

Bedford Borough Volunteering What's On Guide / April - June 2019

SPRING CLEANING

Each year Bedford Borough Council supports Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great British Spring Clean' initiative by encouraging Bedfordshire volunteers to organise community clean-ups and by supplying all the necessary equipment.

We would like to thank each and every organiser and participants for all their efforts in keeping the Borough tidy with thirteen litter picks in total.



For more information on what we do, get in touch at volunteering@bedford.gov.uk



Photograph courtesy of Jon Pauling

We hope you enjoy the following photos and updates on all things volunteering in Bedford. It's been a great couple of months for clean-ups and projects, and we hope that it will continue throughout the summer!

News & Success Stories - RiverCare

RIVERCARE 2019 IN BEDFORD

Once again the Bedford Borough Council Volunteering Team organised the annual RiverCare event in Bedford with the support of Star Rowing Club, Bedford Sub-Aqua Club, Bedford Scuba Divers, Viking Kayak Club, the John Bunyan Boat folk, the Bedford Sea Cadets, Bedford McDonalds staff, Keep Britain Tidy and of course, many local volunteers!



107 bags of litter, multiple bicycles, shopping trolleys and even a motorcycle were collected from the river and the surrounding areas - an amazing achievement!



News & Success Stories - RiverCare



Local kayakers, rowers and scuba divers all helped where litterpickers can't reach! Pictured are some of the lovely people who spent their morning on or in the river.





News & Success Stories

The annual Wixams Community Clean Up took place on 2nd March with over 125 participants and was supported by Bedford Borough Council, Wixams Parish Council, Wixams Neighbourhood Watch, Lakeview Village Hall and Galliford try Partnerships.



The award for the cutest volunteer litter pickers goes to Wixams!



News & Success Stories

It was fantastic to see so many families and young children participating in the Wixams pick - thank you to all who took part!



Meanwhile several Priory Country Park Volunteers got together to litter pick this beautiful park.

Numerous bags of rubbish and recycling were collected, plus some unusual junk!



News & Success Stories

Abbey Fields Planting Sessions in March



16th March - A team of five volunteers took just one hour to plant 23 trees on one of the windiest days of the year - a great achievement!

Hazel, Elder, Oak and Crab Apple varieties were planted.



31st March - Planting on Melrose Drive roundabout

19th March - Planting on Croyland Drive roundabout



News & Success Stories

Hartwell Drive Play Area Restoration Project

On 19th March a group of local volunteers joined forces with Bedford Borough Council staff to give a play area in Kempston a fresh lick of paint. You can see the great results below and overleaf!



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News & Success Stories

Hartwell Drive Play Area Restoration Project

More painting is planned for later in the year to finish off some of the pieces of equipment. If you would like to help, please let us know at volunteering@bedford.gov.uk



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What's On in April - June 2019

Here you will find the guide to the parks & open spaces volunteering sessions happening throughout January, February and March 2019.

Contact details for group coordinators can be found on pg. 11, if you would like to get in touch with them to find out more about any of the sessions.

Volunteer/Friends	Location	Day	Time	Equipment
Friends of Bedford Cemetery	Bedford Cemetery, Foster Hill Road	Thursday	9:30am-12pm	Sturdy shoes
Bedford Park Volunteers	East Lodge, Bedford Park	Sunday*	10am-12pm	Sturdy shoes
Bromham Conservation Group	Bromham Mill/ Bromham Lake Nature Reserve	Monday*	10am-12:30pm	Gardening gloves & sturdy shoes
		Wednesday†		
		Sunday*		
Friends of Harrold-Odell Country Park	Harrold-Odell Country Park	Monday◇	10am-3:30pm	Sturdy shoes
The Higgins Gardens Volunteers	The Higgins Gardens	Monday	1-3pm	Gardening gloves & sturdy shoes
Green Man Community Garden Volunteers	The Green Man Community Garden, Addison Howard Park	Monday	10am-12pm	Sturdy shoes
		Wednesday		
		Friday		
Friends of Mowsbury Hillfort & Putnoe Wood	Mowsbury Hillfort & Putnoe Wood	Wednesday	1:30-4pm	Sturdy shoes
Priory Country Park Volunteers	Priory Country Park	Monday*	9am-3pm	Sturdy shoes
		Thursday		
		Sunday*		

- * First of each month
- ◇ Last of each month
- † Third of each month



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Here you will find the guide to the community clean-ups and other volunteer projects happening throughout the next three months.

Location	Date	Time	Organiser
Sharnbrook	6 th April	10am-1pm	Helen Glanville
Melchbourne	13 th April	10am-12pm	Cheryl Ellis
Yelden	13 th April	10am-12pm	Cheryl Ellis
Russell Park, Bedford	13 th April	10am-12pm	Cory Walker
Great Denham	14 th April	10am-12pm	Anna O'Meara
Oakley	27 th April	10am-12pm	Ann Paice
Thurleigh	27 th April	10am-12pm	Paul Armstrong
Swineshead	27 th April	10am-1pm	Alan Constant
Riverfield Drive	27 th April	10am-12pm	Alan Bates
Riseley	11 th May	10am-12pm	Rachel Mackay

Event & Location	Date	Time	Organiser
Bench Restoration Event, Mowsbury Park	20th May	10am-1pm	Bedford Hindu Society
Bench Restoration Event, Mowsbury Park	13th June	10am-1pm	Bedford Hindu Society



Volunteer Groups - Contact Details

Group	Contact	Email/telephone
Litter Pick Information Line	Katie Lewis	volunteering@bedford.gov.uk 01234 228759
Bedford Park Volunteers	Lindsey Cebula	rookwood747@gmail.com
Bromham Conservation Group	Peter Argyle	bcg@peterargyle.plus.com 01234 822698
Friends of Bedford Cemetery	-	info@fosterhillroadcemetery.co.uk 01234 718150
Friends of Harrold-Odell Country Park and Country Park Volunteers	Janet Munro	hocp@bedford.gov.uk 01234 720016
Friends of Mowsbury Hillfort & Putnoe Wood	Dave Parratt & Andy Wilkins	contact@putnoemowsburyfriends.org.uk
Green Man Garden Volunteers	Katie Lewis	volunteering@bedford.gov.uk
The Higgins Gardens Volunteers	Gemma Hutton	Gemma.Hutton@bedford.gov.uk
Priory Country Park Volunteers	Jon Bishop	prioryrangers@bedford.gov.uk
Abbey Fields Roundabout Volunteer Group	Katie Lewis	volunteering@bedford.gov.uk 01234 228759

