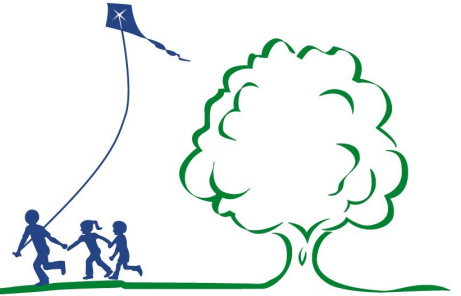


# Warley Woods Community Trust



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## Press Release

### Warley Woods Picnic in the Park – bigger and better!

Warley Woods Community Trust is hosting its ever popular Picnic in the Park on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July – offering a full programme of events and activities for all the family. Everyone is invited to bring a Picnic and spend the afternoon in the sunshine and fresh air. There is no entrance charge.

There will be live music throughout the afternoon featuring local bands including: Dennis Seaton, The Valuable Fools; Dan Hartland; Alex Moir; Alex Lanyon and The Khalgani Dancers. The event will be opened by the Trust's patron, actor Colin Buchanan, best known as Peter Pascoe from BBC's Dalziel and Pascoe.

For the four legged park visitors, there is the dog show – anyone can bring their four legged friend to enter. Classes include the dog that looks most like its owner and the waggiest tail and we will be extending the range of classes this year.

There will be a range of children's activities – lots of craft making opportunities as well as face painting. Dudley Zoo will be visiting bringing some animals for visitors to see. The fire brigade will also be there in force!

The number of stalls and activities have been increased on previous years – there will be golfing, a chocolate fountain and local crafts alongside information stands from the Community Trust, Smethwick History Society and Sandwell Recycling. For those who don't want the fuss of making their own picnic, or if they forget it - there will be a picnic van on site, so no-one will go hungry.

The music starts at 1pm and at 5.15 the Balloon Race will be launched with prizes for the balloon which travels the furthest – last year's winner got to the south of France.

Viv Cole, Trust Manager said "The picnic really is a fixture on the Bearwood-Smethwick Calendar, with people arranging their holidays around it. When we had to cancel last year because of torrential rain, people immediately wanted us to rearrange. We are crossing our fingers that the weather will be kind to us this year."

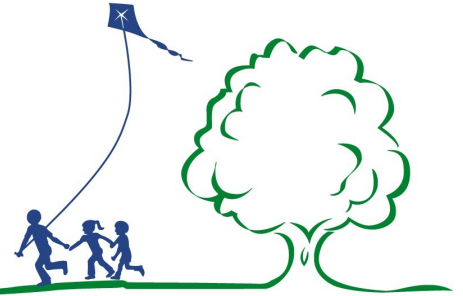
Please come and join us for a fantastic afternoon

Any one who would like to know more can call on 0121 420 1061

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Patrons: Julie Walters OBE, Professor Carl Chinn MBE, Phd. Colin Buchanan. Registered Charity: 1092754 Company Registration: 04214547

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## Notes

- For further information contact: Viv Cole, Trust Manager, 0121 420 1061, 07947 805746, [trustmanager@warleywoods.org.uk](mailto:trustmanager@warleywoods.org.uk)
- Images available from last year's Picnic.
- Warley Woods Community Trust (WWCT) is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. WWCT is the only charity in the United Kingdom to have taken responsibility for an urban park. The organisation was formed to take action, following the long term neglect of the park by Birmingham City Council and to ensure local people had a say in what happened to their park.
- The park is leased to Sandwell MBC for 99 years and has been subleased to WWCT for the same period of time.
- It is managed by a Board of Trustees which is made up of local people. The Trust's membership now numbers around 700 individuals and there are over 60 active volunteers.
- The Park was named the People's Park after it was saved from becoming sold for housing by public subscription in 1906.