City Council was well attended. Everyone learnt something and the walk was great fun.

### Easter Egg Hunt



The Easter egg hunt in April was a tremendous success with a turnout of over 140 people the weather stayed kind and a good time was had by all.

Thank you to ALDI for the donation of the eggs and to Clhaire, Highfield Avenue for selling tickets. We are

looking forward to doing it all again next Easter Sunday 2020.



### Teddy Bears Picnic



This took place on a lovely sunny day in July and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

There were many activities, families having picnics and some wonderful prizes were won.

A big thank you to Mo and Terry Waters for providing the lovely prizes and for organising and for setting up the event, it was appreciated by all involved.



## Jubilee Park Fete - 18<sup>th</sup> August

Friends of Park Wood had a stall which was manned by volunteers throughout the day and the great display generated a lot of interest in our work. Eight new members were signed up and everyone enjoyed playing games which related to the woodland.

## Autumn Walk



Lindsay returned to lead the autumn walk which was well attended and very interesting.

Lindsay described how the separate ecosystems in the wood work together and depend on each other for survival. She explained the knock-on effects of an ecosystem dying in a wood and how the wood adapts to different weather/attacks and man-made interference.

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## Work Days

There will be NO workday in December. The next Work Day will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## Meadow Mowing

We have been informed that some visitors to Park Wood are unhappy with the mowing of the meadows. We can only say that this is now the responsibility of the Woodland Trust and we respectfully ask you contact them regarding this issue.

## Ash Trees

Suffering from ash die back, several trees along the London Road boundary were taken down by the Woodland Trust contractor, as well as one at the back of the nursing home in Wallis Road. We shall continue to monitor the situation and report to the Woodland Trust.

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Park Wood is in good condition, with very little litter in evidence (thanks to the vigilance of the litter pickers and members) and thankfully suffering little vandalism this summer.

The Woodland Trust contractor cleared the paths, mowed the meadows and replaced some of the bridges.

The works done on the ditches regarding the flooding of properties in the corner of the wood appears to have worked. It has been a long haul but hopefully it has now been resolved.

The Friends normally meet on the last Sunday of the month to continue with the general maintenance - all new volunteers are welcomed – but we thank all those who have attended the Workdays this year. The wood would be a much less welcome place without your support.

Thank you to all the wardens who have done a great job this year keeping the wood free from litter.

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## Subscriptions

A reminder from the membership secretary for those of you who have not paid your 2019/2020 subscription that your contribution is highly valued and a thank you to those who have already renewed for the current year.

If you have not paid your membership this year, please remember we rely on donations from our members in the form of membership and small grants - every little helps.







**Christmas Greetings**  
**from the**  
**'Friends of Park Wood'**



**We wish you a Happy Christmas**  
**and a Peaceful & Prosperous**  
**2020**