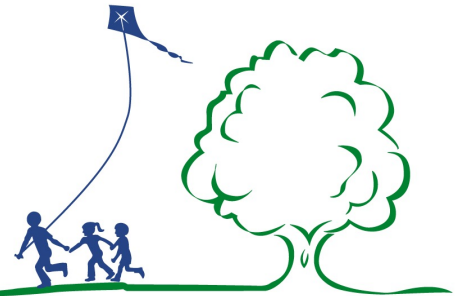


# Warley Woods Community Trust



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## Press Release

### Warley Woods Community Trust announces its Events Calendar for 2009

Building on the success of its events in 2008, Warley Woods is planning even more events in 2009, with something happening every month.

The year begins with the Big Birdwatch on 24<sup>th</sup> January – starting at 10am in the shop at the Pavilion. Liz Coleman, RSPB and Trust volunteer will be leading the bird watch. Help with bird identification will be given and it will last for an hour. The results will be fed into the national RSPB Birdwatch data.

On Valentine's Day – the Warley Woods café, famous for its butties and burgers will be turned into a romantic restaurant for one night only. A five course menu will be available for £30. As space is limited and demand is likely to be high for such an unusual romantic location, early booking is recommended.

Mother's Day is on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and there will be a buggy fit sponsored event when Mums will be given the day off and it will be the Dads turn to exercise in the Woods with their youngsters.

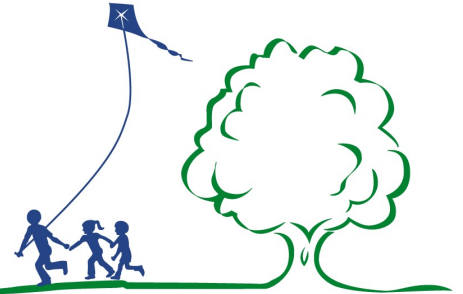
On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Steve Cemm will be leading a walk around the Woods in the early evening, exploring all of the historical aspects of Warley Woods including the creation of the estate by Humphry Repton for Samuel Galton Junior, through to its opening as a public park in 1906 and its more recent history.

On Easter Monday the Community Trust will be holding its Easter Egg Event – starting at 11am. There will be an Easter Egg Rolling Competition, a painted egg Competition and an Easter Quiz Trail around the Woods. Hot cross buns will be available at the Café.

The year will continue with events similar to 2008: the spring stroll (May), the tree walk (June), the bat walk (August) and the extremely popular Ghost Walk (October). There will also be the Trust's major events – Picnic in the Park (July) and Santa in the Woods (December) and a new active history event in September for Heritage Open Weekend.

The Trust is also hoping to add two new events to the calendar, but have not yet confirmed partners for the events. It is hoping to run a dog agility event in August and have a brass band concert on Father's Day in June. If anyone was able to help be part of these events, then the Community Trust would love to hear from them.

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Viv Cole, Trust Manager said “The Community Trust really enjoys putting on events as they give opportunities for more people to find new ways of enjoying, exploring and sometimes learning more about the hidden side of the park’s landscape. All of the events should be fun and we have had great feedback from the events we held in 2008. We hope there is something for everyone and that is there always another great event to look forward to in each month.”

For more information on any of the events, please call the Trust office on 0121 420 1061 or look at the Trust’s website [www.warleywoods.org.uk](http://www.warleywoods.org.uk)

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## Notes

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- 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 120 active volunteers.
- The Park was named the People’s Park after it was saved from becoming sold for housing by public subscription in 1906.