



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2015

Our revamped website

www.bernardsheath.org is the place to find the latest news! We welcome photos of events relating to the Heath that you would like to share and you will find a contact on the website. We like to acknowledge all items so please send your name but if you don't want it included do be sure to let us know.

Fontmell/Bridle Close Hole – The present position

This is the situation as we go to press.

Another hole is now apparent, partly on the road and partly on private land. That will need to be remedied before the roadway can be considered safe for normal use. Access is now via the end of Bridle Close to the Lower Heath where there is parking by the Pioneer. A more permanent roadway will be constructed and a footway to the Upper Heath. We have been assured that both these routes will be restored to their original state when work is finished.

Ariston Site latest news

FoBH hope that the objectives for which we have campaigned since 2001 have been achieved. These are:

- The Lower Field will not be developed. Ownership as an amenity space will be transferred to SADC , but recent events in Fontmell Close may delay this.
- Redevelopment will be restricted to land occupied by the old fire station, the Pioneer and Judo clubs and the brown field land running down to Sheppards Close.
- The Pioneer Club, including the indoor skate facilities will be retained onsite.

This is positive but is not set in stone so we are monitoring events.

Action Day – Sunday 1 November Please see our website for photos of the black bag haul, about the same as usual, although leaves may have hidden some litter. Thank you to all who took part.

Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)

FoBH is working with SADC and other interested parties on a project to reduce under-age drinking on the Heath, and the associated litter problems. For more details, please see our website.

Beech Bottom Dyke – Greenspace Action Plan (GAP)

It is hoped that Countryside Management Services and SADC will develop a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund, with a view to better understanding this feature and its place in history through archaeological survey work. In the meantime general maintenance work is being carried out.

Playground Project

FoBH are working with the local community and councillors, aiming to improve the playground facilities on the Upper Heath which do not compare well with facilities for children of all ages in other areas of St Albans.

- Would you like to see new play equipment here and if so, for what ages?
- Is adult fitness equipment of interest?
- Would you be able to contribute towards potential plans?
- Do you have any objections or concerns?

We welcome your comments and feedback via the usual links.

Annual General Meeting – a date for your diary!

Saturday 6 February 2016 at 10.30 in The Jolly Sailor by kind permission of Paul. Come and join us

Our contact details

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