



Newsletter Autumn 2005

Interpretation Boards and Benches

Have you seen and read the information boards on Sandridge Road, Harpenden Road and Townsend Drive? These provide a short history of the area as well as details of the flora and fauna.

Have you sat on one of the five new seats either on the top heath or in one of the woodland glades?

Did you see the press reports and photos in the Herts Advertiser and the Review?

At last these projects have been achieved with your help and with the aid of a grant from Living Spaces. There have been many compliments from members on the quality and suitability of both the boards and benches. We are always grateful for feedback.

Excellence Awards

FOBH were nominated by St Albans District Council for an award in the Environment category focusing on the five-year plan to improve the Heath in collaboration with Countryside Management Services. We were shortlisted and received a commendation at a ceremony held in St Albans Cathedral on 11th November.

Action Day

Our latest clear up and clean up morning took place on 20th November. Bark chippings were laid on some of the boggiest paths, litter cleared and the Heath had a general tidying up before the winter. It was good to see families with young children taking part. Many thanks to all who helped and to all of you who pick up litter on your walks around the Heath.

Future Projects – dedicated benches or trees

Following the many favourable comments on the benches, we aim to install some more. To help to fund them, we are seeking your support, by way of dedicating a bench in memory of a loved one. A brass plaque would be placed on the bench with the chosen inscription. Alternatively, you may like to plant a mature tree to complement the saplings that we planted in the spring. If you would like further details, please contact the treasurer, Sue Swain, tel 831668.

AGM

This will take place at Heath House on Saturday 21st January 2006. We are always happy to welcome new members onto the committee and to meet friends old and new. Look out for posters nearer the time.

Annual Subscription

The annual subscription of £10 per household is due in January. We have noticed more young families joining in our Action Days, and would like to provide children with their own badge/identity card. If your children would like badges/identity cards, please fill in their details on the tear off slip below.

Membership Renewal

Family name.....tel.....

Address.....email.....

Children's names (if applicable).....

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I enclose £10 for annual membership. (Cheques payable to Friends of Bernards Heath)

Signed

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