



# WOODCOTE MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWSLETTER

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Woodcote Millennium Green is a charitable trust and as such we must hold an AGM each spring. This year it will be held at **8.00 p.m. on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March** in the Epsom Sports Club, Woodcote Road, and all residents in the area are invited. The Agenda is:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31.12.11
5. Appointment of independent examiner
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.

## Trustee - Administration Officer

We are very keen to appoint a trustee who is prepared to take minutes at our trustee meetings and assist the Chairman with other administrative tasks. This would not be unduly onerous; we only meet two or three times a year and once for the AGM. If you are interested, please contact the Chairman.

## Patrons Prize Draw Feedback

The top prize in the Patrons draw held in September 2010 was a week in a luxury apartment in Barbados. We are pleased to report that the Rhind-Tutt family very much enjoyed their stay in Barbados. We would like to thank our trustee Derek Warrilow for donating this special prize and once again we would like to thank all the Patrons for their support.

## 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 19th March.

A summary of our accounts follows, which at the time of writing are still subject to change and review by our Independent Examiner:

Cash Movements	£
Donations	1,192
Interest Received	18
Distributions Received	63
<b>Income for the Year</b>	<b>1,273</b>
Maintenance of the Green	(726)
Insurance	(354)
Administration costs	(416)
Tools & Servicing	(1,498)
<b>Expenses for the year</b>	<b>(2,995)</b>
<b>Total Cash Movement</b>	<b>(1,722)</b>
Trust Assets	£
Cash at bank	11,544
M&G Equity Investments	33,146
CAF Equity Investment	3,085
<b>Current Assets at Cost</b>	<b>47,774</b>

## Logs

Some of you may have noticed that there are several piles of logs around the green. We leave a certain number quite deliberately as they provide an excellent habitat for insects. However we have done quite a bit of tree felling over the last few months and therefore now have rather too many logs! Therefore if anyone is interested in taking some, then please contact Jason Cowling on: 07867 828276.

## Donations

We very much appreciate all those who become or continue to support us, either as 'Friends' or with one off donations. This money is vital as it is needed to pay our general running expenses. Donations can be delivered to any trustee, using the form below. Please note that we have added a line for your email address. Please do fill this in if you would like to receive email notification of maintenance days, events, etc.

### **Maintenance Mornings**

Maintenance mornings are working well and are a really important part of what we do. We usually get a group of volunteers together to carry out various tasks and to clear litter. This is usually on a Sunday morning four or five times a year.

If you would like to join us, please e-mail Jason Cowling, who now coordinates the volunteer list: [Jason.cowling@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.cowling@gmail.com)

We have already arranged the following provisional dates for maintenance in 2012:

Sunday 18th March  
Sunday 10th June  
Sunday 2nd Sept  
Sunday 30th December

We meet by the pond from 10.00 a.m. and conclude around lunchtime.

### **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Saturday 2nd to Tuesday 5th June 2012**

To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign, the Diamond Jubilee celebrations will centre around an extended weekend on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June. The Trustees of Woodcote Millennium Green Trust would like to remind you that the Millennium Green is available for all to enjoy.

With this in mind, we feel that the Jubilee provides an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the Green and have a communal picnic, garden party, barbecue, etc. If you would like to plan some sort of celebration on the Green then please contact us and we will do all we can to support you.

### **Round the Borough walk challenge**

One of the ways the Borough Council is helping to celebrate the Jubilee and to mark the Borough's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, is by challenging residents to 'Walk Round the Borough' on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. The 20 mile walk will start in Horton Country Park, and will go through various open spaces in the borough, including the Millennium Green, so don't be surprised if you see more people than usual on the Green that day!

It is hoped that the walk will inspire local people to challenge themselves to achieve a milestone. It will also encourage the local community to get out and about and see the Borough's plentiful and stunning open spaces. More information and details of how to register can be obtained from the Borough Council Contact Centre (Epsom 732000) or from their website, [www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk](http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk).

### **Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge**

We would like to thank all of you who supported us by voting for the Green to gain Queen Elizabeth II Field status. We received 209 votes which was a great success considering only one other local recreational ground received more. Twenty seven communities across the country were awarded Queen Elizabeth II Fields status, however unfortunately we missed out this time. If you would like to know more then go to the website, [www.qe2fields.com](http://www.qe2fields.com).

### **New Tree Planting**

Following some clearance of brambles etc near Woodcote Hurst, three indigenous trees were recently planted. These were purchased with the aid of a generous donation and were a Wild Cherry, a Native Rowan/Mountain Ash and a common Crab Apple. The trees and planting advice were supplied by GA Landscapes, for which we are very grateful.

### **The current Trustees are:**

Shirley Edghill	Epsom General Hospital
Chris Frost	8 Warren Hill
Jeremy Hawken	35 Sunny Bank
Luke Jennings	10 Sunny Bank
John Parsloe	1 Woodcote Green House
Mike Richardson	Woodcote Residents Society
Annette Richmond	9 Warren Hill
Brian Saxby	59 Sunny Bank
Mark Swan	6 Sunny Bank
Derek Warrilow	30 Axwood
Sue White	36 Pine Hill

*Mark Swan, Chairman*

*On behalf of the Trustees*

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To: Mark Swan, Chairman WMGT, 6 Sunnybank, Epsom, KT18 7DX:-

**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) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount £ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address# \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

# If you would like to receive email notification of maintenance days, events, etc., please include your email address above

- \* 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 be Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise.

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

*\* Please delete as appropriate*

The suggested contribution for the annual donation for the year 2012 is £5.00. Cheques should be payable to **'Woodcote Millennium Green Trust'**. Thank you.

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