

VPAG News – March 2024

Wildlife action – Sat. 23rd March – 9.00-12.00: Harry will be leading this session to dead-hedge round rewilded areas of the park and give the wildlife they contain more protection. Please let him know if you intend to come along by e-mailing him*.

Spring Clean – Sat. 6th April, 10.30-12.00: Our annual clean-up of the park! Meet at the Lodge (top of hill) to get equipment from Shaun for litter-picking (children welcome). Adults who prefer to remove stickers and graffiti should let Danny know in advance by e-mailing him*.

Viewfinder ceremony, Sat. 6th April, 12.30pm: after the Spring Clean there will be a short ceremony at the viewfinder on the north side of the park to unveil the plaque to Alf Havvock, a former Councillor who was very active in VPAG for many years.

Skatepark: this is now nearing completion and should be available for use soon. We will let you know the date of the official opening.

Annual report: A lot has happened in the last year! VPAG's annual report for 2023-24 can be seen at: https://vpag.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/VPAG_Annual_Report_2024.pdf .

New Committee: At the VPAG AGM on 4th March, key posts on the committee were filled by the following: Co-Chairs: Shaun H. and Kerry C.; Vice-Chair: Emma B.; Secretary: Hester M.; Treasurer: Shaun H.; Membership Secretary: Kerry C.

Flooded path: To reduce the serious flooding problem that happens after heavy rain on the path that runs parallel to St Lukes Rd, the Council is considering putting in a drain along the edge of the path and a soakaway.

Windmill Hill: Was there ever a windmill on the hill in Victoria Park? Watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rDqu2SwX24> to find out more!

Community police: Your next opportunity to discuss issues of concern with local PCSO Matt Badrick will be on **Tues. 9th April at 2.00pm** at Windmill Hill Community Assoc. on Vivian St.

Next meeting: This will be on **Monday 8th April at 7.30pm** in the Bowling Club (as Mon. 1st April is a bank holiday). Come along and share ideas for improving the park - everyone is welcome!

* You can make contact via this link: <https://vpag.org.uk/contact-us>