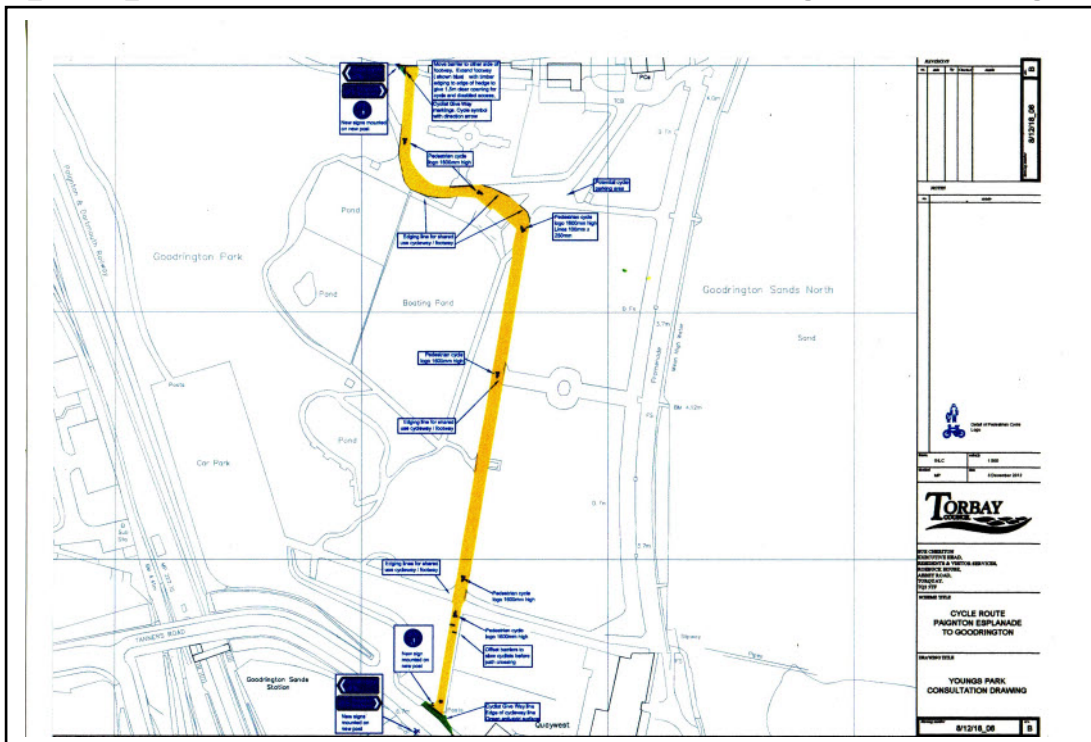


# newsletter



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## The proposed cycle route through Young's Park



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Torbay Council is currently consulting on a proposed cycle route, linking Paignton Harbour to the shops at Waterside, Goodrington. The route will come up from the harbour across Roundham Headland, joining up with the highway at Roundham Gardens, then onto Alta Vista Road, down Braeside Road and into Young's Park through the gateway at Young's Park Road. In the park, the cycle route will be a shared route with neither pedestrians nor cyclists having priority. The route favoured by the council will follow the main central path, across the park and up the slope to join Tanners Road. From Tanners Road it will continue onto South Sands promenade where, at the far end, cyclists will be required to dismount during the summer months. This is because when the beach huts are in position the pathway is not wide enough to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

A copy of the route through Young's Park is displayed here, but a more detailed copy and more information is available on the council website:

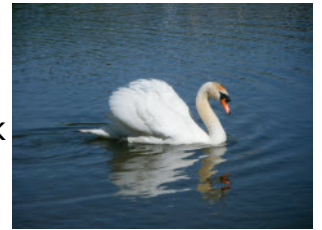
**[www.torbay.gov.uk](http://www.torbay.gov.uk)**

Now is the time to have your say and put forward your views on this proposed cycle route. The consultation is open until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

You can email your comments to: **[highways@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:highways@torbay.gov.uk)** or write to: **Residents and Visitor Services, Lower Ground Floor, Town Hall, Torquay, TQ1 3DR**

# Young Swans flown the nest

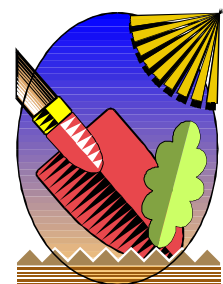
All of last year's batch of cygnets have now moved on. One was taken by the RSPCA, after concerns from a member of the public. Two were taken into 'protective custody', after "dad" was a little rough in chasing them off. Unfortunately, one was killed by a dog. The Police and RSPB were involved after this Christmas Day attack and we understand that the dog responsible for the attack has been put down. As far as we can tell the remaining cygnets have "flown the coup". All being well, the next generation should be appearing in the next couple of months.



## Clearing the waterways



Once again many thanks to the volunteers who came and helped clear the waterways in the wildfowl conservation area in late January and February. Although the work was quite heavy going at times, it is always very rewarding when you can see the great results after just a couple of hours. We will be back in the conservation area again in September, so should any members wish to lend a hand - even if it's just an hour here and there - please contact the secretary. Not only does it help you keep fit, it is also great fun!



Many thanks to Mark Ilsley from Tor2 who very kindly arranged for some bags of Zoo Poo to be given to Young's Park People to use on the flowerbeds this year. With all the bad weather we have had, there is little nutrient left in the soil and this natural fertilizer will be invaluable. Thanks also to Ray the gardener who did all the hard work in delivering!!

## Wildfowl Conservation Area Management Plan

The Council asked YPP, who produced the last conservation area management plan, to update this document. Ruth along with Hannah, who has a BSC(Hons) in Wildlife Conservation, revamped the management plan to cover the the next 10 years. Very little change has been made to the original management plan as a Conservation Area should have as little human disturbance as possible. This document is used for the Green Flag entry, the Bay Bloom entry, as well as for the council's Green Spaces plan for Torbay.



## Beach Huts

It may be noticed that there are a lot more beach huts in Young's Park. The reason for this is due to the land fall onto the promenade under Cliff Walk. Access has been blocked and the council is awaiting engineer's report on the condition of the cliff face, before repair work can commence. The Council asked if YPP had any objections to the "temporary" siting of the beach huts in the Park, that would normally be positioned along the Cliff Gardens promenade.

At a committee meeting there were no objections as long as the Bishop of Exeter was consulted, as this section of the park is, of course, consecrated land.



# Membership renewals

It is that time of year again when membership subscriptions are due. It seems like only a few months ago I was asking for you to rejoin YPP & PAG. Your membership is still hugely important; as it gives us a voice with the Council and Tor2. One person writing to complain about an issue important to them, unfortunately carries little weight but as a group, who has a council officer at every committee meeting speaking for 100+ like minded park users does. This year Membership subs are £5 per person. Not a lot even in these austere times, but we have had to make this increase due to price increases in everything from postage to plants. So please **do** renew your membership, to help continue making a difference to these beautiful parks. A renewal form is attached for completion.

There are a number of ways to return your membership forms.

- By post to the secretary (address bottom of page 4)
- Hand deliver ~ there is a mail box on the main front door of the Harwin Apartments (overlooking the park) with the YPP & PAG logo on
- On the door at the AGM on 1st May - you need to have renewed your membership to be entitled to vote!

## Dates for the Diary AGM

Wednesday 1st May 2013 at St George's Church at 7.00 pm



## Bandstand events:~

Spectrum Music	Sunday 19th MAY	2.00 - 4.00pm
Torbay Concert Brass	Wednesday 5th JUNE	7.30 - 9.00pm
Spectrum Music	Sunday 16th JUNE	2.00 - 4.00pm
Torbay Concert Brass	Wednesday 3th JULY	7.30 - 9.00pm
Spectrum Music	Sunday 21st JULY	2.00 - 4.00pm
Music in the Air	Sunday 4th AUGUST	from 1.00pm
Torbay Concert Brass	Wednesday 7th AUGUST	7.30 - 9.00pm
Spectrum Music	Sunday 18th AUGUST	2.00 - 4.00pm

[All events are weather dependent](#)

More events are to be confirmed shortly; keep an eye on the notice board & web-site.

## Membership Details

Due now please!! If you have an e-mail address or changed your old one please let us know. It is more cost effective for the group, saving on expensive postage!

## Gardening

Gardening sessions are starting again now. Many thanks go out to Sue and her loyal team, who will be working their magic on the flowerbeds again this year. If you are able to spare any time, no matter how little, please phone or email and we will let you have details.



# Annual General Meeting

This years AGM will be held on Wednesday 1st May, in the Church Hall at St George's Church at Three Beaches. This is the church on the Dartmouth Road adjacent to the Co-operative store. Commencing at 7.00pm prompt and there will be some free parking at the Church. The attendance at last years' AGM was not huge, so maybe having Mr Ian Jones from Torbay Council's Highways department at the meeting, to give us a presentation on the proposed cycle route through Young's Park might encourage a higher turnout!

Members wishing to submit resolutions for discussion at the AGM should let the secretary have these in writing, at least 14 days prior to the AGM (i.e. before 16th April) Please attend if you can as this is your group and we do want to know your views.

## Social Events

*Our annual Christmas dinner was held at the Weary Ploughman, in Churston. Once again we were very well looked after by the staff and the food was excellent. Information on our next social will be publicized shortly.*



## P.A.G. News

The new water pump will be turned back on for Easter. It has been turned off for the winter due to the possibility of freezing. This happened to be a wise decision as the fountain in Princess Gardens in Torquay, froze up only a couple of days ago ~ in mid March!!

Christine Carter our Chair approached Palace Avenue Methodist Church and they have very kindly offered to top up the water feature reservoir during the summer. This is great news -so should we have a hot summer the feature will continue to look good.

The benches will be treated with linseed oil this summer, when we have had a dry spell of at least five days to allow the wood to dry out!



Herring gull enjoying a drink

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