

Be prepared...

On 14 June the group arranged a litter pick with the Third Orpington Scout Group. The Scouts were including litter picking as part of their Community Week activities. Some twenty Scouts took part along with their leader Rob. Following the safety briefing and armed with bags, gloves and litter pickers we split into groups covering specific areas. The Scouts proved to be very enthusiastic and many bags of litter were collected. They learned how unsightly litter is and about the variety of litter, including how much of it is food packaging and plastic bottles, which doesn't degrade quickly. Our thanks goes to all those who helped and for their positive attitude.

If anybody knows of similar groups who would like to take part in a future litter pick then please contact a Committee member.

On Saturday 14 July we were delighted by the amount of new helpers. As a result we were able to extend litter picking to Chelsfield Green (The area beyond the Highway Car Park). We hope to make this a regular part of future litter picks.



Third Orpington Scout Group litter picking during June.

Parking in Old Warren Road

Cars parked by commuters near the junctions of Old and New Warren Road are causing an obstruction to resident's driveways and are also damaging the grass and creating a muddy edge to the green. Sevenoaks Council now charges £3.00 a day to park on the road adjacent to Knockholt Station creating additional parking in the Chelsfield area. The general view from consulted residents is to extend the yellow lines with a one hour time restriction. We are liaising with local councillors on the matter and if you have any views please contact us.

Your Greenspace team

Chair: **Steve Chambers**
 Vice-Chair: **Simon Beswetherick**
 Treasurer: **Ian Cochrane**
 Secretary: **Brian Willson**
 Members: **Chris Davies** and **Tina Bradshaw**
 You can contact the Greenspace team by e-mail at: warrenroad.greenspace@gmail.com
 or visit our new website:
www.warrenroadgreenspace.weebly.com

Dates for your diary

Litter picks for 2012

Saturday 15 September

Saturday 17 November

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

Dates of litter picks for 2013 will be published in the Winter 2012 newsletter.



Toxic Processionary Moth Caterpillars

The discovery of a toxic caterpillar in the grounds of the Royal Bethlehem Hospital has prompted Bromley Council to warn residents to stay clear if any are found in our area. These caterpillars get their name from a habit of forming long lines in trees. Each caterpillar has around 60,000 hairs which can be carried in the wind and contain a poison causing itchy skin rashes, irritation to the eyes and a sore throat. They cause damage to oak trees by eating the leaves and weakening the tree. As we have extensive wooded areas in the borough you are asked to report any sightings to Bromley Council who will take appropriate action to remove the nest. For more information visit www.forestry.gov.uk/oakprocessionarymoth

Join Snow Friends in summer!

Do you know about Snow Friends? This is a Bromley Council initiative to encourage residents to come together as a group to clear snow and ice in their local area during winter. This involves clearing your road and footpath, including helping elderly neighbours and others who are unable to clear their own paths and drives. Bromley Council are only able to grit the main roads, bus routes and a few pavements around shopping centres, so self help is the next best thing. Essentially the Council supplies

groups with bags of salt and snow shovels and you do the rest. Our group secretary Brian Willson is a Snow Friends Co-ordinator, so if you or your neighbours wish to become Snow Friends then please contact Brian on 01689 857237 or e-mail Brian at BrianDWillson@aol.com.

Alternatively if you would like to be a Snow Friends Co-ordinator yourself, then please e-mail snow.friends@bromley.gov.uk or telephone 020 8313 4557. Bromley Council is currently assessing the supply of salt and snow shovels for next winter. So act now as it may be too late come the winter!

Donations to group funds

We are pleased to report that HM Revenue and Customs have approved our application to be treated as a charity for tax purposes. This means in practice that for every £1.00 donated by a UK taxpayer under the scheme the group can claim £0.25 at no extra cost to yourself, and you need make the declaration once only even if you chose to make further donations. Any further donations to our funds are always welcome, so if you wish to make a donation, please contact Ian Cochrane (Treasurer) on 01689 602811 or Brian Willson (Secretary) on 01689 857237.

Friends of Glentrammon Recreation Ground and Foxbury Wood

Many of you will now be familiar with the activities of this group as we included the group's newsletter with our Spring 2012 newsletter. Their greatest achievement to date was to secure National Lottery Funding for new playground equipment in the Glentrammon Recreation Ground, with a launch of the new facilities on 7 July 2012. If you would like to find out more about the Friends of Glentrammon Group visit www.glentrammonfriends.weebly.com

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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 15 September**