VPAG News – March 2025

New VPAG Committee: At the VPAG AGM on 3rd March, key posts on the committee were filled by the following: Co-Chairs: Emma B. and Suze F.; Vice-Chair: Anne-Marie B.; Secretary: Suze F.; Treasurer: Shaun H.; Friends Coordinator: Kerry C.

Annual report: VPAG's activities during the last year are summarised in our 2024-25 Annual Report, which is on our website at: https://vpag.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/VPAG-Annual-Report-2024-2025.pdf .

Wildlife: The new wildlife project we mentioned last month is getting going: see the first newsletter here: https://vpag.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/VPAG-Wildlife-Newsletter-Feb-2025.pdf . Harry and Emma are running volunteering sessions to work on the new wildflower meadow this month on **Fri. 21st, Sat. 22nd, Sat. 29th March and on Sat. 5th April**. Timings TBC. To be kept informed, please contact Harry via hello@vpag.org.uk .

2025 VPAG events:
a) Spring Clean – Sat. 12th April, 10.00am-12.00, starting at the Lodge: come along to help with litter-picking and other clean-up activities. Children welcome.
b) Festival & Dog Show will be held on **Sat. 13th September** – more details nearer the time.
c) Community bonfire – as always this will be on **5th November,** which is a Wednesday this year.

Cricket wicket – BCC has acquired some new cricket wickets and will be installing one as a family friendly facility in the park soon. It will be for soft ball use only and will likely be situated at the top of the park, between the football pitch and the tennis court.

Problems in the park: toilet, graffiti, vandalism etc can be reported directly to BCC via www.bristol.gov.uk/reportparkproblem or https://fixmystreet.bristol.gov.uk. After the overnight vandalism, the **toilet** is now only open when the coffee van is in the park (Thurs-Sun), pending a viable BCC solution to daily opening.

Windmill Hill Junior Parkrun happens **every Sunday at 9.00** in Victoria Park. It's a free, fun 2km event for 4 to 14 year olds. More info here: https://www.parkrun.org.uk/windmillhill-juniors/

Sponsoring new benches in the park: if you wish to sponsor a new bench as a memorial in the park, our BCC contact asks you to fill in the form at Suggest an improvement to a park or green space - bristol.gov.uk and he will get back to you.

Next meeting: Monday 7th April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Club at the top of the park. This is a more social meeting, with a focus on Wildlife activities in the park, and the bar will be open. Everyone is welcome, particularly keen naturalists!