



# Friends of Park Wood

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## SUMMER 2012 NEWSLETTER

**BREAKING NEWS**

**FORESTRY  
COMMISSION  
U TURN - NO  
SELL OFF**

## \* The Government has backed down over the sale of public forests.

The Independent Panel has recommended the following:

create new woodland, support public estates in managing woodlands and it does NOT advocate the massive public 'sell off' of woodland/forests.

### Volunteers on our 27<sup>th</sup> June Work Day



A BIG **THANK YOU**. All the hard working Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Rainbows & parents who volunteered for our Work Day on the 27<sup>th</sup> June. It was a very productive day although a very muddy one, but the weather was kind to us and the rain stayed away. The 'Friends of Park Wood' were overwhelmed by the volume and enthusiasm of all the 170 volunteers and we look forward to working with you all again and hope you can make time to visit the wood – it is truly a magical place.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN THE WOOD**

### Flora & Faun

- \* the abundance of rats seems to have subsided, sightings are down to 1 or 2 per day at most, please keep us posted
- \* a roe deer has been spotted several times - a wonderful sight – please keep your dogs in check if they are likely to chase the deer
- \* the celandine, wood anemones, foxgloves, bluebells and many other plants have put on a wonderful display this year – this is mainly due to the clearing of certain areas allowing them to flourish, although not so many orchids this year
- \* WE HAVE NOT SEEN OR HEARD ANY FOXES THIS YEAR. PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY SIGHTINGS

### Vandalism in Park Wood

#### The Old Plough/Hay Rake

The old plough disappeared sometime in May or June. Some will be disappointed as they hoped it could be used as a form of 'sculpture' others will be pleased, but the plough debate is no longer an issue.

Very little **vandalism** so far, but early days the schools have not broken up for the summer . The 'information board' on 'the old walled garden' was semi destroyed and will be mended on the next work day. As stated earlier, the hay rick was 'stolen'.

It is hoped the stains on the trees in the glade can be removed.

The foxgloves have, so far, managed to 'keep their heads'.

## WHAT ARE WE DOING IN PARK WOOD?

### HOLLY

Many people have been unhappy with the holly clearing in Park Wood. The holly has become rampant since the removal of the laurel, neither is indigenous to the wood. The Woodland Trust (who manage the wood) has advised us to remove one third of the holly, mainly the smaller whips and bushes and to keep the more mature trees, allowing the indigenous species to flourish.

### CLEARANCE

To allow plants and smaller shrubs to flourish it is essential they have an element of sun and shade, the bracken, brambles and holly are preventing this from happening.

### WALLIS ROAD MEADOW

The clearing of Wallis Road Meadow was done by an army of volunteers over several work days. We hope to encourage more meadow plants and wild life together with the help and guidance of the Woodland Trust.

### MAINTENANCE

We shall continue to maintain the paths, although this year has been an uphill struggle with record rain and subsequently record mud!!!! It is not possible for us to completely clear the paths of mud, it is after all a wood, but we will do our best to make the wood a pleasant experience for all – it is a magical place.

<b>July 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Work Day</b>
<b>August 10<sup>th</sup> Stall @ Waterlooville Precinct promoting Park Wood</b>	
<b>ALL VOUNTEERS WELCOME to help run the stall.</b>	
<b>Contact: 07803968763</b>	
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<b>No Work Day in August</b>	
<b>September Hay Making/Meadow Cutting DATE TO BE ARRANGED</b>	
<b>October 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Work Day</b>
<b>November 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Work Day</b>
<b>December 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mulled Wine &amp; Mince Pies</b>
<b>January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Work Day</b>
<b>February 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Work Day</b>
<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Work Day</b>
<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Work Day</b>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Work Day</b>
<b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Work Day</b>

**YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL AND A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER – ANY TIME GIVEN IS APPRECIATED**

### FEEDBACK

If you have comment to make or would an article published in the newsletter please contact :  
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### Membership of the Friends was due for renewal as of 1st April 2012

It is open to all who care for Park Wood. All Friends will receive regular newsletters and information on the Park Wood Project. A MINIMUM DONATION OF £5.00 PER HOUSEHOLD

Name:.....Tel: .....

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Please return this form to the Membership Secretary Mrs V Agnew, 12 Deanswood Drive, Waterlooville, PO7 7RB Email: [Valerie@12dd.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:Valerie@12dd.freeserve.co.uk) Tel: 02392252332