

The Valley Voice

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Dianne's Garden looking beautiful thanks to our volunteers



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Volunteering

The Park is looking great just now thanks in large part to the efforts of many enthusiastic volunteers over the year! There are two organised clean ups each year in Spring and Autumn which involve young and old alike. The most recent events concentrated on litter in the burn with some unusual items, including a small safe, retrieved!

The local scouts lend a hand one evening each year and this year helped by painting railings along Pentland Terrace which the Council ranger, Peter, had identified needing painted. Whether the railings or the scouts got more paint on them is a moot point but the railings look great!

We have also benefited from the weekly input of 8 Duke of Edinburgh candidates who have spent 6 months helping with various tasks in the Park including scraping overgrown grass back from the main path, spreading grit in icy conditions and clearing a ditch beside one of the paths.

In a final push they have moved wood chip across the length of the Park to finish off our new path through the wildflower meadow. Please do visit to admire their efforts and walk the path to help bed it in.

Anyone else looking to help in the Park should email:
volunteering@braidburnvalleypark.org.uk



New Book Exchange Store

Last summer we were all sorry to see that the plastic storage box, placed at the main gates of the park, that had been full of books for everyone to enjoy, ended up being kicked to bits. Our Chairman, Paul Bailey, had seen more formal 'community libraries' on his travels in Edinburgh. He did some research and found many examples from across the UK that he shared with the Committee. Braidburn Valley Park needed something that wouldn't succumb to the local vandals quite as easily as the plastic box had done!

A quick site visit to confirm measurements allowed the production of a plan which was approved by the Committee. All the necessary permissions were sought from the Council and construction got underway. Only time will tell if the design achieves all that it sets out to do. Access must be easy for everyone but the weather must be kept out too. Magnetic catches and simple hooks and eyes should mean that the doors stay closed unless the library is in use. There is a layer of roofing felt between the lining and outer carcass and the wood is treated and, of course, painted which should mean it lasts well.

Alan Smith and Andrew Swann very much enjoyed making the library. Andrew is delighted to have his workshop back now that the library is installed. Praise is due to the Committee for supporting the vision and funding the build. Please now enjoy the library, take a book when one catches your eye but keep it well stocked by donating books that are in good condition that you no longer want. If you ever see one of the doors swinging in the breeze please push it closed and put the hook into the eye!



Tea in the Park 2023

Save the date! Our family friendly event will be back on Saturday 2nd September. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more news!



Last year's event with the all-important Duck Race!

Membership matters

Thank you to the 191 members who have renewed their subscription. If you haven't, please do not delay! For motivation see this account of where your money goes: <http://www.braidburnvalleypark.org.uk/what-your-friends-do/>

If you are in the habit of paying by cash or cheque, please consider setting up a standing order for future payments. It makes administration painless; and will mean there is one less thing for you to remember! You will find a mandate to send to your bank on our website. It contains the FOBVP account details which you'll need if you prefer to set up the payment though online banking.

We still have 23 members we are unable to reach by email. Any member able and willing to (re-) establish email contact with us needs only to email membership@braidburnvalleypark.org.uk to say so. Please do this if you can.



*The park is full of life just now,
with promise of a bountiful
harvest this Autumn!*

