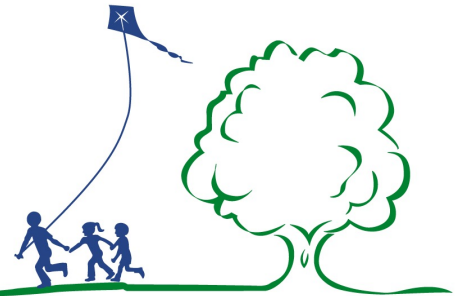


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Press Release

Warley Woods Picnic in the Park and Fountain Rededication

Warley Woods Community Trust is hosting its ever popular Picnic in the Park on Sunday 12th 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: Alex Moir, Accord, Steven Handley, Boomshadow, The Elevators and Gypsy Blood. Following increasing requests for brass band music in the park, Sandwell Youth Brass will feature in two slots during the afternoon. The music starts at 1pm

For the four legged park visitors, there is the dog show – anyone can bring their canine friend to enter. Classes include the dog that looks most like its owner and the waggiest tail.

There will be a range of children's activities – lots of craft making opportunities as well as face painting and football. The number of stalls and activities have been increased on previous years – there will be golfing, a chocolate fountain, a bookstall 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 event will be opened by the Trust's patron, actor Colin Buchanan, best known as Peter Pascoe from BBC's Dalziel and Pascoe. Colin will also be rededicating the restored Edwardian Drinking Fountain at 4.15 which has been restored over the last four months with funding from WREN, Cory Environmental Trust in Britain and Sandwell MBC.

Viv Cole, Trust Manager said "The picnic really is a fixture on the Bearwood-Smethwick Calendar, with people arranging their holidays around it. We are crossing our fingers that the weather will be kind to us this year."

This year's event is sponsored by Global Food and Global Wine of Abbey Road.

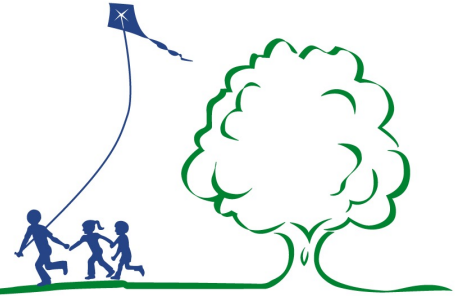
Any one who would like to know more can call on 0121 420 1061

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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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- 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.