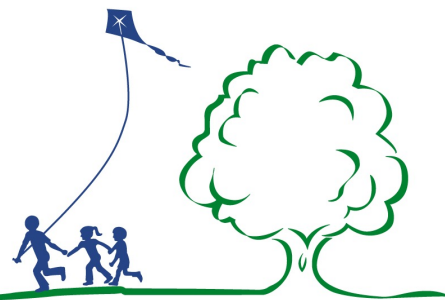


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Press Release

Find your way in Warley Woods

Warley Woods Community Trust has gradually been increasing the number of events that it hosts in the park. On 13th June there will be a welcome addition to the events calendar with a special morning of orienteering.

The Woods have recently been remapped to enable orienteering courses to be laid, thanks to a grant given to the City of Birmingham Orienteering Club. In order to celebrate this, the Club is inviting people to take part in a morning of "Come and Try it Orienteering" when courses will be laid out suitable for novices and more experienced orienteers. People can take part on their own or with a friend, or with the whole family – it can be competitive, or just for fun.

Viv Cole, Trust Manager at Warley Woods said: "We are really looking forward to this event as it will bring an activity back to the Woods which has not happened for many years. If orienteering proves as popular as we think it is, we will be looking to install a permanent course on site. Many thanks to City of Birmingham Orienteering Club for organising this event, as it really helps us to continue to offer more activities for local people."

Gerry Morrison from the City of Birmingham Orienteering Club said " We organise a wide range of events in local parks, and this event is just the latest one to give people who may not have tried orienteering, a fun introduction to a great adventure sport."

Anyone who would like to take part should come to the car park on Lightwoods Hill between 10 am and 12pm on Saturday 13th June. Adults will be charged £2 and Juniors £1.

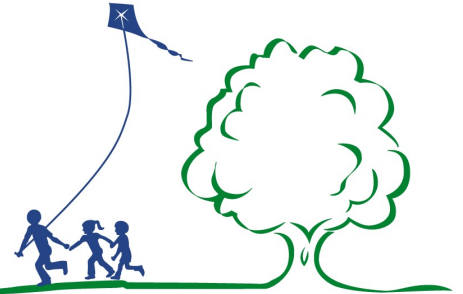
For more information please call the Trust office on 0121 420 1061.

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Notes

- For further information contact: Viv Cole, Trust Manager, 0121 420 1061, 07947 805746, trustmanager@warleywoods.org.uk
- 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.

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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 800 individuals and there are over 160 active volunteers.
- The Park was named the People's Park after it was saved from becoming sold for housing by public subscription in 1906.