

FoBH Winter Newsletter 2023 2024



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Happy 2024! Sorry this has been sent out late –
Christmas computer gremlins to blame!

Volunteer Newsletter Deliverers

Without our deliverers, you could not receive our printed twice-yearly newsletter. Some members have been delivering faithfully for many years, while others have joined more recently. While most receive the newsletter by email, we want to include all local residents: the Heath and Beech Bottom Dyke are assets for us all. So, a big Thank You to all our forty deliverers!

Lower Field

Following the re-registration as an ACV (Asset of Community Value) we continue to chase Herts CC, and work to protect the Field and also to get the green fencing removed.

Action Day

This took place on 5th November to tidy up the Heath before the winter and to collect up a range of rubbish. The summer tent dwellers left a large amount of rubbish which the Council cleared most of but thank you to our volunteers who removed the rest.

Sandridge Road Wastes

Some residents may not be aware of restrictions about parking cars, or leaving building materials on the Wastes. These wide verges are part of our common land, adding value and attractiveness to this part of St Albans.

Beech Bottom Dyke and Heath paths

The Dyke bottom path has become very muddy and part-blocked by logs after felling of unsafe trees. It has been suggested that a special Action Day could be held (for fitter members), to move the logs aside to make the way passable.

Parts of the main paths on the Heath have been improved. The test will be how they stand up to winter weather.

Merchandise

We still have a supply of Friends of Bernards Heath mugs, available to purchase for £5 from Little Stars café.

Playground update - "Let's Play at Bernards Heath"

It is happening at last! The playground is now closed for its long awaited refurbishment. The target of £100,000 has now been reached; a fantastic effort by the whole community! With the refurbishment well underway, the new playground will be ready in January, well before the Spring deadline. Let's Play at Bernards Heath would like to thank all those who have donated to help make this dream a reality.

Tree warden’s report

You may have noticed that a Norway maple by the upper Heath cycle path which had split had to be felled. Like the giant robinia, on the corner of Grange Street, it was triple trunked. However, we are preparing to plant two donated sizeable oaks in the New year; additionally, we shall be collecting five very small native trees donated by Herts County Council, which will be planted over the winter.

A very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to you all from the Friends

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Subs are now due for 2024, still a bargain at £10 for the year! Please see ‘What the Friends of Bernards Heath does for you’ on our website to see how your subs are used.

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