

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Warren Road Greenspace was formed 4 years ago to look after the grass and woodland areas in and around Warren Road. In the past year we have continued our two monthly litter picks. Increased numbers of residents have joined us, with individual group members doing their own litter picking in between. We have also cleared dead wood, refurbished the notice boards at each end of Warren Road, planted a tree in memory of Ian Cochrane our Treasurer (see below), and generally kept an eye on the Warren Road area environment. Bromley Council and its contractor, The Landscape Group, fully support our activities.

OUR NEXT LITTERPICK AND TIDY UP – SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2015

Please note this date in your diary. As usual we will be removing rubbish and discarded waste from the woodland and green areas along Warren Road. If you would like to join us we will be meeting at 10.00am on the green opposite the top end of Cloonmore Avenue. Hi-visibility jackets, litter pickers, bags and gloves will be provided. Accompanied children are most welcome. We usually finish at around 11.15am with a coffee and chat at the Bread and Butter Café, Windsor Drive. We hope to see you there!

Our first litter pick next year will then be on Saturday 16th January 2016. Subsequent dates can be seen on our notice boards and will also be circulated prior to each event.

IAN COCHRANE

Many of you will have known Ian who was our Treasurer and a founder member of the Friends of Warren Road. He and his family are long standing residents of Warren Road and Goldfinch Close. Sadly, Ian died on 31st October 2014. We decided that a fitting memorial would be a tree, planted prominently for all to see near to our litter pick meeting point on the green in Warren Road, opposite the top end of Cloonmore Avenue.

On Saturday 6th June a group of us, together with Sarah Cochrane, her son Matthew and his wife Nikki, and friends of Ian and Sarah planted a tree as a permanent reminder to us all. The time chosen, 10am, seemed appropriate as this is our usual litter pick meeting time.



Our chosen tree is a Sorbus (Mountain Ash) Joseph Rock. This will grow to a height of 6 metres (19 feet) and has attractive green foliage that turns shades of red, orange and purple in the Autumn. Heads of white flowers in May/June turn to amber-yellow berries in Autumn. Apart from being a fitting memory of Ian and the work he did for the Group, this tree will be a suitable enhancement to Warren Road green spaces.

Tree planting 6th June 2015. Pictured right to left, Chris (Vice-Chairman), friends Norman, David, Mike, Brian, Tina, Phil, Joan and Jean. Sarah Cochrane is holding the spade.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

Updates of our activities can be seen on the notice boards at the top and bottom of Warren Road, these include details of our two monthly litter picks (up to a year in advance), 'what to look for' nature items published monthly by Bromley Council and our occasional newsletters. If you need to contact us about what we do, have any suggestions or would like us to take up matters relating to the green spaces and woodland, then please e-mail us warrenroad.greenspace@gmail.com, or telephone our secretary, Brian Willson on 01689 857237



Refurbished notice board at the bottom of Warren Road

YOUR GREENSPACE TEAM

Chairman: **Simon Beswetherick**

Treasurer: **Tina Bradshaw**

Committee Member: **Steve Chambers**

Vice-Chairman: **Chris Davies**

Secretary: **Brian Willson**

You can contact us by e-mail at: warrenroad.greenspace@gmail.com or visit our website www.warrenroadgreenspace.weebly.com

YOU WOULD BE AMAZED WHAT WE FIND IN THE WOODS!

In our green spaces, you will usually find the usual sort of litter related to food and drink, eg discarded drink bottles and cans (sometimes still full) crisp packets, cigarette packets and fast food trays. Even carrier bags full of empty bottles! But on our litter picks we also find some rather more strange items!

Miniature vodka bottles – up to 25 in one litter pick, various coloured wire by the green telecommunication boxes, rubber bands in quantity, electrical items such as video players, dvd recorders, bits of old computers and vacuum cleaners, estate agents boards, builders bags full of rubble, old wall tiles, an empty metal toolbox, a gazebo frame, scrap angle iron, a safe (broken in to and empty), car tyres, wooden pallets... and lots more.



With the support of residents, we continue to carry out two monthly litter picks, with supplementary litter picks by individual committee members in between. Bromley Council (csc@bromley.gov.uk or telephone 0208 464 3333) will always collect larger items on demand and deal with fly tipping as soon as they are contacted.

The results of a recent litter pick.