



Friends of Scadbury Park Newsletter

Winter 17/18

Winter Works on the Park

Winter is the busiest time of the year for conservation work, as we try to get as much physical work completed on site during the period that plant life is mostly dormant and birds and mammals are not breeding. This winter in Scadbury, you may have noticed that there has been plenty of activity going on in a few different areas.

The Friends of Scadbury Park have been busy in the area to the right of the Old Perry Street Car Park and hopefully you can now see the difference with much more light getting in to the woodland floor. This should improve the ground flora in this area and we can expect more bluebells in this area come May. We have also been working in the 'wet meadow' in the valley just before the large boardwalk. This area was previously dominated by bramble, young sycamore and ash, but we have been working towards restoring this important habitat type and we have already spotted wood spurge and golden saxifrage, good indicators of regeneration.



The Bromley Conservation Volunteers have also been hard at work laying a new hedge along the path towards Little Wood and you can admire their expert handiwork at this traditional management technique if you take a walk along the Acorn Trail

Woodland contractors have been in the site over the last month to fell trees in select areas as part of habitat management works. This has included work around some of the ponds to allow more light in, benefiting our resident population of Great Crested Newts. Unfortunately, due to the need to access with vehicles, this has churned up some areas of paths on site. This is unavoidable, but we have tried to keep it to a minimum so as to prevent any impact on all our woodland walkers.

Anti-Social Behaviour on Scadbury Park

Regrettably, not everyone who visits Scadbury Park is a conscientious user. Since Christmas, there has been an increase in reports of motorbikes on the site, contributing to the muddy state of the paths and presenting a real danger to regular users. We have also had incidence of vandalism with areas of post and rail and kissing gates kicked down. We're doing all we can to repair this and to make the access points to the Park motorbike proof, but if you see any anti-social behaviour on the Park, please report this to the Police on 101, or Ward Security on 0845 872 1330 as soon as possible.

Upcoming Activities and Events:

Scadbury Park is owned by the London Borough of Bromley and managed by *idverde*, however much of the additional habitat management is completed by the Friends of Scadbury Park. The Friends are always looking for new members to help out. All you need is sturdy footwear and a willingness to get stuck in. The Friends usually meet at the Old Perry Street Car Park at 9.45 on a Thursday morning and the third Saturday of every month. If you are interested in attending or just want to find out more, please email info@scadbury-park.org.uk. Below are the upcoming workdays for the next couple of months:

1 st February	Thursday	Clear around pond 6 & 10 / Wet meadow
8 th February	Thursday	Clearing scrub, small trees around ponds 9 and 9a (meet at farm)
15 th February	Thursday	Clear, burn and put in weaved fence in picnic area
17 th February	Saturday	Clear and put in weaved fence in picnic area
22 nd February	Thursday	Clear out WW2 homeguard trenches with ODAS
1 st March	Thursday	Clear and burn yew area near Drive
8 th March	Thursday	Clear and burn yew area near Drive
15 th March	Thursday	Clear and burn on heather scrape
17 th March	Saturday	TBC
22 nd March	Thursday	Clear and burn on heather scrape
29 th March	Thursday	Clear and burn yew area near Drive, put in bench

Found on site this month

Scadbury Park is a huge site with lots of hidden little areas of rarely frequented woodland. As such, we often find interesting little oddities left behind by the generations of previous users. This month, the site manager stumbled on this example of someone tapping a silver birch to drain the sugary sap. This is a very popular form of foraging in Scandinavia, but it removes vital nutrients required by the tree to survive. So all in all, we'd much rather you didn't all rush out to have a go yourselves!



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