



Friends of Park Wood

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Autumn & Winter Newsletter



BREAKING NEWS

**ASH DIE
BACK IN
THE UK**



Volunteers from Scottish & Southern Electricity Board (see article below)

Fantastic Army of Volunteers from Scottish & Southern Electricity Board

An army of over 60 volunteers over a three day period in October worked tirelessly creating new ditches and clearing existing ditches to try and alleviate the flooding of local houses. They also commenced the clearing of the holly (under guidance from the Woodland Trust). The weather was on the whole kind to us and the atmosphere and bonhomie generated made the time go very quickly and a good time was had by all. They enjoyed themselves so much they have all volunteered to come again and help us out.

Free Trees!!

The Havant Borough Tree Warden network has been given a grant by the 'Big Tree Plant' to plant 5,583 trees in Havant Borough. FRIENDS OF PARK WOOD have been awarded funding to purchase 24 standard trees over the next 3 years. They will be OAK and BEECH to fill the gaps left by the holly clearance.

SEPTEMBER MEADOW CLEARANCE

The meadows were not very over-grown this year, maybe they did not like the wet weather either. A very small army worked all day Saturday and Sunday to clear them. There is some debate if we should do this twice yearly, could we please have your input on this issue. The mowing is needed to encourage diversity of flora and fauna.

FLORA & FAUNA

Not many sightings of deer this autumn and the rat population appears to have diminished. With the clearance of many parts of the wood it has left space for the smaller species of flora to flourish.

CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DEC 2012 –JUNE 2013
Dec 19th @ 7pm – 9pm @ the house of Head Warden David Nye WARDENS' THANK YOU EVENING
Jan 27th Work Day
Feb 24th Work Day
Mar 31st Work Day
Mar 31st Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 28th Work Day
May 11th Park Wood Fete 10AM – 4PM ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME
May 26th Work Day
June 30th Work day

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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WHAT ARE WE DOING IN PARK WOOD?

HOLLY CLEARANCE

We shall continue to burn the enormous mound of holly cut down (as per the Woodland Trust Management Scheme). The holly is being dragged to the Beech Glade and on Work Days there is a very large bonfire.

MAINTENANCE

We shall continue to maintain Park Wood for the benefit of one and all, but this year has been an uphill struggle with the amount of rain we have had. Some paths have been filled with scalplings. This is very heavy work and we DO NEED some young and strong volunteers. The ditches are constantly being cleared and the leaf fall is almost finished, a few more high winds and the last fall.

ASH DIE BACK

We are fortunate that we have not been hit by this disease in this area and the few ash trees we have in the wood and constantly being inspected.

INFORMATION BOARDS

The information boards were vandalised/rotted this year. We hope to reinstate them in the near future.

‘A peaceful and prosperous 2013’

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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