

Friends of Park Wood

London Rd (A3), between Wallis & Queens Roads, Waterlooville

SPRING 2011 Newsletter

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SOCIAL & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Refreshments provided

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2011 - 7.30pm

Baptist Church

London Road Waterlooville

Come and join in a discussion about local conservation issues.
Ensure the future of our ancient woodland

Support your local group and help keep a local amenity for use by local residents

Invite your friends and neighbours along

For further information see www.park-wood.org.uk

or phone 023 9226 6418

New Warden co-ordinator

Having completed four or five years as Warden Coordinator, I am looking to stand down from this post and wonder if any of you would like to volunteer to take my place. In truth it is not a very onerous role with the occasional introduction of a new warden, the occasional reporting on to the work day of any work that needs doing and the occasional reporting of any vandalism to the police or Community Wardens based at Waterlooville police station. You can, if you so wish also attend the Park Wood Committee meetings which in theory take place once a month.

I would be grateful if you would consider taking this role over from me and let me know as soon as possible.

Dave Nye

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How else you can help the Friends?

The group that helps organise the Friends of Park Wood, i.e the committee, (but we feel more like a friendly group) needs some support as some attendees feel it is time to move on. CAN YOU HELP? This is another way to support the wood without getting your hands dirty!

CHAIR: Chair meeting; group spokesperson; co-ordinates activities; contact point

TOOLS OFFICER: Maintains group tool store; Keeps inventory: maintains tools.

WEBSITE CO-ORDINATOR: To keep website updated with latest information. *Training will be provided. Knowledge of setting up a website not required.*

MEMBERS: To attend meetings and contribute to the decision making process of how to run the group; events; ideas; debates.

Interested? Want more information? Then contact:
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WORK PROGRAMME FOR PARK WOOD

Wednesday 20/4/11	Social/ AGM	Waterlooville Baptist Church
Sunday 24/4/11	Workday	Path Work
Wednesday 18/5/11	Family Event	Bat and Moth Walk
Sunday 29/5/11	Family Event	Discover plants trees, insects and identify
Sunday 29/5/11	Workday	Pulling sycamore and laurel
Sunday 26/6/11	Family event	Spider Hunt!
Sunday 31/7/11	Workday	Path work
Sat/Sun 24&25/9/11	Workday	Hay cutting weekend in meadows
Sunday 30/10/11	Workday	General Tidy

From the Woodland Trust - What's our issue?

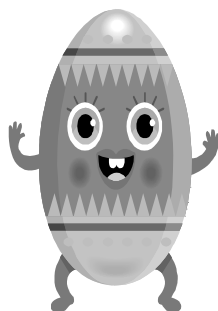
While one area of Government is saying it will **protect** ancient woodland as part of its review of the future of the public forest, the Department for Transport is openly admitting that High Speed 2 will **threaten** *'In total, up to 19 ancient woods (which) could be subject to land take'*

In fact, Woodland Trust analysis shows potential loss of a minimum of **21 ancient woods** along the proposed route for the rail line between London and the north of England.

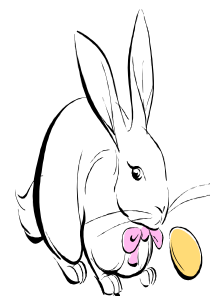
Despite Government claims that hope to lessen this loss - including translocation and the proposed planting of up to 2 million trees - the Woodland Trust believes that no mitigation strategy can compensate for the impact, nor on the further 27 ancient woodland sites which could be directly or indirectly affected by the track's construction and use, according to the plans set out in the public consultation.

For further information see www.woodlandtrust.org. Thanks in anticipation of your support,

Nikki Williams
Head of Campaigning



EASTER EGG HUNT SUNDAY 24 APRIL MIDDAY - 1pm



Children must bring an adult

Meet at the Feet in Park Wood

Fun, fresh Air and Fables at Park Wood!

Over 20 families attended this story telling of sprites and giants. It was enjoyed by all.

Thanks for your support!
Emma Noyce Hampshire County Council

BRING A WHEELBARROW - PATHWORK

We have been lucky enough to obtain funding to improve paths in the wood. As many of you know there are areas of MUDDY paths. It is hoped to restore these by digging out the mud, laying terram and topping with scalping. This is obviously hard work and will need as many volunteers as possible. It is hoped to carry out this work on Saturday and Sunday at the end of June. Watch for further details.

Please try and help even if for only an hour. Many hands make light work

Government U turn on Forestry sale.

Great news for all countryside lovers. The public outcry against the proposed sale was fantastic!. Half a million people signed the **38 Degrees petition**..

Now we must make sure that no public woodland is sold or leased either now or in the future.

Owen Plunkett *Chairperson of Ramblers in Hampshire*

Sad News

We are sorry to report the death of Nick Humphries after a long battle with cancer.

Nick was a keen supporter of Park Wood and worked hard with the chainsaw in the early days to clear the wood of the overgrown laurel and sycamore.

** MEMBERSHIP DUE FOR RENEWAL **

Your support is vital to keeping Park Wood looking as good as it does now.

See attached form