



Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of WOODCOTE MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST (Registered Charity Number 1075872) will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 4th March in the Epsom Sports Club, Woodcote Road, and all residents in the area are invited.

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Trustees' Report and Accounts
5. New paths
6. Future plans & suggestions
7. Any Other Business

Under item 6, we would welcome any suggestions about improvements to the Millennium Green you might like to see. If you cannot come to the AGM just contact any Trustee with your ideas or comments. We are managing the Green on your behalf, and look forward to hearing from you.

Refreshments will be available following the formal business, with an opportunity for informal discussions.

Path repair/maintenance

We announced last year that we were preparing to carry out refurbishment work on the pathways (and to install one new one). Well, I am delighted to say that we have finally achieved this!

Most of you will have noticed that work finally got underway on the works in early January. The newly refurbished paths, along with the addition of the one strategic path, have truly enhanced the appearance and general access to the Green. It has taken a great deal of time and effort to bring this about. I would like to thank local resident Ron Coll of Coll Associates Ltd (Tel: 0207 493 6228) for his time and all the technical and practical advice and support that he has given throughout this project. The contract was awarded to Executive Gardens Ltd (run by Jez Howey), a locally based company who offered a very comprehensive proposal which represented excellent value for money. Further information can be found on their website:

www.executivegardens.co.uk

The new paths are the talk of the local community and are featured on the front page of the Epsom Guardian online news page – please see link. <http://www.epsomguardian.co.uk/news/>

Looking after our new paths

Some people have already expressed concern about the surface of the paths but we would like to reassure you that they are fine and will settle down and also firm up a bit as they weather in.

They have a life expectancy of at least 15 years but we must make it clear that the paths are **not suitable** for horse-riding. Horses may not be ridden on them in any circumstances and any rider doing so will be held liable for the resulting damage. This work has cost the Trust a lot of money and we would need the paths to last for as long as possible before they need to be repaired again.



Photo courtesy of Richard Lea

Smoking

Whilst we accept that some people will want to smoke on the green, we do urge most strongly that cigarette ends are taken away by the smokers. Not only is it unsightly but it is unreasonable to expect volunteers to have to pick them up on behalf of smokers so smokers please, please bin your butts and encourage others to do the same if you see them littering the Green. A lot of hospital users do not realise that the Green is looked after by local residents and imagine that someone from the council will be clearing up after them!

Fund raising

Lloyds Community Fund 2014 – fantastic result

You may recall that in 2013 we were nominated for the Lloyds Community Fund Program, following which we received £300. Well, once

again we were successfully shortlisted for the 2014 Community Fund and went through to the public vote stage.

There were four shortlisted good causes in each community. We came second with just over 25% of the vote and I am delighted to say this meant that we received an award of **£2,000**. We are extremely grateful to all of you who voted for the green and it is gratifying to know that we enjoy such support locally.

We were able to use this opportunity to promote the Trust and therefore increase our profile in the local and broader community.

If you would like to see the results please go to:
http://communityfund.lloydsbank.com/communityfund/cf_org_vote_profile.asp?cfr=98e11f

Maintenance Sessions

Maintenance sessions have previously been held on Sunday mornings but due to increased and better support, we have now changed these to Saturday afternoons between 2.00 & 4.00pm (see below).

We do occasionally hold job specific maintenance for tree felling and pond clearing etc so please look out for these dates when they come up as well.

We really do appreciate the fact that many of you come and help out at the maintenance sessions and we think you will agree that the rewards are well worth the effort. We also appreciate the fact that, in between times, some of you pick up litter for which we are equally grateful.

The dates for 2015 are:

Saturday 25th April 2015 (Maintenance)
Saturday 27th June 2015 (Maintenance)
Saturday 12th September 2015 (Maintenance)
Saturday 1st November 2015 (Pond clearing)
Monday 28th December 2015 (Maintenance)

We usually meet by the pond.

New Seat in the Glade

Many of you will know that we had a new seat installed earlier last year in the Glade. During the refurbishment of the paths we had the final touches added namely the addition of a more solid apron edged with granite stones in keeping with the other benches and seats.

Gift aid

We very much appreciate all those who become, or continue as, 'Friends' as they help us to pay our general running expenses. Donations can be delivered to the Hon Treasurer or to any of the Trustees, using the attached form. If you are a tax

payer, please do remember to tick the gift aid box for any donations you make and the taxman will pay us on top of the money you donate.

Annual Report and Accounts

These will be available at the AGM, but if you are unable to attend and would like a copy, contact the Chairman after 4th March.

A summary of our accounts follows which at the time of writing, is still subject to change:

Payments & Receipts	£
Donations	1,358
Legacy	14,140
Other Income	4,441
Income for the Year	19,939
Maintenance of the Green	(525)
Tools & Servicing	(195)
Insurance	(206)
Administration costs	(82)
Expenses for the year	(1,009)
Operating cash movements	18,930

Trustees

We were sorry to say farewell to Shirley Edghill who, as a trustee, represented the Epsom General Hospital. We are grateful for the help and support that she gave over the years and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best for the future. We welcome Andrew Broadbent as the new nominated trustee representing the Epsom General Hospital and look forward to his valuable input going forward.

Andrew brings together a range of specialisms and a wealth of experience to the Trust, which is particularly welcome given the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead such as pond refurbishment and ongoing fund raising.

The current trustees are:

Andrew Broadbent	Epsom General Hospital
Jason Cowling	34 Sunnybank
Chris Frost	8 Warren Hill
Liz Frost	Woodcote Residents' Soc.
Jeremy Hawken	35 Sunnybank
Helen Heath	2 Wilmerhatch Lane
Luke Jennings	10 Sunnybank
John Parsloe	1 Woodcote Green House
Brian Saxby	59 Sunnybank
Mark Swan	6 Sunnybank

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