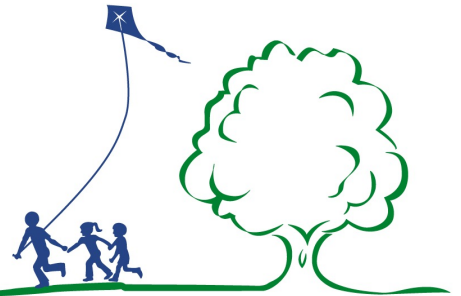


# Warley Woods Community Trust



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## Press Release

### **All dogs welcome on 9th August at Warley Woods, New joint venture with Warley Woods Community Trust and RSPCA Birmingham Animal Centre**

The 9<sup>th</sup> August will see a new activity at Warley Woods. The park is very popular with dog walkers, but until this month there was nothing special for dogs and their owners apart from the dog show at the Picnic. This changes with “All About Dogs” an event jointly organised by Warley Woods Community Trust and the RSPCA Birmingham Animal Centre

There will be a family dog show with a range of categories suitable for size and breed of dogs. Instead of one judge, a series of guest judges will take care of each class and judges will be coming from Wragge and Co solicitors, Virgin Trains and Michael Page Recruitment, amongst others. They are all supporters of Warley Woods Community Trust who have given time to help maintain the park.

There will be demonstrations of Flyball and Dog Agility and the chance for people to try these activities themselves with their own pets. There will also be heel work to music demonstrations and a dog “scurry”. Lots of other charities which have dogs at their heart will be represented and there will be doggy merchandise on sale. There will be a dog behaviourist offering advice and the chance to have a caricature of your dog drawn.

Viv Cole, Trust Manager, said “We are really excited about this new venture and really pleased that the RSPCA has brought its experience of running this kind of event to Warley Woods. We are keen to build our relationship with the many dog walkers who bring their pets every day to Warley Woods to enjoy the nature surroundings where there is space to run. It is also an opportunity for us to promote and celebrate good pet ownership which is of benefit to all visitors to the park.”

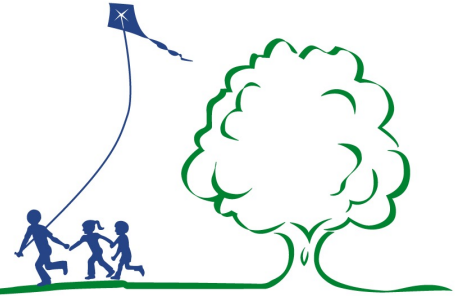
The event starts at 11am and finishes at 4pm with dog show classes running throughout the day. The Trust and RSPCA are very grateful to Pets at Home and Higgins Quality Butchers who have provided prizes and rosettes for the dog competitions.

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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 the only charity in the United Kingdom to have taken responsibility for an urban park. The organisation was formed to take action, following the long term neglect of the park by Birmingham City Council and 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.
- It is managed by a Board of Trustees which is made up of local people. The Trust's membership now numbers around 700 individuals and there are over 60 active volunteers.
- The Park was named the People's Park after it was saved from becoming sold for housing by public subscription in 1906.
- The park received Green Flag Award in July 2009 – the national standard for parks and green spaces.