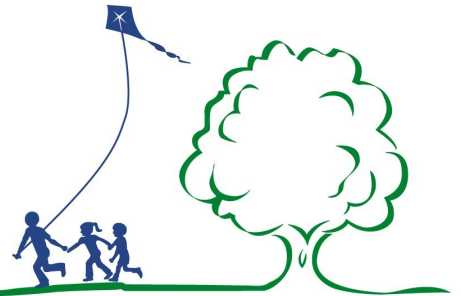


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Press Release

Walks and Talks in The People's Park

Warley Woods Community Trust is holding a series of walking talks around Warley Woods during the year. This is building on the popularity of occasional talks in the past. Whatever someone's interest is – The Trust hopes there will be something for them!

The first of these walks will take place on 16th April 2008 at 6.30pm when popular local historian, David Yates, will lead a walk around the woods, explaining the history of the site and the people who made it what it is. David has extensive knowledge of the Woods and the surrounding area.

This will be followed on 18th May by a walk and talk on the birds of Warley Woods with Liz Coleman, RSPB and Warley Woods volunteer. In June there will be walk on the trees, led by Chris Shortis, becoming known as “the tree man” of Warley Woods. Newcomers to the woods will be Brumbats who will lead a walk using bat detectors in August and David Yates will return with a Ghost Walk on Halloween.

The walks and talks are part of a series of events being organised by Warley Woods Community Trust. The Picnic in the Park remains the central fixture of the year – this year it will take place on Sunday 13th July. The recent Easter Egg Roll proved both popular and fun, despite the weather and there are plans for Santa to make a return visit to the Woods in December.

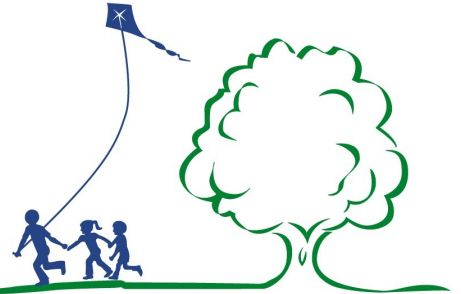
The History Walk on 16th April will start from the Pavilion on Lightwoods Hill. There will be a small charge of £2 for the walk and refreshments will be provided at the Pavilion at the end of the walk. Anyone wanting to book a place, or if they have any questions, they should call the Trust Office on 0121 420 1061

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Notes

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- Warley Woods Community Trust (WWCT) is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. WWCT is first charity in the United Kingdom to have taken responsibility for an urban park. The organisation was formed to ensure local people had a say in what happened to their park.
- The park is leased to Sandwell MBC for 99 years and has been subleased to WWCT for the same period of time.

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- It is managed by a Board of Trustees which is made up of local people. The Trust's membership now numbers around 750 individuals and there are over 70 active volunteers.
- The Park was named the People's Park after it was saved from becoming sold for housing by public subscription in 1906.