Houndwood Community Group

Newsletter Spring/Summer 2019

A great place to live...

That's what we all want our estate to be and that's the reason why our Community Group was formed.

We started out looking after the shared green spaces, like the wildlife area and planters, and trying to keep the place tidy. That blossomed into the regular litter picks, the summer fete, Open Meetings and even Speedwatch.

The other thing we do is represent our interests with the estate management company and the original builders - very important as we approach the handover from developers to the managment company and local councils.

Membership of the group is free and you can be actively involved or not. We keep your details secure. We just need to know you support what we do.

We can't do it without you....

Summer is on its way - honest!

Jo and her team from Zing Somerset ran some summer play sessions on the green last year in the holidays - and donated some play equipment for anyone to use. The kits are still there and we hope to run the same sessions again!





A good morning's work...

Michaela and Lola were just two of 15 people who turned out that day for Litter Picking and you can see the result of their efforts.

We were helped in part by a donation from McDonalds of £ 150's worth of litter picking and safety equipment and a free collection of our "treasure" by Somerset Waste Partnership.

How best to make improvements to our wildlife area

We benefit from a lot of fantastic green space on our estate but much of it - like the wildlife area and the swales and waterways - needs careful planting and maintenance. Sadly this has not yet happened and the wildlife area in particular has suffered over the years.

You can see from the picture that was taken at the Summer Fete back in 2015 how the pond in the wildlife area has deteriorated. That day we had people from Avalon Marshes come along to do pond-dipping. The water was teeming with wildlife.

We are keen to see that the developer brings this area back up to scratch before they hand it over to Premier Estates to manage - at our cost. To that end we have commissioned an independent specialist survey to identify what work needs to be done on this area to bring it back to its former glory. That should help us in our negotiations and we'll all get the benefit - even the ducks!



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Save the Date! Saturday 15th June 3-11pm



After last year's fabulous day and evening, we knew we had to do it all over again but better!

All your favourites will be here in the afternoon: face painting, hook a duck, coconut shy, NSPCC toy and book stall and climbing-wall.

Plus live entertainment and games, including Topaz Dancers, Tai Chi demos, and Dragon Drummers and new activities including a fabulous assault course challenge, Spin-your-own-Smoothie bike, Paint bike and some great ways to get creative and active!

Food and drinks available all day - Free entry - Meet your neighbours

We'll have food and drinks available all day. There will be stalls serving Burgers and veggie options, Noodles, Ice Cream and Candy Floss, along with Hecks Cider and the fabulous Paddock Bar.

The fun will flow into the evening. The Disco will be back from 6.00pm and we have also secured a Chef to operate a Pop-Up Rustic Restaurant with a great menu.

You can see the options on the poster opposite and on the noticeboards and Facebook.

We really need to take advance bookings for this special event - tables will go fast.

Please call Deb on 01458 440516 before 1st June to make a booking and pre-payment.

We look forward to seeing you all on the Green!

All donations for the Tombola and offers of help on the day are welcome. Please call Deb on 01458 440516

