

# TROOPERS HILL

Friends of Troopers Hill Newsletter | Autumn 2016

## News in brief

### We've won the cup

In July we were assessed for an *It's your Neighbourhood* award. We've been rated Outstanding again by South West in Bloom

To our delight and surprise we've won the Sutton Seeds Cup for 'An outstanding area of nature conservation'.

### Little Elizabeth's Bench

We've been fund raising to replace the much loved but now sadly vanished bench. We've reached our target and a sturdy metal bench is on order via Bristol City Council.

### ParkWorks path

You may have noticed the improvements to the path which goes through the woodland to Crews Hill Road. Huge thanks to the ParkWorks team for their help.

### Year round fun trails

Stuck for something to do with the kids? Try our three wildlife trails exploring our hill. More info on our website: [www.troopers-hill.org.uk/funlearning](http://www.troopers-hill.org.uk/funlearning)



## Welcome to Autumn

**Hello and welcome.** We have lots going on over Autumn including our celebration of the new play area, a colourful slide show review of 2016, Walking for Health, plus lots of information about how you can help look after our very special hill.

Do you have any ideas for events in 2017 that would inspire people to value Troopers Hill?



We've already been contacted by someone who has been inspired by our memories page who is interested in staging a Troopers Hill drama event, involving children and adults of all ages to share memories of Troopers Hill. This will need a lot of help if the idea goes ahead. If you would like to help us run events or fund-raise for them please get in touch via our website.



### *St George Strollers*

Come and enjoy beautiful Autumn colours on our Walking for Health walks.

### *Walking festival*

We were pleased to contribute five walks to the festival exploring the beauty of East Bristol.

### *Meetings and Work Parties*

We'll be publishing dates for our 2017 meetings and other events in December. look out for our 2017 leaflet.

[www.troopers-hill.org.uk/meetings.htm](http://www.troopers-hill.org.uk/meetings.htm)

### *2016 on Troopers Hill*

Come to our slideshow review of the year. Rob has some wonderful images to show you and there will be hot drinks, cake and a chance to chat. All welcome. December 1, 7.15-9pm, Summerhill Methodist Church, 5 Air Balloon Road, BS5 8LB

### *Contact*

For any further information please contact Susan on 0117 947 5037 or write to: Friends of Troopers Hill, Corkers Hill, Bristol, BS5 8DT or email: [friends@troopers-hill.org.uk](mailto:friends@troopers-hill.org.uk)



## Troopers Hill Field playground celebration

Come to our celebration of our lovely new play area on Saturday October 22. Meet us and the bagpipers of Avon Glen Pipes and Drums by Troopers Hill upper chimney at 11.30am. Walk with us (short and flat!) to the play area where the children of the parents who've made this happen will pull ribbons at the official opening.

## Chimney works



The upper chimney of Troopers Hill is now covered in scaffolding. Many thanks to Bristol City Council for carrying out this final stage of four years maintenance work on our upper and lower chimneys. Both are Grade II listed structures and a valuable part of Bristol's industrial heritage. Initial estimates suggest the work should take two weeks to complete.

## Photographic survey

This year there was another photographic survey with photos taken from the same spots as in previous years so we can monitor changes in plant life and help us make ecological decisions about managing the Hill. There are some fascinating photos of previous surveys on our website.

**More information at: [www.troopers-hill.org.uk](http://www.troopers-hill.org.uk)**

