



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2021

We are back!

During the last nearly two years, your committee has been meeting and keeping tabs on the issues affecting the Heath. Now we can update you with what has been happening. FoBH is in good health and we are pleased to welcome three new committee members.

Traveller incursions on the Upper Heath

You may remember that Travellers invaded the Heath on two occasions. Following that, our local councillors have compiled a survey asking all residents their preferences from a number of options. That survey has been delivered to all houses in the area and responses are coming in. There is no time limit for responses but you are asked to respond only once.

Annual General Meeting - 4 September 2021

County Councillor Helen Campbell attended and reported on several developments. The Lower Heath is to be retained by Herts County Council (HCC) as possible provision for a primary school. The Pioneer and HCC Youth Connections will be rebuilt near the site of the old fire station, the cost being covered by building up to fifty houses on the Ariston site and the orchard.

Playground development (Let's Play at Bernards Heath)

The charity was formed to enlarge the play area and to provide equipment more suitable for older children. Since the lockdown a further £4,500 has been raised to add to £45,000 raised pre-Covid. A reapplication has been made to Veolia Environmental Trust for the remaining funding and the decision will be received in December.

Our updated and changed website

Have you visited the website lately? There is so much to browse and plenty of information about trees, walks, history and activities. Give it a go at www.bernardsheath.org

Second Battle of St Albans 1461

The London and South Eastern region of the Battlefield Trust held their first physical event on Bernards Heath last month. This was a guided walk following this battle in the Wars of the Roses, (a Lancastrian victory). Feedback from the attendees was enthusiastic.

The Lower Heath as an Asset of Community Value (ACV)

The Lower Heath’s designation as an ACV has lapsed and a reapplication has been made to St Albans District Council by Peter Burley on behalf of FoBH.

Beech Bottom Dyke

Fallen trees in have been chopped up but cannot be removed due to difficulty of access. They will therefore be left to rot down naturally and will benefit wildlife.

Sandridge Road Wastes

The Wastes are registered commons (like the Upper Heath) and residents have permission to cross them to reach their properties, but not to park on them nor to carry out construction on them.

Date for your diary – Action Day 21 November

Meet at Heath House from 9.30am where litter pickers and bags are available. All are welcome for some fresh air and exercise!

Our contact details

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Subs are due for Jan – Dec 2022 at £10 per household. Please either pay online via the website, by direct debit or standing order, or we still accept cheques sent with this form, to the treasurer, 21 Warwick Road, AL1 4DJ

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