VPAG News – May 2025

Wildlife update – The Wildlife Group has been busy over the past month, stripping turf off a patch of eastern hillside in the park and sowing wildflower seeds to provide welcome colour over the summer. Their latest newsletter is here: https://tinyurl.com/267u4jve

Feral Folk Coffee – Opening hours for their lovely new coffee van are as follows until the start of July: Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8.30-16.30; Sat. & Sun.: 8.30-15.00 (maybe later on some days).

Bowls Club – There's a chance to try out Green Bowls in the park at free sessions on Mondays at 1pm over the summer. Contact Howard via hello@vpag.org.uk for more details.

Bristol South Skyline Walk (2 or 7 miles) is on **Sat. 17th May**, starting at 10.30am outside Temple Meads Station. It links many parks and open spaces, incl. Victoria Park, and is led by 2 VPAG folks. For more info. see: www.bristolwalkfest.com/event/bristol-south-skyline-walk. This walk is part of **Bristol Walks Fest (1st-31st May)** – see www.bristolwalkfest.com

VPAG social media: To keep up with what's happening in the park between newsletters, follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VictoriaParkBristol and Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/victoriaparkactiongroup/.

Another local defibrillator: After last month's item, note that there is also a defibrillator outside Victoria Park Baptist Church, BS3 5DA (corner of St John's Lane/Sylvia Ave.), 1 min. south of the park.

Local fundraiser: Victoria Park Primary School are entering a team into this year's Great Bristol Run on **Sun. 11th May**, running either 10km or a half marathon to raise funds for the school's PTFA. To support them, go to: https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/great-bristol-run-2025/backers#start

Bristol Parks Volunteer Prog.: Free H&S training session on **Fri. 6th June** from 09:45-14:00 at Blaise Plant Nursery, BS11. For more info & to book, see https://tinyurl.com/yra8erhb

Krazy Races – Sun. 7th Sept: Billed as the UK's largest touring soapbox derby, this is a ticketed event in Victoria Park with teams in handcrafted karts racing down the hill and round obstacles. To take part or watch the fun, see www.krazyraces.co.uk/bristol-krazy-races for more details and ticket purchase.

Next VPAG meeting: on **Mon. 12th May at 7.30pm** in the Bowls Club at the top of the park. Everyone is welcome!