



Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the Autumn 2025 edition of the newsletter where I hope you will find inspiration if you have the time to do something different!

This year marked 25 years since the Trust was established and since the Millennium Green as we know it today, was created; a fantastic milestone that couldn't have been achieved without the support that the Trust has received from those living locally and further afield. From helping to clear ditches, litter picking, wading into the pond to clear weeds, sweeping leaves from the paths, helping with the bonfire, grass cutting, to assisting with teas at maintenance sessions or simply donating money, we are incredibly grateful for your support.

I just wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you. And what better way to celebrate 25 years than to hold....

The fete of the year!



Courtesy of Tea & Crumpet Photography

Our 25-year celebration fete on Saturday 6th September on the Green had more stalls than previously, more people attending than our 10-year fete and most of all we raised a record amount of money!

After all the hard work and careful planning, we are delighted with the way it turned out. The event really was exactly what we had planned and hoped for: a real celebration with a genuine local community spirit! And the weather was extremely kind to us, especially considering the amount of rain we had the following week!

The feedback has been superb. Comments ranged from "*my children went to bed very happy and worn out*", to parents on the school gate telling us that their parents (the grandparents) on the estate are still raving about it! The Punch & Judy was a huge hit and it was great to see people having a go at the fete games and spending time at the many stalls on offer. There are some great photos of the fete on our website so do please take a look.



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It wasn't just the Fete's committee that helped pull this all together. We owe a huge thank you to the many local volunteers who delivered leaflets, prepared the glade, set up stalls, ran them during the day and took them all down again at the end. We really are very fortunate to have such people in our community.

And of course, without the support of our event sponsors, we most definitely would not have had such a fantastic fete. A huge thank you to all the companies and individuals listed below:

Ben's Butchery
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ProCook
Royal Automobile Club
Sweet Lavender Flowers
Tea and Crumpet Photography
7th Epsom Scouts
8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts

And finally, a very big thank you to all of you who came along to celebrate this occasion with your friends and families. Without you there wouldn't have been the community spirit that we all enjoyed but also, we wouldn't have raised an impressive £1,700 (which was significantly more than the last fete held 15 years ago)!

We sincerely hope that the fete might have inspired some of you to get involved or to donate. See below for how you can help.

We have had a few people asking whether this should become an annual event! I think our Fete committee will say that an annual event might prove too much but we might consider some kind of event every 5 years so watch this space!

So, how can you get involved?

Volunteer

As we enter early autumn, it can be a great opportunity for new volunteers to become acquainted with our projects. We are constantly working to encourage biodiversity, to keep the Green looking as natural as possible, and to make it a safe and pleasant place to enjoy.

We invite you to join us in preserving and enhancing the Millennium Green for future generations. Whether you're passionate about gardening, wildlife monitoring, or event planning, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in conserving this precious green space.

Help at a Maintenance Day

Maintenance dates for your diaries for 2025/26 (We meet by the sundial):

Saturday 11 October 2025*	12pm - 2pm
Saturday 27 December 2025	10am - 12pm

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Saturday 21 March 2026	2pm - 4pm
Saturday 20 June 2026	2pm - 4pm
Saturday 19 September 2026	2pm - 4pm
Monday 28 December 2026	10am - 12pm

We try to make these community-focused sessions, welcoming adults and children. Whatever your ability, please come along. We always stop for refreshments and a chat too!

Join the grass cutting team

We are always looking for people to join the grass cutting team. With 6 acres of land, there is a lot of grass to cut and it helps if we have several people on a rota to do this. You get to go on the ride-on-tractor!

Become a Trustee

We are always keen to get new trustees on board so if you would like to find out what's involved please get in touch with us to learn more.

Specifically we do currently have a vacancy for the nominated trustee to represent the Epsom & St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust. This is not an arduous task as there will only be one or two meetings to attend annually and all you need to do is be a conduit between the Trust and the hospital. If you work at the hospital and would be interested in finding out more please contact us.

Donate

We would like to thank all of you that have donated funds towards the cost of maintaining the Green over the year. We have however noted that donations over the past two years have dropped, and we hope that following the success of the fete, this trend will reverse to help us preserve our green space and enhance community well-being for future generations.

Your donation makes a lasting impact! To donate via our website please go to:

<http://woodcotemillenniumgreen.org.uk/donate.html>

Here is a QR code that will take you to our donation form:



And finally...

Does anyone want a gazebo? We have 4 left from the fete. They are only £20 each, with all proceeds going to the Trust.

If you are interested in any of the above and/or would like to find out more, then contact us either through our website, our email below or email me directly at mark.swanmail@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

The Pond

Even though England has just had one of the driest springs and warmest summers on record, the pond level has never fallen below half of its maximum but unfortunately it is still at risk.

We are determined to preserve it and to properly manage it. To this end we have further consulted professionals on the best way forward and we will need to partial relime the topmost part of the pond with puddle clay. We are planning to have this carried out in Autumn next year.

Mark Swan, Chair

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