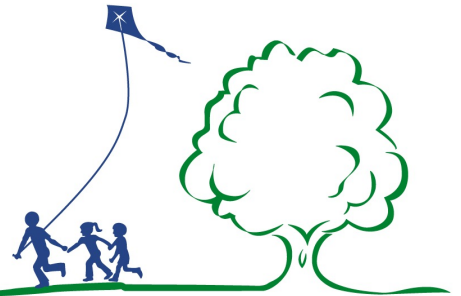


# Warley Woods Community Trust



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## Press Release

### Fountain Restoration nearing completion and is lead-free

Warley Woods Community Trust is very pleased that restoration of its Edwardian Drinking Fountain is nearly completed. The site has been handed back to the Trust today and contractors will just return to add a litter bin and replace some temporary kerbing with granite.

After many years of dilapidation the fountain is now looking fantastic again with its tiled gothic canopy and repaired and cleaned stonework. It is already sitting proudly in its new landscaped surroundings which will gradually look better as the grass seed covers up the evidence of recent groundworks.

The project has been made possible thanks to funding from two landfill tax funders WREN and Cory Environmental Trust in Britain and has been supported by Sandwell MBC and donations from members of the public. The work has been designed and overseen by Matthew Faber, architect of Brownhill Hayward Brown and the main contractor was Linford-Bridgeman.

The fountain was subject to vandalism while it was being restored and the Community Trust hopes that this was just a fascination with the scaffolding. Viv Cole, Trust Manager, said "It is a shame that while something was old and tatty it was ignored, but now it has had money spent on it, it runs the risk of being vandalised. The thieves stole around £5 worth of lead, but created £2,000 worth of damage by breaking tiles and the cost of bringing back scaffolding. Luckily this was covered within the cost of the project, but if it happens again, repairs will have to be paid for from donations to the charity. The fountain roof has now been reconstructed without using any lead and glass reinforced plastic has been used in its place."

Special edition postcards of the restoration of the fountain are available at the shop at the Pavilion and a limited edition jigsaw showing an image of the restored fountain will be available in the Autumn. The fountain will be rededicated at a ceremony on 12<sup>th</sup> July by Colin Buchanan, actor and patron of Warley Woods Community Trust, as part of the annual Picnic in the Park.

For more information please call the Trust office on 0121 420 1061.

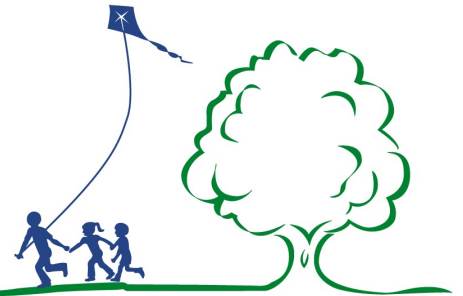
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#### Notes

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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

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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.