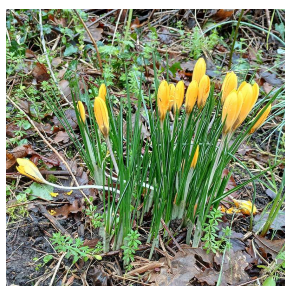


Friends of Park Wood Newsletter Spring and early Summer 2026

Park Wood Spring Work Parties



A wet start to the year, with the whole of January a wash out in the UK, but despite the wet weather signs of spring could be seen in the wood in February.

Daffodils and crocuses in bloom with bluebells, wood anemones and celandine starting to emerge heralding hopefully sunnier days to come. The new year also saw the adoption of a new management plan for Park Wood setting out our role for the next five years.

Friends of Park Wood Conservation Group

Everyone is welcome to come along to our work parties and lend a helping hand for as much time as they can spare. It isn't all work, there is time for a catch up over tea, coffee, cakes and sometimes a warming mug of soup in the winter months.

Planned tasks include removing non-native species, ditch clearing, managing areas for our native woodland flowers, maintaining our paths, benches and signs for visitors.

In addition to the regular work parties, we will be having a week of practical preparation for our woodland festival, so if you are able to help during the week you will be very welcome.



Conservation group dates for your diary are:

Sunday March 29th - **Work Party**

Sunday April 5th - **Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday April 26th - **Work Party**

Sunday May 10th - **Spring Walk in the Wood**

Sunday May 31st - **Work Party**

Thursday June 4th - **Friends of Park Wood AGM**

Sunday June 28th - **Work Party**

Monday July 20th to Saturday July 25th - **Work Parties to prepare wood for Festival**

Sunday July 26th - **Park Wood Festival**

If you are coming along, please wear appropriate clothing for working outdoors and the weather; if you have gardening gloves and wellies or stout boots, we advise you to wear them.

The group provides all the necessary tools and refreshments. Please come along and join us. All work parties start at 10 am and normally finish around lunch time.

Events

Sunday 5th April – Family Easter Egg Hunt in Park Wood

Easter Sunday. 9.30-11.30. Follow the woodland trail to find the clues hidden among the trees, complete the hunt and receive a chocolate egg as a prize!



Spring Guided Walk Sunday 10th May 10.30 am

A chance to discover the spring flowers in the wood with Lindsay McCulloch.



Sunday 26th July – Park Wood Festival 10 to 4pm

A celebration of our woodland with something for everyone to enjoy.

New Management Plan

The Woodland Trust has now adopted a new 5-year management plan for Park Wood. The new management plan sets out our practical involvement in the wood between now and 2030. A copy of the plan can be found on our website.

Park Wood Wardens

Our wardens are keeping the wood litter free. They take it in turns to check the wood for any problems such as vandalism, fallen timber or rubbish. For more information on being a warden at Park Wood please contact our warden co-ordinator Lesley on 07917 027127

Wildlife recording

Are you interested in wildlife surveying? We are looking for volunteers to help record species in Park Wood starting this spring with a butterfly survey.

You don't need to be a butterfly expert but be willing to walk a set route around the wood counting the numbers and types of butterflies you spot as you walk. This will give us an idea of the effectiveness of the management of the glades in the wood and the importance of the open areas.

Contact Pete on 07565 058965 if you would like to take part.

Waterlooville Summer Fayre

On Saturday 28th June we will be at the Waterlooville Summer Fayre in Jubilee Park.
If you can spare some time to help on the stall please contact Pete on 07565058965

Annual General Meeting 2026

All friends are invited to come along to our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 4th June in Waterlooville Baptist Church starting at 7 PM. Our meeting will see the election of a new committee and our guest speaker is Bede West from the Whitelands Project CIC which manages a forty-acre woodland in the South Downs overlooking Petersfield.

Anyone interested in joining the group committee should contact our present committee chair Pete on 07565 058965 before the meeting.

Become a Friend of Park Wood

Sign up for our mailing list and get regular updates about Park Wood and our activities.

The Friends of Park Wood is open to all. While there is no membership fee, any donations given to the Friends will help to cover the cost of running our group and are very welcome.

To be on our mailing list and receive news of our activities please send your details to our Membership Secretary: Peter Forrest, 16 Queens Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SB.
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If you wish to give a donation, it can be given either with cash or cheques made payable to 'The Friends of Park Wood' and sent to our membership secretary or paid direct into our NatWest Account by bank transfer to:

The Friends of Park Wood
Account Number 95189351
Sort code 55-70-34.

Your donation will help us care for Park Wood and enable the local community to continue enjoying it into the future.
