



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2022

In this edition we are looking back

to remember some achievements of FoBH over twenty plus years.

New interpretation boards are in place on the Heath (3), along Beech Bottom (4), and on Sandridge Road Wastes (3).

Paths have been regularly maintained and improved.

Benches have been installed in grassy areas.

FoBH was consulted on the width and layout of the **cycle track**, part of the green ring.

Action Days to include litter picking and general clearing take place twice yearly with support from individuals and families.

We liaise with **St Albans District Council (SADC)** as needed, for example in the clearing of damaged or fallen trees.

Community links have grown: we have become increasingly a port of call for local residents who have raised a number of concerns.

We have also maintained and grown our links with St Saviour's Church, and with the Bernards Heath Infant and Junior Schools.

And looking forward.....

there is always more to do!

Playground development (Let's Play at Bernards Heath)

Will be going ahead in Spring 2023!

Dedicated fund raising is still continuing with the aim of completely refurbishing play equipment on Bernards Heath, to improve safety and to widen its appeal to a greater age range of children.

Sadly, the application to Veolia Environmental Trust for £75k was turned down for a second time. It was therefore agreed with SADC that a new playground will be built in Spring 2023 within the limits of a smaller budget of £45,749 which has already been raised, plus any extra money raised between now and then.

Footpaths

Many of you will know the sections of paths that regularly hold large puddles. We shall be undertaking some repair work in the autumn which we hope will improve the situation.

FoBH Website

You can now find a definitive map of Bernards Heath on the website. Our hardworking website editor welcomes comments and/or photos so please don't hold back!

www.bernardsheath.org is the address.

Tree Warden's Activities

Hedging has been planted outside Provence House (formerly the PPH coach station) in Heath Farm Lane; a resident of the apartments is keeping the trees watered while they are young.

Oak saplings will be planted near the site of a large dead oak.

The daffodils were an amazing sight earlier, enhanced by some native plants. Some have not taken very well and may need more time to become established.

Storm damage both in the Heath and in Beech Bottom has resulted in a number of fallen trees. Those in Beech Bottom are causing concern as they are lying haphazardly and are obstructing the bottom path. With no vehicular access they cannot be removed. FoBH is consulting the SADC tree officer.

Sandridge Road Wastes

We are vigilant for encroachment and illegal works on these ancient commons. We report issues to the Council but we are dependent on their enforcement action. This has not been a priority in recent years.

Our contact details

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Subs – It is not too late to pay for this year!

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