

SGN Work day

We were very pleased that a group from SGN gas networks operating from Epsom offered to spend their Community Action Payback day helping with jobs at Heyswood.



They arrived in their vans at 8.00am keen and ready to make a start and they soon got stuck in completing so many tasks and eager to get on with more.



The group of 12 achieved so much from constructing a new stand for our kayaks, stripping wallpaper in the bungalow, clearing and levelling the space around the new quiet area, painting the east hut, removing dangerous metal fencing within the wooded area leading down to the campfire, tidying our rubbish area including

uncovering many metres of blue piping, dismantling an old metal winch and putting up bird nesting boxes and a multitude of other small tasks.

We were lucky that the weather stayed dry and fairly mild as they worked solidly for 8 hours. We are really grateful for all that they achieved and has made such a difference in many areas of our campsite.



If your company have community workdays, please remember Heyswood - there's always lots to do both indoors and out and you would be warmly welcomed and suitable jobs found.

Easter Egg Hunt and BP re-opening

We decided to hold an Easter egg hunt at Heyswood and linked it with the opportunity to celebrate the refurbishment of the toilets and showers in BP Lodge.



Almost 100 children took part in the three egg trails for different ages. The youngest had to find pictures and count how many objects were on each. Those aged 5 - 9 years had to search for the 'escaped bunnies' and discover their names while the oldest group followed our short orienteering course to answer multiple choice questions about Easter and finally had an egg puzzle to solve before collecting their egg prize.





Again, we were lucky with dry mild weather and the children seemed to enjoy the challenges and especially when they received an egg at the end - not sure that many lasted until Easter! Leaders, Parents and carers could enjoy a cup of tea and some delicious cakes were on



sale too as well as a souvenir stall - all helping to raise more funds for Heyswood.

Work Days

We would be pleased for anyone who is able to join us for any of our workdays. If you can let us know in advance that you are coming that would be great, so that we can plan tasks and cater accordingly but if you just find you are available on the day, please do still come!

We are lucky to have a wonderful campsite but there are many jobs to be done to keep it tidy and safe - especially with the better weather when everything grows up so quickly.

We also have a problem with Himalayan Balsam - a non-native plant which spreads quickly smothering other vegetation as it goes. We need help with pulling it up before it goes to seed. Fortunately, the roots are not very deep so it's not too difficult, but many hands make light work.

These are the dates planned so far but keep a look out for further dates in the County Newsletter or website.

Sunday 22 April - from 10 am

All jobs

Sunday 24 June - from 10 am

Come and see Ella the Tree Pirate as she transforms a dead tree in to a work of art - she will be there all day, so you can watch the progress.

Saturday 11 August from 10 am

Future events

We have further events planned for 2018 and hope that you will support them - save the dates and look out for further details

Saturday 30 June - Heyswood at Home for units and families.

Bring a picnic lunch from 12 noon with activities available from 1.00pm - Aeroball, Grass sledges, Table Tennis, Orienteering, Refreshments, Souvenir Shop, Kayaking on the pool, RSPB Mini beasts and Challenges with Sally Kettle our Region Ambassador and Adventurer

Friday 7 September 7.00 for 7.30pm

Adult campfire evening

Saturday 17 November 7.30pm

Race Night

Friends of Heyswood

Thanks to those who have renewed subscriptions, set up a standing order or become life members - your support is much appreciated for the benefit of the girls.

Friends of Heyswood annual subscriptions of £6 were due on 1st April and we hope that you will be happy to renew and show your support or maybe become a lifetime member for £100. Payments can be made by BACS Sort code: 30-98-36 Account Number: 00469486 with your surname as a reference or set up a Standing Order.

Cheques payable to Heyswood Campsite Fund can be sent to Steve Wicks, membership secretary, 7 Kingsmead Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey KT4 8XB

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