

Friends of Bestwood Country Park

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JUNE 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.

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 4 June – children's activities while the Café's open, either outside or inside, depending on weather.

BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON – Wednesday 8 June 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.

WEDNESDAY HEALTH WALK – 15 June - 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 15 June, 1.30 – 3.30 pm at the Dynamo House – all ages and knitting abilities welcome! Contact [Sue](#).

THURSDAY CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS – 16 and 30 June, from 10 am. Contact [Sue](#) beforehand if you are new to this and plan to attend this practical nature conservation group. Bring a packed lunch. Assembly is usually in the classroom by Alexandra Lodges.

FRIENDS OF BCP AGM AND MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday 16 June, 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.

JAPANESE GARDEN VOLUNTEERS – this group meets usually monthly to help maintain the Japanese Gardens near Bestwood Lodge Hotel – assemble at 10 am in the Gedling car park, bringing strong gardening gloves, and a picnic. Tools are provided. Use our website contact form for more details.

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.
- For Forest School children's education outdoors in the park visit www.wildthings.org.uk, phone 0845 4584727; or
- Check www.opalexplornature.org.uk and contact 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 (two groups meet, weekly and fortnightly), or in engineering at the Winding House, contact [Sue](#), details as above. For helping to maintain the Japanese Gardens use our website contact form or email 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>