



Friends of Basingbourne Park



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Basingbourne Through the Years



Christmas Social

Our Christmas Social and Fundraiser was held at Crookham Street Social Club on 21st December. This included a talk entitled Basingbourne Through The Years. This was a talk about Basingbourne Park and the surrounding area and was given by John Beagley, a local resident and the chairman of Crookham Street Social Club. He entertained us with his tales of how the area has changed over the years and with his amusing anecdotes of growing up in the area.

Thank you to everybody who came along to support our Christmas Social and Fundraiser, or who supported in other ways such as providing raffle prizes. Thanks also to Crookham Street Social Club for hosting us and particularly to John Beagley for regaling us with his fascinating stories about the area, how it has developed over the years, and his misspent youth!

The evening made £151.00 which will go into the fund for new playground equipment.

Survey: New Path to the Canal

We have been successful in a grant application for funds to improve our woodlands and woodland walks. Top of the priority list is opening up a walkway with foot bridges via the Wickham Woodlands through to the Canal side. The grant is £5,000 from the Orchid Environmental Trust Fund (administered by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation). This will also provide some additional interpretation boards in the woodlands.

There is currently a formal path from Forest End to Wickham. There is also an informal path from the Coxheath Road canal bridge along the canal bank and then from the canal bank beside the stream to join the Forest End to Wickham path at the bridge. The path continues beside the stream towards Basingbourne Park, but is not passable (due to bushes, fallen trees and another joining stream).

We would like to gauge support for the ideas, to understand any objections and we would welcome any suggestions for improving these proposals.

You can view this proposed canalside paths map on our website too.

Please fill in our survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SPC2Q6V>

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Canal Side Woodlands & Path Consultation



Key to features:	B = Proposed Footbridges	Proposed Path Improvement (now):	Proposed Path (later phase):
	S = Improved Access Slopes	Existing Formal Tarmac path:	Existing Path (passable):
	O = Proposed Community Orchard (fruit trees)		T = Possible Location for Toddler Park

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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.

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 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.

We have 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

Heathland Volunteer Sessions



The Cleared Area

A huge thank you to all the Friends of Basingbourne Park and 1st Crookham Scout Group volunteers who turned out over the weekend of 23rd & Sunday 24th January to help with our two volunteer sessions. The Southern heathland glade was very overgrown and the only remnant was a small grassy clearing. However, thanks to the work of our volunteers we have opened up a much larger area exposing a wider variety of plants and an enjoyable new vista. The cleared area is best viewed by following the path from Cranford Avenue in the direction of Award Road. We also cleaned the woods, with around a dozen bags of rubbish being collected by some of our younger helpers.



Litter Picking

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 5th March

'Clean for the Queen' Litter Pick

Meet at 2pm

Sunday 20th March

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

From 2pm - meet at the pavilion

Tuesday 19th April

General Meeting

8pm at Crookham Baptist Church Hall

Sunday 12th June

Big Lunch

Join us in the park for The Big Lunch.



Easter Egg Hunt



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