

# TROOPERS HILL

Spring newsletter 2017

## Little Elizabeth's bench

Thanks to generous donations we raised money to buy a replacement bench.

We asked the council to place the order when Bristol Parks next needed a quantity of benches.

Unfortunately before the order could be placed the council started a spending freeze. The order will be placed as soon as the freeze lifts.

## Photo surveys

Find out what is threatening the valuable wildlife habitats on Troopers Hill? Photo monitoring has been carried out on Troopers Hill since 1994.

These photos and the latest ecological report giving recommendations for the future management of the hill will be on display on our stand at St George Community Fair.

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## Troopers Hill

Hello and welcome to our winter newsletter. Last year saw the end of our successful Troopers Hill Play project with the opening of a brand new play area on Troopers Hill Field.

We are focusing on two projects for 2017:

- 'Access for All' to improve access to the hill across Troopers Hill Field
- 'Protecting Wildlife & People' to replace rotting wooden fences along Troopers Hill Road

For both these projects we will be working with Bristol Parks to get quotes for the work and identify possible sources of funding. We will also be working with Bristol Parks to produce an updated Management Plan for the period 2017 - 2022.

Find out more at [www.troopers-hill.org.uk/plan.htm#2017](http://www.troopers-hill.org.uk/plan.htm#2017)

Or come along to our stand at the St George Community Fair, Saturday 11 March, 11am-2pm, at St Aidans Church Hall on Nicholas Lane, BS5 8TZ.



## New geology board

In December 2016, a new geology interpretation board was installed at the top of the hill near the chimney.

Funding for the board was provided by Bristol City Council as part of a project to help promote greater enjoyment and understanding of Bristol's Local Nature Reserves, and The Geologists' Association through their 'Curry Fund'.

## New walk leaders

St George Strollers volunteer walk leader numbers dropped to three towards the end of 2016, so the Strollers were delighted when seven of their regular walkers volunteered for and attended walk leader training.

Find out more at the St George Community Fair or telephone Liz Scott on 0117 952 2513



Many thanks to Crews Hole's Woodwise Academy (Didac Ltd) who have funded this issue

## Forest explorers



Educators Mali Kedward and Amy Stone have volunteered to trial some low cost forest explorers sessions on Mondays; a toddler group in the morning and an after school club in the afternoon.

Read more on our website or visit our stall at the St George Community Centre fair.

## Volunteer on the hill



**"FUN, FRIENDLY AND WORTHWHILE"**  
**TROOPERS HILL CONSERVATION WORK PARTIES**



Threats to the Hill's wildlife habitats mean that we need volunteers more than ever.

Please tell us when you can help. If enough people are free at the same time we will see if our volunteer work

party leaders can run some extra work parties. Call Susan on 0117 947 5037 and let her know when you are free to help.

## What's on



**Moth night:** Find out more about these beautiful and often colourful creatures.  
 Friday 19th May, 2017  
 9.30pm



**Avon Valley walk** Sunday 21st May 10.30am. Places are free but **MUST** be booked. Call Susan on 0117 947 5037