

# Friends of Bestwood Country Park

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## JULY 2016 - PARK EVENTS

**BESTWOOD COLLIERY WINDING ENGINE HOUSE** – open every Saturday from 10 am – 12 noon for drop-in visitors and free guided tours. To book group visits at other times contact **Sue McDonald** on 0115 975 3782 or email [sue.mcdonald@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:sue.mcdonald@nottscc.gov.uk).

**DYNAMO HOUSE COMMUNITY CAFÉ** – open every Saturday from 10 am – 1 pm, in the Dynamo House, next door to the Engine House: jointly run by volunteers from Friends group and Bestwood Village WI, providing hot and cold drinks, and delicious home-baked cakes. **MINI-MINERS** – Saturday 2 July – subject to volunteer availability - children's activities while the Café's open.

**MID-SUMMER WILDFLOWERS AND OTHER BEASTIES** - Saturday 2 July. Assemble for 10.30 in the Winding Engine House car park for this ranger-led walk round the park at the peak of summer.

**BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON** – Wednesday 6 July from 1.30 – 3.00 pm in the Dynamo House. A warm welcome and hot drink are guaranteed for this friendly monthly **free** event, although the full Café will not be open. Just turn up - or for more details contact [Sue](#) as above.

**JAPANESE GARDEN VOLUNTEERS** – Thursday 7 July – assemble at 10 am in the Gedling car park, bringing strong gardening gloves, and a picnic. Tools are provided. Details via our website contact form.

**THURSDAY CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS** – 14 and 28 July, from 10 am. Contact [Sue](#) or the [Rangers](#) beforehand if you are new to this practical nature conservation group. Bring a packed lunch. Assembly is usually in the classroom by Alexandra Lodges.

**WEDNESDAY HEALTH WALK** – 20 July - assemble at 10.30 am in the Winding Engine House car park for a gentle **free** 90-minute guided walk. For further information or to check mobility concerns, contact [Sue](#).

**KNIT AND NATTER** – Wednesday 20 July, 1.30 – 3.30 pm at the Dynamo House – all ages and knitting abilities welcome! Contact [Sue](#).

**FRIENDS OF BCP MONTHLY MEETING** – Thursday 21 July, 7.30 pm at Bestwood Lodge Hotel. Come along to hear – or tell us – all the latest news about the park. All who support the park are welcome.

### **YOUNG WILD THINGS – contacts for involving children and young people in the park**

- Various school and children's groups come to the park to enable the children to experience and learn about the natural world. If your group or school is interested in practical conservation events for youngsters, contact [Sue](#); or for the south eastern area of the park [Jane](#) of Gedling Borough Council at 0115 901 3963, email [jane.richardson@gedling.gov.uk](mailto:jane.richardson@gedling.gov.uk).
- For Forest School children's education outdoors in the park visit [www.wildthings.org.uk](http://www.wildthings.org.uk), phone 0845 4584727; or
- Check [www.opalexplornature.org.uk](http://www.opalexplornature.org.uk) and contact [Jackie.adams@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Jackie.adams@nottingham.ac.uk) for latest details.

### **INTERESTED IN PRACTICAL ADULT VOLUNTEERING?**

- **INDIVIDUALS** – if you'd like to be involved in practical conservation work (three groups meet, weekly, fortnightly and monthly), or in engineering at the Winding House, contact [Sue](#), details as above. For helping to maintain the Japanese Gardens or to help in the cafe, use our website contact form or email [info@fbc.org.uk](mailto:info@fbc.org.uk).
- **GROUPS OR COMPANIES** - Contact [Sue](#), or [Jane](#), both sets of details as above, to arrange group activities.

*For location map, directions, car parking and access information click on <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/country-parks/bestwood>*

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