

# Friends of Parkwood Springs

our country park in the city

## Activity Programme

### 2018

**All are welcome at our meetings.**

Further information can be found on our website: [www.parkwood-springs.org.uk](http://www.parkwood-springs.org.uk), on Facebook: /FriendsOfParkwoodSprings/, by emailing [parkwood.springs@gmail.com](mailto:parkwood.springs@gmail.com), or by telephoning 0114 234 2321.

**We look forward to seeing you!**

#### January

Sat 13.1.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 2.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
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Thu 18.1.18	<b>FPS Open Meeting</b> - St Catherine's School - 7.00pm to 9.00pm. (Doors open 6.30pm for tea/coffee).
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Sat 20.1.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park.
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#### February

Sat 10.2.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 2.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
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Sat 17.2.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park.
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#### March

Sat 10.3.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 2.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
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Thu 15.3.18	<b>FPS Open Meeting</b> - St Catherine's School - 7.00pm to 9.00pm (Doors open 6.30pm for tea/coffee).
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Sat 17.3.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park. <b>FPS Art event</b> - 1.00pm to 3.00pm, meet near the sculpture in the Cooks Wood Road car park.
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Sat 24.3.18	<b>South Yorkshire Orienteers</b> - 12.30pm-3.00pm local and schools event for all ages and abilities, ideal for newcomers. <a href="http://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk">www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk</a>
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#### April

Sat 14.4.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 14.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park. <b>FPS Art event</b> - 2.00pm to 4.00pm, meet near the sculpture in the Cooks Wood Road car park.
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Sat 21.4.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park. <b>FPS Pond Life Walk</b> with Angus Hunter, City Council ecologist. Meet at Cooks Wood Road car park at 1.30pm.
Sat 28.4.18	<b>Midlands MTB series</b> - mountain bike racing all day. <a href="https://midlandscxc.com">https://midlandscxc.com</a>
<b>May</b>	
Thu 3.5.18	<b>FPS Annual General Meeting</b> - St Catherine's School - 7.00pm to 9.00pm (Doors open 6.30pm for tea/coffee).
Sat 5.5.18	<b>FPS Dawn Chorus walk</b> with John Robinson from RSPB. Meet at 5.00am Cooks Wood Road car park (join us for breakfast afterwards).
Sat 12.5.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 14.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
Sat 19.5.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet Cooks Wood Road car park. <b>FPS Tree walk</b> with Tim Shortland, City Council Community Forestry Manager. Meet at 1.30pm at the Cooks Wood Road car park.
<b>June</b>	
Sat 9.6.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 2.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
Sat 16.6.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park.
Wed 20.6.18	<b>Viridor site visit</b> with Clive Barber, Restoration Manager, Viridor. Meet at the Viridor offices, Parkwood Road at 2.00pm. Book your place at <a href="mailto:parkwood.springs@gmail.com">parkwood.springs@gmail.com</a> or 0777 156 4883.
<b>July</b>	
Sat 14.7.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 2.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
Thu 19.7.18	<b>FPS Open Meeting</b> - St Catherine's School - 7.00pm to 9.00pm (Doors open 6.30pm for tea/coffee), with Clive Barber, Restoration Manager, Viridor
Sat 21.7.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park.
<b>August</b>	
Sat 11.8.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 2.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
Sat 18.8.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park.

<b>September</b>	
Sat 8.9.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 2.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
Sat 15.9.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park.
Thu 27.9.18	<b>FPS Open Meeting</b> - St Catherines School - 7.00pm to 9.00pm. (Doors open 6.30pm for tea/coffee).
<b>October</b>	
Sat 6.10.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 2.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
Sat 13.10.18	<b>Lantern Procession</b> - 5.45pm to 7.30pm, starting from the football fields near Cooks Wood Road.
Sat 20.10.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park.
Sun 21.10.18	<b>Small mammal survey</b> with Val Clinging from the Sorby Natural History Society. Meet at the Cooks Wood Road car park at 8.30am.
Sat 27.10.18	<b>FPS Fungi walk</b> with Ziggy Senkans from Sorby Natural History Society. 11.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park.
<b>November</b>	
Sat 10.11.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 2.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
Thu 15.11.18	<b>FPS Open Meeting</b> - St Catherine's School - 7.00pm to 9.00pm (Doors open 6.30pm for tea/coffee).
Sat 17.11.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park.
<b>December</b>	
Sat 8.12.18	<b>Forest Garden</b> - Gardening Session 11.00am to 2.00pm, meet at 10.45am Cooks Wood Road car park.
Sat 15.12.18	<b>FPS Conservation Session</b> - 10.00am to 12.30pm, meet at Cooks Wood Road car park.

### **FPS Conservation Session**

We meet with the City Council Ranger at 10.00am in the car park on Cooks Wood Road. We work on a variety of tasks, for example maintaining our Lowland Heathland, developing wildflower meadows, making sure paths are unobstructed and the area is clean and tidy. We have a break for a drink and a chat at about 11.15am and finish by 12.30pm. All tools are provided by the Ranger, who gives training in the use of equipment. Wear sturdy shoes, warm clothes in winter, and **come and join us**.

## **Forest Garden**

Tim Shortland from the City Council Forestry team leads the Forest Garden sessions. The Forest Garden is a productive managed woodland, which produces food for both people and wildlife. It is designed to need a small amount of input; some weeding, and a bit of mulching and pruning. No digging is used, except for removing weeds. We are looking forward to harvesting blackcurrants, gooseberries, raspberries, plums, apples, blackberries, kiwi fruit, and strawberries. We meet in the car park on Cooks Wood Road at 10.45am and walk over to the garden for 11.00am. We have a break at 1.00pm, you can bring your own drink and snack or food to share. We usually make a hot drink too. We finish at around 2.00pm. All tools and appropriate training are provided. Wear sturdy shoes, warm clothes in winter, and **come and join us**. The garden is a beautiful tranquil place, where all are welcome.

## **Art events**

Come and join us for a drawing/painting session as we begin to make a collection of art work representing Parkwood Springs. No experience needed, just a willingness to have some fun trying anything from bark rubbing to watercolour painting. You can bring any materials that you have at home - paper, pens, pencils, crayons etc. or we can provide things if you need them. Bring a garden chair if you would like. All ages from 2 to 92 (or older!) welcome, children will need to be accompanied by an adult. The art events follow a morning activity on Parkwood Springs, so if you want to come to both, bring a picnic and make a day of it! We will meet near the sculpture in the Cooks Wood Road car park, which is where the morning activities will finish.