



# WOODCOTE MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWSLETTER

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We are issuing this Newsletter principally to update you with two items. One is the latest progress we have made with the Millennium Green Patrons scheme (see later), and the other is to let you know about some work that will be carried out on the pond shortly.

## Pond Weed Clearance

Those of you who have lived in the area for several years will have noticed that, despite our occasional efforts to reduce the amount of pondweed, the pond has been increasingly hidden from view. The Trustees have decided that we need to have a major clearout, and the best time to do this from an environmental point of view is late autumn. At the time of writing we do not have a date for the work, but we hope it will be carried out before Christmas. The contractor we have asked to carry out the work is Ken Cross, who restored the pond in the early 1990's, and who also constructed several of the paths on the Millennium Green.



Photo: Sue White  
Our heron – a frequent visitor

## Millennium Green Patrons

At the time of writing we have 92 Patrons, to whom we are very grateful. Our target is 100, so we need only 8 more people to become Patrons. We recognise that the national financial situation is making life difficult, but we have tried to make the process of giving as painless as possible by suggesting a range of payment options. For example, a Standing Order for just £25 p.a. for ten years will enable you to become a Patron and participate

in the prize draw. *If you would like a donation form please contact any of the Trustees listed overleaf, or print one from our website (address above in the header).* If you are already a Patron, don't forget that you will be eligible for a second prize draw ticket if you introduce someone else who becomes a Patron. The list of prizes is shown overleaf.

Of course, we still need people to become and remain 'Friends', and the usual form for this is at the end of the Newsletter.

## Maintenance

Instead of holding specific maintenance days where dates are published many weeks in advance, we have tried a new system this year. We have the e-mail addresses of a number of volunteers, and when a task is identified we e-mail them to find when a group can get together.

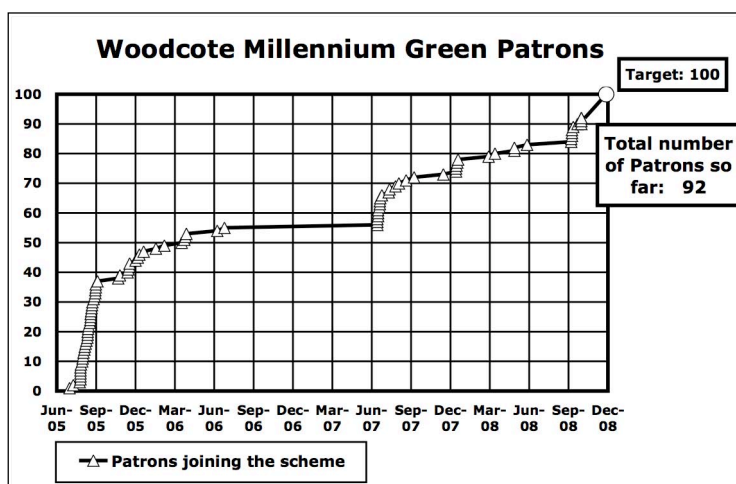
This is arranged by Mark Swan, and has proved very successful. We don't recall him selecting a single day when the weather has not been fine! We have had several whole families turn out. Everyone seems to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and leaves with a sense of achievement, and we usually manage to have some excellent refreshments as well. If you would like to join us, please let Mark have your e-mail address:

[mark.emma@virgin.net](mailto:mark.emma@virgin.net)

## Water Vole

Many of you will have seen our heron - a regular visitor to many of the ponds in the area. We have also had reports that the pond has a water vole in residence. Apparently it could be mistaken for a rat – so don't be alarmed if you see it! Voles are protected animals.

**This graph shows how close we are to achieving our goal of 100 Patrons!  
Will you help us bridge the gap? Contact any of the Trustees below for a Patrons Form.**



**Patrons Prize Draw**

The following have been generously donated.  
A grand draw will be held when we have achieved our one hundredth Patron.

- A one week stay in an apartment on the Caribbean island of Barbados\*
- A one week stay in a property in rural Wales\*
- A session in a photographic studio
- A copy of the recently-published book: "Woodcote Green House and other Woodcote houses in Epsom" by John Parsloe
- A guided tour of "The Mansion" in Woodcote Grove (WS Atkins HQ)

\* Self-catering; transport not included

**The current Trustees are:**

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|------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Ian Allely       | 2 Chalk Paddock        | Brian Saxby    | 59 Sunny Bank |
| Shirley Edghill  | Epsom General Hospital | Mark Swan      | 6 Sunny Bank  |
| Chris Frost      | 8 Warren Hill          | Derek Warrilow | 30 Axwood     |
| John Parsloe     | 1 Woodcote Green House | Sue White      | 36 Pine Hill  |
| Annette Richmond | 9 Warren Hill          |                |               |

Chris Frost (Tel: 01372-720430)  
On behalf of the Trustees  
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**Friends Donation Form**

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*If you would prefer to keep your Newsletter intact, simply write the relevant information from the lines below on another piece of paper.*

To: Chris Frost, 8 Warren Hill, Epsom, KT18 7BX, or any other Trustee listed above:-

**Gift Aid:** If you are a **UK taxpayer** you can increase the value of your gift by completing the Gift Aid declaration below:

Full Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Amount £ \_\_\_\_\_

- \* I/we would like to become a/ 'Friend(s) of Woodcote Millennium Green' OR
- \* I/we would like to continue to be a/ 'Friend(s) of Woodcote Millennium Green'
- \* I wish all donations that I have made since 6<sup>th</sup> April 2000 and all donations in the future to have Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise.

Please tick here if you are not already a Patron and would like to receive information about the Patrons scheme and an application form. If you would like one or more information packs to pass onto friends please insert the number required here: .....

\* Please delete as appropriate

Note: For Gift Aid you must pay at least as much tax as we shall be claiming each year on your donations.

A cheque is enclosed for the Friends annual donation (suggested minimum £3.00) for the year 2008.  
**Cheques should be payable to 'Woodcote Millennium Green Trust'. Thank you.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_