

BURSLEDON WOODLAND PARK TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

- 1 The Woodland Park Community Group, a registered charity (No. 1089740), owns and manages the wood, which is situated between Pilands Wood and Hungerford in Bursledon. The organization came into being in 2001, with set-up funding from Eastleigh Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Esso Petroleum and local housing associations.



Woodland Park. Footbridge from Pilands Wood public open space

- 2 The 2018 Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 14 December in the meeting room at Pilands Wood Centre. The 2018 Annual Report and Accounts were presented and adopted. Trustees and Officers were re-elected. Mandate signatories were re-appointed.
- 3 Also, at the AGM, 4 quarterly meetings on Sunday mornings were arranged for the trustees throughout the year on the first Sundays of March, June, September and December. It was agreed that these meetings would follow work on the site, which would be reported in the Minutes. Stormy weather caused the first meeting in March to be cancelled. Accounts of the other meetings and the activity by Trustees that preceded them will be available on the website.
- 4 In addition, individual trustees have visited to monitor the condition of the paths, stream and trees, to collect litter and take other appropriate action. Eric Reed has made regular visits and achieved a great deal responding to the problems arising from flooding and drainage during the winter months. Other trustees have attended to fallen trees bridges and vandalised bridges.
- 5 Attempts to convene a meeting with interested parties eg Bursledon Parish Council and Pilands Wood Community Association to discuss responsibility for the removal of fly-tipping in and around the stream on the Pilands Wood side have come to nothing unfortunately. It is hoped to make progress on this, now that the transfer of the public open space from EBC to the parish council has been completed.
- 6 At our June meeting, we were delighted to meet a family (mother, father and 2 young children) who live off Reeves Way and to discover that they had adopted the Park and visit regularly to clear rubbish and report fly tipping to the parish council. It is possible that others do the same, judging by the lack of litter on the site.
- 7 We were sad to lose two of our Trustees this year, but hope to recruit some new ones. Some of our plans discussed at last year's AGM and our administration have been put on hold

during the illness of our Hon. Secretary, who contracted Lyme disease, but we hope to make good progress in the forthcoming year. Our first task following this AGM will be to update our entry for the Charity Commission and to move our account to a different bank.

Diane Andrewes
Hon. Secretary
9/12/19