



Greening Wymondham

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Winter 2019

Kett's Park Woodland Walk

Ann Rostron

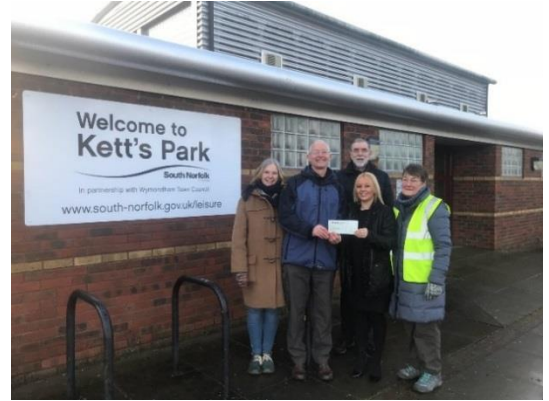
Just before Christmas we received the news that the application for funding from the European Rural Development Fund - LEADER - had been approved! A great Christmas present as this means we have now raised the money needed to fund the work.

We plan to start on site in May, when the ground will hopefully be dry enough for the contractor to get on site. The footpath work will cost £24,880 and take about 3 weeks to complete. We also have to provide new signage and a bench or two.

We are funding the work with the following donations:

European LEADER (Rural Development) Fund	£9,942
Wymondham Town Council	£10,000
Big Lottery Fund	£5,000
Persimmon Homes	£1,000
Waitrose Community Fund	£452
South Norfolk Council Big Litter Pick and draw prize	£250
Netmatters	£200
Other donations and fund raising	£224
Total	£27,068

The work will make the footpath through the wood useable all year round. The present situation through the winter months, as shown in the photo, will hopefully be history. Pushchairs, buggies and wheelchairs will be able to use the path, encouraging more people to enjoy the wood. We are planning a grand opening event in June, with lots of woodland activities, tea and cakes!



Above: A representative from Persimmon Homes handing over a cheque for £1,000.00 towards the Kett's Park Woodland Path.

Below: the current path in wet weather



Support Greening Wymondham with your weekly shop

Graham Moates



Members of the Co-op are currently able to support Greening Wymondham's work at Kett's Park Woodland which has been selected as one of this year's Co-op Community Fund local causes.

In addition to the member's 5% reward, a reward of 1% of the value of eligible purchased items is given to the nominated local cause. Nationally over £42 million has been donated to local causes since November 2017 including £20,034 to causes near to Wymondham. As at 21st Jan, the amount raised for Greening Wymondham stood at £153.91.

If you are already a Co-op member, please select Greening Wymondham as your chosen current project via the Co-op membership web-page. However, if you are not currently a member, just pop into the Market Place store and ask for details or register online at

<https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>.

New scheme launches to tackle plastic bottle pollution in Wymondham

Sue Knights

Greening Wymondham is on a mission to make refilling your water bottle as easy, convenient and cheap as possible, by introducing Refill Stations in Wymondham.

An exciting Refill Scheme has launched which encourages participating restaurants, cafes, and other businesses to sign up to the free Refill app and put a sticker in their window alerting passers-by to the fact they're welcome to fill up their bottle with tap water for free.

The average adult buys more than 3 plastic water bottles every week - a startling 175 bottles every year per person. In total, 7.7 billion plastic water bottles are bought across the UK each year, resulting in substantial amounts of single-use plastic waste ending up in our seas.

City to Sea, a not-for-profit organisation, launched the award-winning Refill Campaign in 2015. It's estimated that the nationwide scheme, supported by Water UK and local water companies, will cut plastic bottle use by tens of millions each year, as well as increasing the availability of quality drinking water.

Greening Wymondham along with South Norfolk Council will be holding an official launch of Refill Wymondham in the near future. For more information and to download the Refill app, visit refill.org.uk



Kett's Park Woodland Management

Peter Knights



This is the second year of our management project at Kett's Park Wood and we continue making great progress in its improvement. The wood having been unmanaged since it was planted twenty years ago, had become overgrown and all of one age limiting biodiversity and restricting access.

We are selectively thinning out trees, coppicing and pollarding, to open up the wood, giving existing trees light and space to flourish and allow an 'understory' of other plants to grow. Unfortunately, most of the ash trees have needed to be felled, due to Ash Dieback, but this has also

given us opportunity by allowing new planting to create a multi age structure supporting greater biodiversity.

Our volunteers meet twice monthly between October and March (avoiding the bird nesting season) gaining insight into woodland management and learning new skills like hedge laying. If you are interested in keeping active in pleasant surroundings whilst contributing to the community, come and join in. The remaining days for this season are Feb 5th & 19th; March 5th & 19th from 9.30am to 3pm (at the latest), any amount of time is greatly appreciated. There are many different tasks for all skill levels and physical ability. For info, contact: Peter Knights by e-mail greening.wymondham@gmail.com.

Greening Wymondham Cards

Caroline Brown

We have had beautiful cards printed featuring our logo hare, designed by Greening Wymondham committee member Ivan Clark, in 4 different but stunning ways. We have already sold the majority of these but there are some still available at Reeves on Market Street.



Forthcoming events/activities

We have several events planned this spring (see above & below) and look forward to seeing you at some of them.

- Saturday 27th April: Great Wymondham Litter Pick #3 - 10 to 1pm, venue tbc