

VPAG News – August 2025

Victoria Park Festival – Saturday 13th Sept. – 12.00-18.00 - the event of the year!

Music, stalls, food, licensed bar, children's activities and all-round fun! More details soon, but do contact Shaun (via hello@vpag.org.uk) if you can help with any of the following:
Set up: 8.30am by Lodge to put up acoustic tent, then downhill till 12.00 to put up gazebos.
From 12.00 onwards: stewarding & other tasks, then Clear-up at 5.30pm.
We also need someone to run the ever-popular Cake Stall.

Calling all young creative writers! We are honoured to have Spellbound, a Norbot character from the latest Wallace & Gromit film, in our park. As part of the Gromit Unleashed 3 sculpture trail, he can be found by the children's playground near the Lodge. His sponsors, local law firm Barcan+Kirby, are inviting children aged 4 - 11 to write an imaginative story about how Spellbound ended up in Victoria Park! For full details of their prize-winning competition (closes 12th Sept) see: <https://barcankirby.co.uk/norbot-creative-writing-competition/>

Wildlife Group update: the Wild Watch Pilot, launched on 20th July, created lots of interest, despite the rain: Using the iNaturalist app, by early August there were over 400 observations in the park, identifying 164 different species of plants, insects and animals. The group hopes to run a different Wild Watch each season, looking at fungi, butterflies, birds, etc, as appropriate.

Krazy Races – this commercial event, which is not connected to VPAG, will be running in the park from **9.30-18.00 on Sat. 7th Sept**, so access to certain parts of the park may be restricted for non-participants. Although people attending have been encouraged not to drive, you may find it difficult to repark your vehicles if you move them on this date. For more info, see: <https://www.krazyraces.co.uk/bristol-krazy-races/>

Report a problem in the park: if you are concerned about anything in the park, incl. safety issues, toilet problems, graffiti, vandalism, etc, please report them directly to Bristol City Council via www.bristol.gov.uk/reportparkproblem or <https://fixmystreet.bristol.gov.uk>

Next VPAG meeting: Monday 1st September at 7.30pm in the Bowls Club in the park.