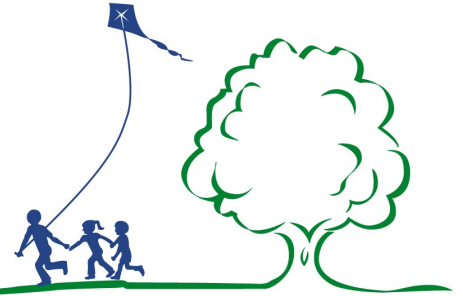


# Warley Woods Community Trust



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## Press Release

### Woods thrive thanks to Volunteers

Warley Woods Community Trust will be celebrating the work done by volunteers at an event on 4<sup>th</sup> June as part of Volunteers Week.

Volunteers gave over 4,000 hours of their time in the last year to help with the running of the park. Volunteers manage the park and they maintain it giving their time on Sundays. Many volunteers litter pick. They give time to work on committees, fundraising, liaising with other community groups, working on the restoration of the park and dealing with future strategies. During the summer volunteers have been patrolling the park in the evenings to answer questions and make other park users feel safe and secure.

Individuals give up time to inspect the park, to update notice boards, to plan the picnic in the park to lead health walks and deliver newsletters. There are also groups of volunteers who visit the park including school groups who have litter picked and the park is a regular place of work for Green Gym volunteers from BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) who visit every Tuesday and Thursday. They have laid hedges and built paths.

The volunteer evening, arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Café at the Pavilion on Lightwoods Hill will celebrate the commitment of these volunteers. Colin Buchanan, Patron of the Woods and one of the stars of Dalziel and Pascoe will be making presentations to all of the active volunteers. Potential volunteers are also invited to attend to find out the various ways that they could get involved.

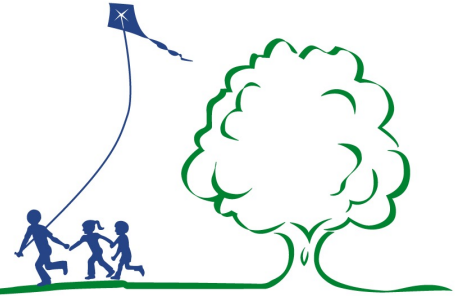
Viv Cole, Trust Manager, said “Volunteers are fundamental to what Warley Woods is about. Not only due to the fact that we could not run the park without them, but because the Trust was set up to involve members of the community in the running of this lovely open space. Without them, the park would just be another municipal park – volunteers and their commitment are what makes this place so special”

Any one who would like to know more about volunteering, or about the Trust, can call on 0121 420 1061

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Notes

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