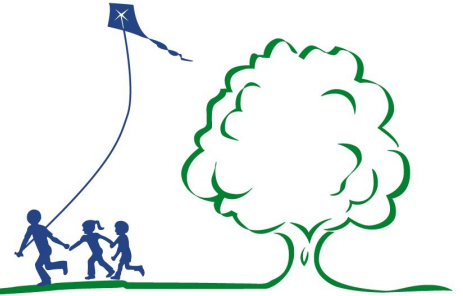


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Press Release

A Natural Valentine's Gift

Are you looking for an unusual gift to be able to tell your special someone how much you care about them? Disillusioned by arrays of fluffy toys and red hearts? Already done the chocolates and the flowers?

What about a gift that will last into the future that symbolises longevity, growth and is rooted in nature?

Many charities offer “virtual sponsorships” that can be given as gifts – wells, goats, llamas. At Warley Woods you can give a gift of sponsorship of something local you can actually touch; something you can visit. You can sponsor almost any of the trees in Warley Woods. If there is a special tree where you met; where you had their first kiss.... You can choose that tree – or perhaps choose a tree which will be part of future memories. A gift of this kind will also be something special for the recipient, but it will also help the Community Trust maintain Warley Woods and keep it a special space into the future.

A tree sponsorship costs just £20 for a year. A sponsor will receive an individual certificate which can include a personal message. They will also receive a copy of the Trust's newsletter four times during their sponsorship year.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a tree as a Valentine's gift or for any other occasion, should call the Trust on 0121 420 1061 and speak to Viv or Kathy.

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Notes

- For further information contact: Viv Cole, Trust Manager, 0121 420 1061, 07947 805746, trustmanager@warleywoods.org.uk
- 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 700 individuals and there are over 70 active volunteers.
- The Park was named the People's Park after it was saved from becoming sold for housing by public subscription in 1906.

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