

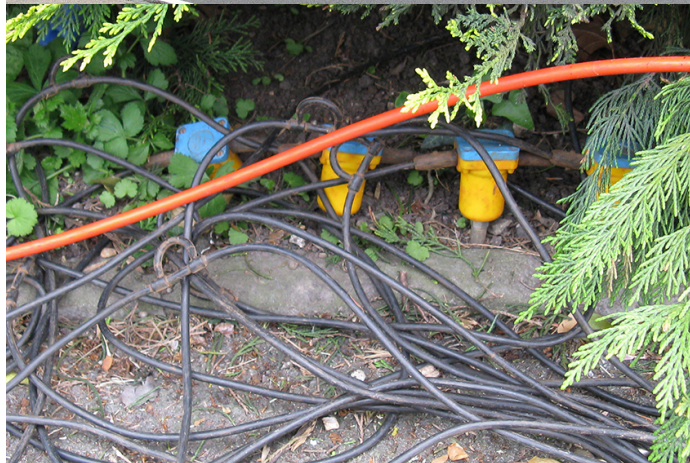
Autumn is upon us

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. I hope that this issue will serve as a reminder that the Group is still going strong. We held our AGM in April this year where a slightly revised Committee was elected to continue and consolidate the work of the previous two years in which we have been operating. In the absence of newsletters you can keep up-to-date with our activities from our notice boards at the top and bottom of Warren Road and the display panel outside Warren Road School. You can also find out about us on our website or contact Brian Willson our group secretary below.

Geophysical Survey

I am sure you notice in May this year the somewhat strange activity in Warren Road and other locations in the area where cables were laid along the road and large trucks progressed from point to point. This was a Geophysical survey to track sub surface rock types, rather like the surveys used to detect oil and other minerals. We have been unable to specifically find the reason for choosing our area, but we rather suspect that our houses are not sitting on a massive oilfield.

A specialist vibrating tractor unit progressed along each road lowering a pad at various intervals in order to take readings that were then transmitted to a control vehicle.



Geophysical survey tractor unit and wiring along roadside.

Your Greenspace team

Chair: **Simon Beswetherick**
 Vice-Chair: **Chris Davies**
 Treasurer: **Ian Cochrane**
 Secretary: **Brian Willson**
 Friends Forum Representative: **Mike Smart**
 Members: **Steve Chambers, Tina Bradshaw**
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www.warrenroadgreenspace.weebly.com

Dates for your diary

Litter picks for 2013

Saturday 14 September

Saturday 23 November

Join us on the green off Warren Road, opposite Cloonmore Avenue at 10am. Equipment provided.

Tree Planting

We have planted a few trees along the wooded areas of Warren Road, partly to replace trees that have died. We are happy to plant further trees and would welcome suggestions from residents as to further planting locations, particularly if you would like to 'adopt' a nearby tree by agreeing to water it until it gets established.

Dog Waste

Dog mess is unpleasant, spoils our streets and may carry infectious diseases. Most responsible dog owners pick up their waste and take it home, but can we please ask you not to throw the bags into the wooded area as the plastic does not rot down and is unpleasant when we are picking up litter. For further information please see our notice boards in Warren Road.

Litterpicking

We still regard this as our prime activity with group litter picks taking place every two months. In addition, for the second year running, the Third Orpington Scouts joined us for an evening litter pick on Thursday 13 June 2013 as a qualification for their community badges. Our numbers helping on these litter picks has become rather small recently, although people often stop and comment on the good job that we do and ask how they can join in. We would appreciate a few more volunteers as this will always make the job a lot easier. Or alternatively perhaps you could pick up any litter near to you and put it in with your general rubbish for the fortnightly general waste collections from your house. Every little helps as they say!

Our final litter pick date for 2013 is Saturday 23 November 2013

As usual we will be meeting at 10.00am on the green opposite Cloonmore Avenue. Hi-visibility jackets, litter pickers, bags and gloves will be provided and accompanied children are most welcome.

Apart from the useful work, it's a good social occasion and we often finish with a coffee and

chat at Bread and Butter Café in Windsor Drive. We hope to see you there! If you would like a regular reminder of litter pick dates please pass your e-mail address on to Brian Willson our Group Secretary on BrianDWillson@aol.com

Street lighting improvement

Warren Drive and other roads in the area are having their lamp posts replaced. Bromley Borough is replacing 8,000 lamp posts and installing 12,000 new light bulbs – brand new state of the art Light Emitting Diodes (LED) lights will be installed and the borough's oldest concrete and steel lamp columns will be replaced with new steel ones.

At the end of the project Bromley Borough will have the newest street lighting infrastructure in London which will help to reduce energy costs and make the borough greener.

Light bulbs will be changed from high and low pressure sodium bulbs to LED lanterns that last three times longer and have a guaranteed life span of twenty years. LED lanterns are about fifty per cent more energy efficient than the sodium bulbs currently used.

Maintenance costs will also be reduced as the new technology will be connected by remote signal to a central computer system where any faulty behaviour will be flagged immediately. The light produced by these bulbs will be a bright white light in contrast to the orange light produced by existing bulbs.

Column replacement will be starting in early summer 2013 and details of the affected roads will be published in the near future. Residents on affected streets will be sent information directly in advance of works commencing.

**If you would like to become a friend of Warren Road Greenspace visit our website, contact us by e-mail or join us at the next litter pick
Saturday 14 September**