Prospect Community Woodland report for 2016

What are the Objectives for the site?

1. To create a site for the health and well-being of Prospect Surgery users and the local community.

2. To improve the woodland cover and biodiversity of the site.

How are we achieving these Objectives?

2016 was a very good year for the Prospect site.

With regular discussions at working parties and in management meetings, we outlined tasks that needed to be carried out at Prospect. Then we held numerous working parties on the site and had fantastic help from a large number of volunteers to carry out all the following activities:

- A sturdy hand rail for the main steps has been finished and is being used every working party.
- We have purchased and erected a good sturdy shed on a safe base; some shelves inside is next on the list.
- We also have a compost toilet on site which means people can spend more time (and a penny) on site.
- We have landscaped and planted a large amount of whips on the slopes and the plateau.
- Seats, benches and exercise equipment have been installed.
- We have removed dangerous trees from the site and will soon be offering a tree identification course to outline what we have in the woodland.
- We have carried out regular litter picks and general tidy ups every working party and now the woodland looks much more inviting than when we first started out!
- We held several enjoyable social events including ‘the big lunch’ and a bonfire night sausage sizzler.
- We can now hang a very large cargo parachute from a telegraph pole, to offer some shade at the top of the site.

The above activities are just a few of the diverse tasks that our loyal and dedicated volunteers have carried out, giving their time and using the very kind donations from the general public and local businesses and organisaitons.

Our partner is the Prospect Medical Centre and we have had financial support from:

Malvern Town Council

Malvern AONB

Bradfords

Western Power Distribution

RAW Environmental and

Glencora Foundation

Over the next few months we aim:

- to have a safe walking route around the whips and fox holes on the main side of the site. This in turn will enable people from the Prospect surgery and local residents to start using the woodland.
- to install more seating and a carved sign for the entrance.
- to lay a large quantity of subsoil on the top plateau to make it safe for people underfoot, and to plant bulbs and trees in and around the woodland.

In addition, work on the base for a log store has started and this will enable members to store wood for their fires at home. We still have wall revetments to complete along with making the main entrance path ready for use.

Our hard working and highly valued volunteers continue to help Prospect to become a valued woodland for the people of Malvern and surrounding areas.

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