

Spring 2015

Issue 5

Friends of Basingbourne Park



Easter Egg Hunt

We had a fantastic turn out for our first children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 28th March. Over 80 children took part in our trail through the woods. The Egg Hunters followed a short circuit into the woodlands and around the heath, looking for clues including the recently

installed bird and bat boxes. Returning to the pavilion to collect their eggs, they could have refreshments and join in the colouring and make bunny masks. There was also a display about the Friends of Basingbourne Park with photos of the wildlife.

Thanks go to Sainsburys (Church Crookham), Waitrose and Tesco Express for donating half of the eggs given out. We raised over £170 through the egg hunt, which will be put towards purchasing a new piece of playground equipment.



Searching for Eggs

Fleet Action Day



Guides collecting Litter

Thanks to all the Friends of Basingbourne members, friends and Girl Guides who turned out on Saturday to help with our Spring Clean Action Day. This was part of Fleet Town Council's Action Day. We had over 30 volunteers with ages ranging from 3 to over 70. A great variety of litter was collected. There was a particular focus

on the area around the Wickham entrance.

The woodwork on the recently installed picnic bench and pitch side bench was treated which should help to give them a longer working life. Various items including the notice boards and play equipment were washed down.

Despite the stream having been cleared out by Council contractors only a few weeks ago, most of the wood and logs which had been removed had already made their way back into the stream. So the FoBP team dragged the wood up to the Scout compound. The wood will be dried out and can then be used for campfires later in the year.

Picnic Bench

A new wheelchair friendly Anchorfast Picnic bench has been installed in the park using a grant from the Lions, a generous discount from Anchorfast and with help from Fleet Town Council.



New Bench

Footpath Renewal

Work is continuing to renew all the main footpaths in Basingbourne Woods, using a surface made from recycled tyres. Some of the paths are already finished.



One of the new paths

Pavilion Roof

The replacement roof is now on the Pavilion making it much drier inside.



New Pavilion Roof

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Looking after Basingbourne Park

Friends of Basingbourne Park was set up in 2011 (and re-launched in 2013). We are a group of local residents who are keen to support the regeneration of the park. We are a not for profit organisation.

Our key areas of interest represent the wide variety of areas within the park and include improving the children's play area, reinvigorating the pavilion, and protecting and improving the environmental aspects of the park including the lowland heath areas.

We do this by liaising with the council, holding action days and social events.

Since the re-launch we have had talks about the woodland and its wildlife, removed some invasive plants from the heathland, cleared away lots of litter and painted some of the playground. There is so much more we would like to do and we welcome anyone who would like to join us.

For more information on any of these please email info@basingbournepark.org.uk

Did you know you can become a member of Friends of Basingbourne Park? You will be kept up to date with all the events in the park. It costs £2.50 for an individual or £5 for a family membership per year. We are a not for profit organisation. The membership fees are used to cover our modest overheads and administration costs and provide insurance cover for working parties, action days and social events.



Common Lizard by Nigel Williams

Wildlife

Do you have any great photos of the wildlife or signs of spring in the park and woods?

We would love to see them and display them on our website. If you'd like to share your sightings, please send them to website@basingbournepark.org.uk.



Comma Butterfly by Nigel Williams

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 16th May 2015

Spring Nature Walk

2.30pm with local botanist Chris Hall

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June

Volunteer Day focusing on the playground

9.30am at the pavilion

Saturday 18th July 2015

Bioblitz

24 hour ecological survey and demos in association with Hart Countryside Services



Choosing an Easter Cake



Roe Deer