

Friends of Alexandra Park

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday May 11, 2021 7pm (via Zoom)

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Alexandra Park will take place at 7pm on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 using Zoom virtual meeting software. All members are eligible and invited to attend. Registration for the meeting is not required. The agenda for the meeting follows, and the link for the meeting is at the end of this message. The reports referred to in the agenda will be sent by email on May 10th.

Agenda

Welcome and introductions from the Chair

Park update - Mark Evison, Park Manager

APOG joins the Friends - Birds, bugs and butterflies, Gerry Rawcliffe

Approval of minutes of 2019 AGM.

Chair's and Treasurer's reports for the years, 2019-2020 and 2020 - 2021

Election of Officers and Committee

Close of meeting

Current Officers and Committee

Chair	Gordon Hutchinson
Hon Treasurer	Nick Bryant
Hon Secretary	Jane Hutchinson
Committee members	Caroline Beattie-Merriman
	Cynthia Jenkins
	Stephen Middleton
	Gerry Rawcliffe
	Robyn Thomas

Representative on the APPCT Consultative Committee: Gordon Hutchinson

Volunteers wanted

When we open the Park Visitor Centre, a number of members regularly or occasionally staff the Centre, which enables us to open it more often. We hope to be opening the Park Visitor Centre again soon and hope that we will have those members, and some new volunteers, helping to welcome Park visitors.

There are lots of other opportunities to help with organising our activities and expanding the scope of what we do. We have listed some of these below. If you think you might be able to help with one of these, please talk to one of the committee, or email allyparkn10@gmail.com . Occasional help is extremely valuable – there is no need to feel that getting involved once means you have made a commitment for long term involvement.

This is not an exhaustive or prioritised list, but hopefully shows that there are both specific tasks as well as ongoing roles which we need help with:

Manage our website – we need to move it to a new platform

Practical conservation work in the Park (litter and bramble clearing)

Staff the Park Visitor Centre or occasional stalls e.g. at the Farmers Market

Make applications to grant giving bodies to fund extra activities/facilities

Participate in a visitor counting and survey day (with the Trust)

Help moving chairs out for a band concert

Provide hot drinks at The Park Visitor Centre after a Members' walk

Build book and display shelves for the Park Visitor Centre

Organise and display information in the Park Visitor Centre

Gather and select photos and organise printing of the Friends' Calendar

Organise and/or lead a Park activity

Run the Friends Facebook Page

Regularly distribute publicity information to newspapers and websites

There are other routes to volunteering in the park:

The Alexandra Park and Palace Trust also recruits people for its more formal volunteering programme. These volunteers work under the direction of the Trust staff.

The Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV) runs conservation work for volunteers in the Park on a regular basis.

The weekly parkrun relies on volunteers to set-up, marshal and time keep the event.