

BARFORD ROAD POCKET PARK NEWSLETTER

What a year so far.....

Well, its February already. So far this year, everything has been going quite well. We have had the big weekend work party you may have read about in previous newsletters. This proved to be a great success with 8 people (plus myself) coming along both days to help build the new bird watching screen. We enjoyed two whole days of good english wintery weather, but had plenty of hot coffee and even some campfire chili to warm us up.

The screen is nearly finished now, but there is still more to do to make the pathway to the screen accessible. The path at the minute is just a quite lumpy grass path. I aim to build a track on top of this to make it more user friendly for visitors. This will be one of the main tasks for volunteers on the coming work parties.



Left: Gill shows the fence who's boss.....

Right: The team take a well earned break.

Below left: Its getting there slowly.....

Below right: After day 1 we had got this far, but still a long way to go.....



You can see these pictures and a full write up of the weekends event at www.barford-pocket-park.btck.co.uk.

Or on our Facebook page, Just search 'Barford Road Pocket Park' in the search box and "Like" the park.



Find us on
Facebook

Who would have thought that just over a week ago it was just rain and mud everywhere? Then in one night we had 5 inches of snow, and another 2 inches followed by some very heavy frosts.

Despite having to cancel work parties and slipping and sliding everywhere, the snow and frost was a great time to be out and about in the park and made it look very photogenic. One of my regular volunteers Jason spent the day in the park taking some great snaps of people enjoying the snow and some of the views.



Above left: A family taking a walk in the snow
Left: A snowman keeping watch over the boats.
Above: Footprints in the ice on the marina.

Upcoming Work Parties

Having just cancelled a work party because of bad weather, I am now planning to catch up with work missed by planning some more volunteer days. Below are the dates for them. We have some great jobs coming up including the completion of the willow screen for birdwatching, some path building, some fencing and many other jobs to help improve the park.

We are always looking for new volunteers on our ever more popular work parties. If you would like to come out and help please feel free, your help will be more than welcome.

Just come along on the day, no need to book, just make sure you wear clothes and footwear suitable for the weather on the day. I normally bring hot tea and coffee for willing volunteers and if I remember, some biscuits too!

Work Party Dates....

Sunday the 26th February

Saturday 10th March

Sunday 15th April

All these dates start at 10am. We always meet at the entrance to the park nearest the school. Just turn up, no need to book at all.

Wellington boots or sturdy walking boots are advised for all work parties.



Contact Details.....

For details about work parties, upcoming events, or want to know about the park or have any queries or comments at all, below are my contact details.

Mobile: 07747 456 150

Landline: 01480 406 795

E-mail: paxtonpits@btconnect.com

The Friends of Barford Road Pocket Park website always has news of latest happenings. You can find this at www.barford-pocket-park.btck.co.uk

PLEASE USE THESE DETAILS IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME REGARDING ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE PARK.