## This is Troopers Hill



## A very special place!



## www.troopers-hill.org.uk Welcome



# www.troopers-hill.org.uk Review of the Year - 2009





#### **Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve Green Flag Award Winner 2009/10**



#### A big thank you to everyone at Bristol Parks



Bristol Green Flag Sites 2007

- Troopers Hill
- The Downs



Bristol Green Flag Sites 2008

- Troopers Hill
- The Downs
- Queens Square
- Blaise Castle Estate



Bristol Green Flag Sites 2009

- Troopers Hill
- The Downs
- Queens Square
- Blaise Castle Estate
- St Pauls Park
- Ashton Court



#### Green Flag Award Winner 2009/2010

#### **Troopers Hill Nature Reserve**

**Bristol City Council** 

Given in recognition of achieving the national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales.

Dr. Henry Tam Deputy Director Community Empowerment Delivery Communities and Local Government













### Green Flag Process

- Application made by Bristol Parks in Nov
- Management Plan Submission Jan
- Judging May
- Results July



### Green Flag Process

- Sites that received a high score in 2008 and had held the flag for two or more years were not judged in 2009.
- · Sites may have been 'mystery shopped'.



• Green Flag Award Scheme is now run by BTCV, GreenSpace and Keep Britain Tidy.











• GreenSpace have said that they want the scheme to ensure parks are kept in good condition all year not just on judging day.











• Vote for Troopers Hill at www.greenflagaward.org.uk











SkyARTS

Watch One & Other on Sky Arts

#### 2400 Places. 50499 Applicants. If you're not in the draw, you can't win a place!

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#### About me My story

My interests: fitness, reading, geocaching, boating, practical nature conservation work, intend to use the hour to practise yoga. I'm looking forward to living with my lovely husband on a narrowboat when I retire, travelling all the waterways of the UK and geocaching our way around), but taking our time to do it. See http://www.geocaching.com

Meanwhile we enjoy being closely involved with our local nature reserve support group in East Bristol You can find out more about us here. http://www.troopers-hill.org.uk.







# www.troopers-hill.org.uk Hill Management

#### Bristol Parks A Management Plan for Troopers Hill Nature Reserve Revised January 2007













## www.troopers-hill.org.uk Work Parties

#### January 2009







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#### February 2009





#### March 2009



## April 2009



#### August 2009



#### September 2009



#### September 2009



#### September 2009



#### November 2009



#### November 2009



#### December 2009



#### Work Parties 2009

February postponed due to snow

June rained off

August, October & November all shortened due to wet weather



## www.troopers-hill.org.uk Greendown Works

#### Greendown Works

Funded by YANSEC

 Grant of over £20,000 awarded February 2008

- Entrance Works
- Three new signs
- Three new benches



**Benefiting the Environment** 































## www.troopers-hill.org.uk Bristol Parks

### **Troopers Hill Contacts Dec 2008**

- Head of Bristol Parks Peter Wilkinson
- Parks Operations Manager Vacant
- Green Flag Advice Phil Williamson
- Community Parks Manager Claire Adams
- Local Nature Reserves Officer not funded Bristol Contract Services
- Team leader Dave Cambridge
- 'Parkie' Julian Thomas

### **Troopers Hill Contacts Dec 2009**

- Head of Bristol Parks Vacant
- Parks Operations Manager Rob Thurston
- Area Parks Manager Jamie Roberts
- Community Parks Officer Gary Brentnall
- Local Nature Reserves Officer not funded
- Head Gardner Dave Cambridge
- Community Park Keeper Julian Thomas
- Interim CPK Keith



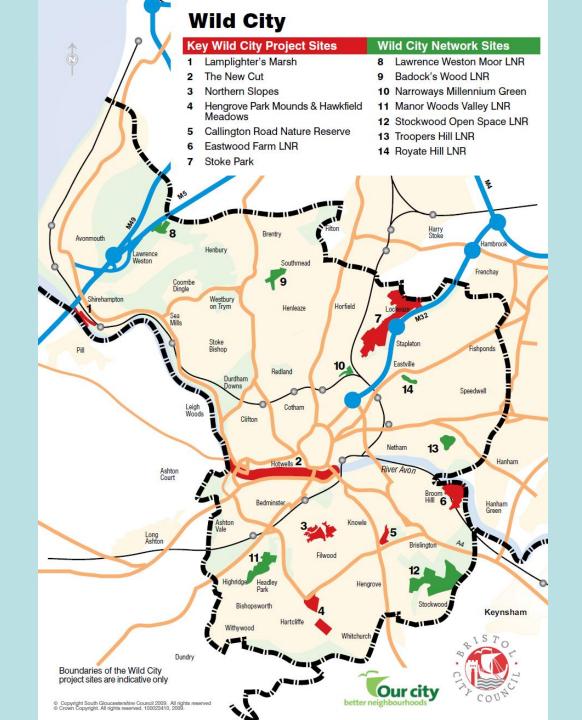


# Friends of **Troopers Hill**

## www.troopers-hill.org.uk Wild City

## Wild City!

- An exciting new project encouraging communities in the City of Bristol to access nature on their doorstep
- Bristol City Council is bidding to Natural England for Access to Nature funding for an exciting new three-year project called Wild City.
- This should provide funding for 1 and maybe 2 Local Nature Reserve Officers.



# Friends of **Troopers Hill**

## www.troopers-hill.org.uk 2009 Events

#### Photos

## Friends of **Troopers Hill**

## www.troopers-hill.org.uk Troopers Hill Field

### **New Play Facilities**

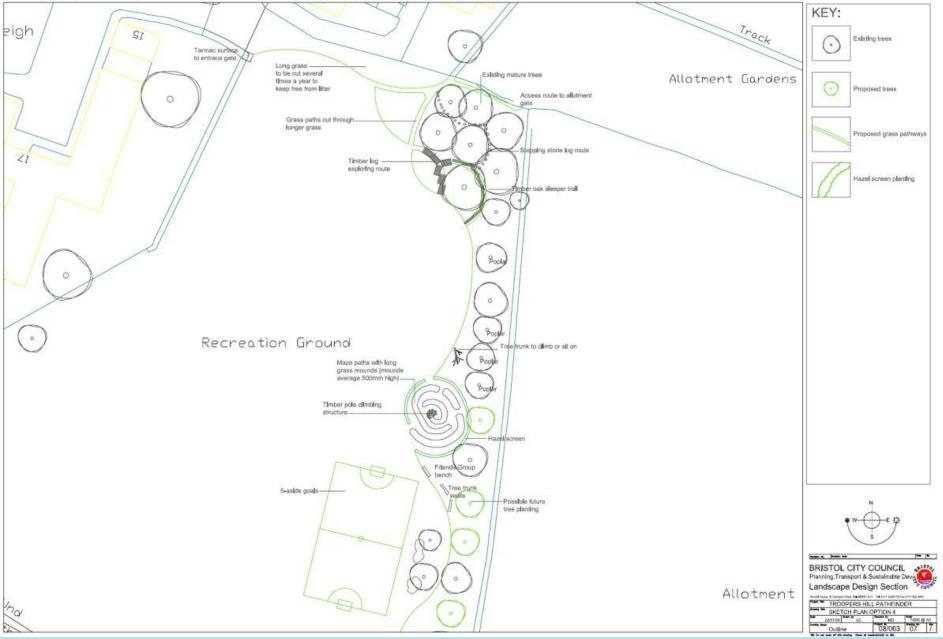
 Funded from the £10,000 available from the Play Pathfinder Scheme aimed at children aged 8 - 13 years.

 Managed and constructed by Bristol Parks.





#### TROOPERS HILL FIELD PATHFINDER











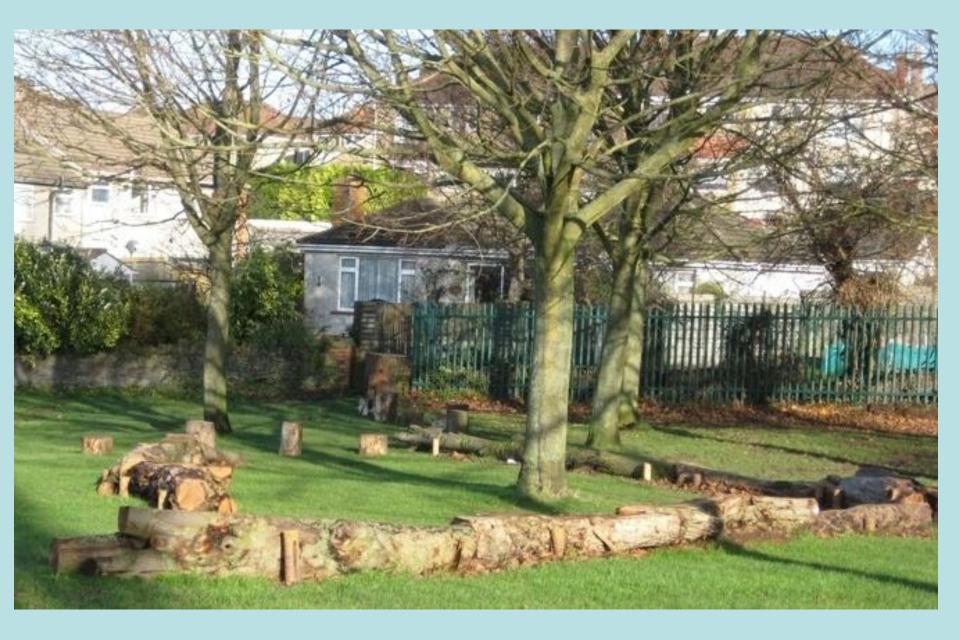












### Official Opening Sat 5<sup>th</sup> December





department for children, schools and families





## www.troopers-hill.org.uk Newsletters



# Distributed to a "membership" of 200 people.

Approx 126 receive the email copy.

All these people have contacted us since February 2007.

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# Friends of Troopers Hill



#### - Home

- Work Parties
- Events
- Newsletters
- Meetings
- Funds
- Forum
- Contact
- Young Friends
- Nature in the City
- Friends' Friends
- Video Project
- Photo Survey

#### - LNR

- The Field
- The Woods
- Management Plan
- Wildlife
- Geology
- History
- Memories
- Old Photographs 0753

"the barren and quarried hill, with its yellow spots of broom, and its purple shade of heath" (Elisabeth Emra 1830)



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Troopers Hill Field Play Area Works >>

#### Dog Show 2009 Photos >>

Our Newsletter "The Hill" 2009 Events Programme How to Get to Troopers Hill Site Information Leaflets Interpretation Board Local Live Bird's Eye View Bristol City Council GIS Map Bristol's Wildlife Sites

St George Neighbourhood Partnership

Information line 0753 161 5983 Our new information line has directions to Troopers Hill and the latest information on future events.

# Friends of **Troopers Hill**

# www.troopers-hill.org.uk Income and Expenditure

#### **Donations & Grants**

• Beeses £535

• NHS £243 – for Tai Chi

• PCS £50 – for craft materials

• St George NP £520 – for dog bin

#### **Donations & Grants**



#### 2009 Accounts

• Spent £1,834.24

• Received £1,860.22



## www.troopers-hill.org.uk Elections



# www.troopers-hill.org.uk Plans for Next Year

## Meetings for 2010

• At Summerhill Methodist Church

- Next Meeting:
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010
- 7.15pm

#### Issues for 2010

- Area Green Space Plan for St George
- Public Consultation June 2010

- St George Neighbourhood Partnership
- Devolved Powers & new structure

### Events for 2010

- Music on the Hill
- Family Fun Picnic Storytelling & Juggling
- Dog Show
- Tai Chi Demonstration & class
- Work Parties
- Avon Valley Walk visit to Bath House
- Dawn Chorus Walk
- Fungi Foray

#### Photo Competition 2010

 Have you enjoyed the photos in this slide show?

• Why not have a go yourself in 2010?

• Entry is free and the theme is:

'Enjoying Troopers Hill Through The Year'

#### Photo Competition 2010

 Prizes for the best photographs taken at events on Troopers Hill during 2010

• Two sections – under 16 and 16 & over

 See <u>www.troopers-hill.org.uk</u> and 'The Hill' for details in the New Year





# www.troopers-hill.org.uk That's all folks!