

# FRIENDS OF Woodmill Park



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## Park improvements are praised by visitors

### Welcome to Woodmill Park Newsletter!

Many people have been expressing their pleasure with recent enhancements to Woodmill Park.

Some improvements you may have noticed include new fencing; picnic tables; planters; planting of new trees; grass-cutting; and the installation of bird and bat boxes to benefit wildlife.

Torrance Community Initiative, which manages this community-owned resource on behalf of all Torrance residents, is grateful to the small band of helpers who have worked hard to achieve these improvements.

Everyone is welcome to come along and explore the 'Fairy Trails', use the picnic tables and admire the wood carvings. While there, look for the birds that live in and around the park - there are pictures along the trails of some you might see.



Top: Visitors to the Fairy Trail.

Above: Bird and bat boxes benefit the park's wildlife.

The Fairy Trails are an exciting adventure for pre-school children. The Easter Egg Hunt was a highly successful fun day. Of course, some children want to take the trail's ornamental figures home, so we ask parents to ensure these are left in place for everyone to enjoy. Children are welcome to add their own 'gifts' for the fairies and elves and many have enjoyed doing so.

## New planters add a spot of colour

Planters, cared for by our volunteers, have added some colour and interest to the park. When one of the small conifers was stolen from a planter this year, a replacement was kindly donated and has so far survived.

Woodmill Park offers a place where Torrance residents of all ages can enjoy healthy outdoor recreation - help us to keep it safe and welcoming for everyone.





## Ghostly goings-on at Woodmill Park!

The Fairy Trails proved to be an ideal venue for Halloween fun and games on the afternoon of October the 29th.

Children up to seven years old, in weird and wonderful costumes, came along to celebrate all things spooky.

They doked for apples, hunted for 'magic balls' in the trails, caught dangling doughnuts and generally had a magical time.

Thanks to all who visited our stall that afternoon and made a donation.



## Carvings are a big hit

This year we were delighted to be awarded funding for some splendid woodcarvings. Installed with help from volunteers, these now accompany the park's 'Fairy Trails'.

The carvings, depicting wild animals and fairies, have been a big hit with visitors of all ages.

## Woodmill Park Events

- Our next event is the Annual General Meeting of the management committee in the Caldwell Hall, December 4th at 7.30pm.
- A litter clean-up will be taking place in February of 2018. Come along and help us tidy up!

## Getting involved in Woodmill Park...

Woodmill Park, part of which forms the football field, is located at the end of Woodmill Drive off Campsie Road. The park is cared for on behalf of the village by a group of volunteers. Maintenance and improvements, from litter-picking to planting, are on-going activities. Our volunteers find it both enjoyable and rewarding.

If you would like to help, contact any member of the management committee: Douglas Slowman 01360 622132; Janice Rosie 622438; Irene McGill 622643; Julie Wilson 620726; or simply come along to any advertised event and join in.

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