



# Friends of Basingbourne Park



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## Fleet Lions Den Grant for Playground



Many thanks to Fleet Lions, who through their Lion's Den funding, have made an award for £1750 to our play equipment fund. This will ensure we can provide an "Aerotilt/Flymobile" style piece of playground equipment in our design for over 8's.

## The Great Plastic Pick Up

Thanks to the enthusiastic volunteers who joined in with the litter pick for The Great Plastic Pick Up on Saturday 12th May. It was a lovely morning and about a dozen bags of rubbish were removed from the park. Increasingly we are finding that we are removing the legacy rubbish that has been in the park for many years, meaning we are making a long term difference to the park.



## Picnic Bench Refurbished by Church Crookham & Fleet Men's Shed



Special thanks to Church Crookham & Fleet Men's Shed who have lovingly refurbished our damaged picnic bench. They have renewed all the damaged woodwork and reinstated it in the park for all of our visitors to use.

This has also now been varnished by our volunteers ready for use again.



## Round Leaved Sundews in Heathland



We are extremely pleased to report a recent sighting of our Round Leaved Sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*), in the boggy Heathland - our SINC area.

Although its leaves look as though they are covered in dew, it is in fact a sticky substance that traps flies. The glands on the leaf gradually enclose the insect, while chemicals produced from the plant extract nutrients from the insect to substitute those lacking in the acidic soil.



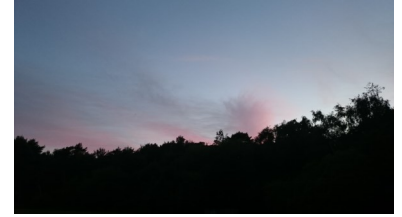
## Forthcoming Events

### Bat Walk

Thursday 21st June 2018

Our bat walk will start at 9.30pm, meeting at the Pavilion.

You will be shown how to use the detectors and what type of bats you are likely to find. Then we will walk around the woods listening for bats.



### The Big Lunch

Sunday 8th July 2018

Come and join us for a picnic in the park as part of The Big Lunch initiative.

Gather from 12 noon with your picnic and rug/chairs. Cakes and hot drinks will be available. There will be fun activities, games and races for all ages.



### Family Bat Walk

September 2018

A walk for all the family searching for bats on the field and in the woods. Meet at the pavilion at 6.30pm.

There will be a short introduction to bats, then we will show you how to use our detectors and what type of bats you are likely to find. Then there will be a walk around the park listening for the bats.



### Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 16th October 2018

Meet at 8pm at Crookham Baptist Church Hall. With a guest speaker from the Basingstoke Canal Society.

Please bring any ideas or suggestions you have for the park. The meeting includes refreshments.



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Membership of Friends of Basingbourne Park costs £2.50 for an individual or £5 for a family membership per year. Members are kept up to date with all the events in the park. 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, volunteer days and social events.

Friends of Basingbourne Park is a not-for-profit organisation set up in 2011 by a group of local residents keen to support the regeneration of the park.

Our 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 volunteer sessions and organising social events.

We have talks about the woodland and its wildlife, remove invasive plants from the heathland, clear away litter, raise funds for improvements to the park and paint the playground equipment. There is so much more we would like to do and we welcome anyone who would like to help us achieve this.