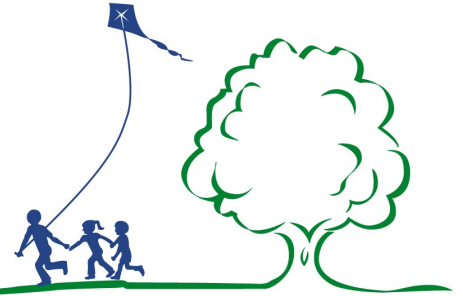


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Press Release

Theatre in the Woods for the First Time

Thursday 17th June will see theatre at Warley Woods for the first time ever. Booking has now opened for the professional performance of The Secret Garden and tickets are limited and expected to sell out fast.

The Community Trust has chosen the play, adapted from the classic children's book by Frances Hodgson Burnett in the hope that it will appeal to as wide an audience as possible. If you don't know the story, Mary Lennox is sent to live with her reclusive Uncle and her cousin Colin, a spoilt and sickly child. When Mary finds the key to a Secret Garden, locked and hidden for ten years, it changes everything for the family as mother nature works her magic.

Viv Cole, Trust Manager, said: "We are really exciting to be able to have live theatre in the Woods. Heartbreak Productions perform all over the country including English Heritage properties and they have been very highly recommended to us by people who have seen their shows before. We all believe that this will be a really popular event and a new highlight in the events calendar."

Audience members bring their own seats or picnic rugs and picnics if they wish. Food, drinks and ice creams will also be available to buy. The performance will take place, come rain or hopefully shine and starts at 7.30pm.

The performance has been made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of Derek Spires Estate Agents. Viv Cole added: "We have wanted to host a theatre performance at Warley Woods for several years, but we had to focus on making sure all our events covered their costs. Now we have achieved that and thanks to the support from Derek Spires we are able to take a risk on something new."

Ticket sales on 0121 429 2440, at the shop at The Pavilion, Lightwoods Hill or at www.quaytickets.com Tickets cost £12 adults, £10 children and £35 for a family ticket.

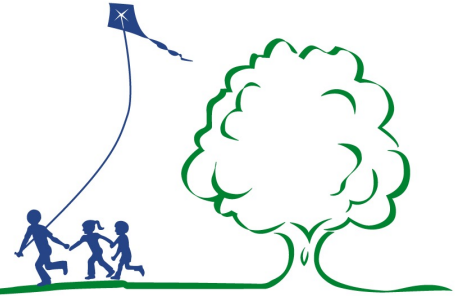
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- Warley Woods Community Trust (WWCT) is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. WWCT is first charity in the United Kingdom to have taken responsibility for an urban park. The organisation was formed to ensure local people had a say 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 750 individuals and there are over 200 active volunteers.
- The Park was named the People's Park after it was saved from becoming sold for housing by public subscription in 1906.