

Friends of Speckled Wood

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



The Trust registers for HMRC Charity in association with HVA.
This month The Trust met with Pat Weaver from Hastings Voluntary Action and were given some very helpful information on what we need to do to register as an HMRC charity The Members of the Trust went away happy and have now sent off all the paper-

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work signed by the committee members.

Meeting with Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust.

Members of the Trust met with Mr Lee Browning from Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust to see if they could assist with removing tipped material from the top area of the Woodland.

The meeting was very successful and Mr Lee Browning has arranged for a group of volunteers to come to the Woodland and help on the 21st and 28th of August. The Trust are looking forward to working with Mr Browning and the volunteers.



Observer Article- Looking Back series.

The well-known and respected Historical Author Victoria Seymour wrote a brilliant article about Speckled Wood and Church Street for her Looking Back series in The Hastings Observer. The article was fabulous, showing a great picture of the children in 1942 sitting on a giant pile of tipped rubbish collected from the wood. The trust re-created this with some of the tipped rubbish collected from the top area of the woodland, on a much smaller scale for a photo shoot to go with the story.



It was wonderful to read how the children of 1942 used to slide down the muddy bank, just as the children of today still do. The Trust want to thank Mrs Victoria Seymour for writing this brilliant article which put a smile on many people's faces.



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The first event to be held in the woodland

On the 31st of July 2013 . The Ore Church Mice Pre-School held the very first 'Come and play in the woodland ' in association with the Trust. The event was very successful despite the rain and over one hundred people turned up. Favourite activities were the

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gruffalo trail , face painting , necklace making and the fabulous cakes made by Kelly and her sisters. A spokesman for the Trust said the even was successful and had left a zero footprint . Special thanks to the Wild Life Trust .



Bats in The Woodland

Serotine Bats were seen flying above the entrance of the Woodland at around 9:41pm on 10th July. 2 members were very excited to see this and were lucky enough to film it flying around on a mobile phone camera. Common pipistrelle were also observed in the Woodland the day after. This proves without doubt that there are Bats in Speckled Wood.

The Trust are trying to get in contact with someone in the area that is capable of doing a full survey.

Local Organisation Donates Handmade Bat Bird and Owl Boxes.

A local group- The Hastings and Bexhill Wood Recycling Project have kindly donated 3 different types of nesting boxes to the Trust, Bird, Bat and Owl boxes to be put up in the woodland. The Trust gratefully accepted these beautifully made boxes which are made entirely from recycled material.



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