

# FRIENDS OF BESTWOOD COUNTRY PARK



27th August 2021

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## Dates for your diary

Sunday 5th September, 3pm:  
Guided Walk to view the area  
of the tree planting project.  
Places are limited. Email  
[greenwood@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:greenwood@nottscc.gov.uk)

Interested in practical  
conservation? Check [http://  
www.fbc.org.uk/whats-  
on.html](http://www.fbc.org.uk/whats-on.html) for details of days  
and times.

## Join our web team!

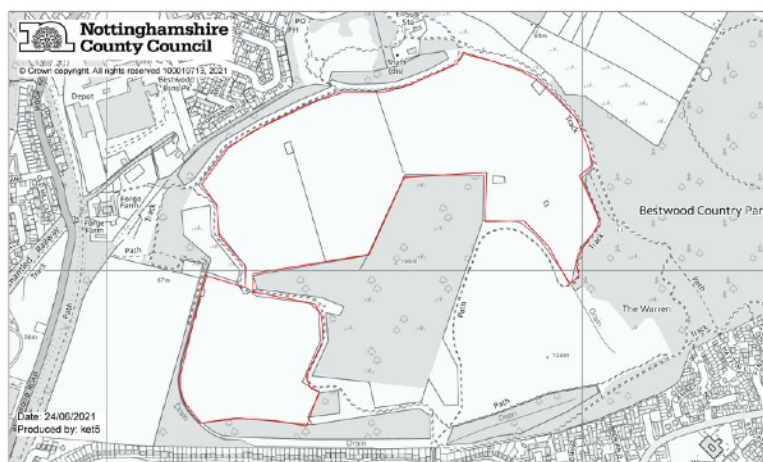


We maintain our own website  
using the Weebly platform.  
This is a simple click and drag  
method of building up pages.  
It requires no special web-  
building skills, just an ability to  
type, save files and use a  
mouse to add pictures.

If you would enjoy learning to  
use existing skills in a new way  
by becoming part of the  
website update team, please  
email us at [info@fbc.org.uk](mailto:info@fbc.org.uk)

## A new wood in the Park

We'll be sharing exciting news soon about large scale tree  
planting in the Park in partnership with the Greenwood  
Community Forest. You can see the plans in detail on 2nd  
September between 4pm and 8pm at the Dynamo House.



Public parks like ours have no statutory protection. So we  
must make sure that decision makers know how important  
Bestwood Country Park is to its users.



We're delighted that Deputy County Council Leader Bruce  
Laughton and his colleague Chris Barnfather will meet with  
us to discuss challenges facing the Park and exciting ideas for  
moving the park forward.

Let us know what you'd like us to say to them.

***Tell the County Council what you think!!***

Notts County Council invite us all to tell them how  
important our green spaces are:

[https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/  
get-involved/the-big-notts-survey](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/get-involved/the-big-notts-survey)

## Calling orienteers!



The Park orienteering course has fallen out of use. We want it back and want it to be family friendly.

The Friends' group has joined up with Notts Orienteering Club to renew the course.

Want to point us in the right direction?

[info@fbcp.org.uk](mailto:info@fbcp.org.uk) gets you in touch with the team.

## Helping horses...

The park bridleways are in need of some TLC.

The Friends' group has been pressing to get the County and Borough Councils to agree to improvement work.

Our proposal is for Gedling Council to provide plant and equipment using existing staffing.

And for park riders and good causes to fundraise to provide materials.

Progress is glacial but no one is saying 'No', so we're cautiously optimistic...

The Friends of Bestwood Country Park Riders Association has been formed to support this scheme. Join their Facebook group.

Website: <http://www.fbcp.org.uk>

## Bestwood Village parkrun is back!

parkrun writes: "With a grant from Gedling Borough councillors, our parkrun route now has permanent signage, for (not)parkruns during the week. We use The Welfare car park, reducing parking issues at the top end of Park Road. Our average turnout is 99.7. To date, 4,364 5k runs have been completed over 167 events, supported by 372 volunteerings."



## Dynamo House café news

Bestwood Country Park's Dynamo House café opens every Saturday from 10am till 1pm.

We're looking for volunteer bakers to join our rota. We pay for the baking costs, and can collect if necessary. If you'd like to bake for any Saturday in September please contact Margret at [margretvince@ntlworld.com](mailto:margretvince@ntlworld.com) or 07890 284066.

## 'Ambassadors'!

Dogs and their walkers now have the chance to meet and walk together in the park. Make friends. Sniff. Wag. And that's just the dogs!

Contact Helen to know more: [helen.mitchem@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:helen.mitchem@nottscc.gov.uk)

**Our next meeting is at the Dynamo House on Monday, 6th September 2021 at 10am**

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fbcp>