

Eventually after what seems an eternity and with the roadmap for the easing of lockdown, we are thrilled that we will soon be able to welcome visitors back to Heyswood. Initially this will only be outdoors (with access indoors to toilets etc) but all being well this will grow and we will certainly be pleased to welcome more visitors from all age groups.

The Covid 19 restrictions have curtailed many of our activities but we have managed to have the trees surveyed and some necessary work carried out.

Pond dipping

We were also grateful that Keith and Matthew Axbey were able to make a good start on refurbishing our wildlife pond. It's almost completed with a platform and once a few more residents move in we can add pond dipping to our available activities, providing the opportunity to collect specimens for closer study...



Waterslide



We are also pleased to have had a more permanent water slide base installed which should make it more substantial to last throughout the whole summer although it doesn't look very exciting at the moment! The mats are secured by the grass and with the new tarpaulin securely anchored and a nearby water supply - we'll just need the sun to play its part! 😊 We are grateful for a JP Leader Award Grant being donated towards this project.



Fungi

I'm sure that while we've not been able to use Heyswood that nature has continued to thrive - we have found several different types of fungi in the past and it seems that the recent season produced a bumper crop. We have asked an expert to identify some of the photos taken at Heyswood and have provided a minimal amount of information to encourage a closer look.

Although some fungi are edible it's quite difficult to identify them with absolute certainty so we strictly recommend that no fungi are eaten or even touched at Heyswood but it's interesting to observe and identify different types.

We have made a collection of photos taken of various fungi seen around Heyswood and identified them on the attached sheet....

The north wind doth blow...

During the recent snow earlier this term it was interesting to view Heyswood in a different guise and we are grateful to Matthew our Warden for capturing the scene.



Sadly, our Easter Egg Hunt has had to be postponed again as lockdown restrictions will not be sufficiently eased in time to hold this event so we now look forward to 2022.

Heyswood - your support is needed - With our campsite re-opening, we need your support in so many ways.

Publicity - still so many people in our County have never been to our site yet we can offer so many attractions suitable for all ages: Swimming Pool, Aeroball, Low Ropes Challenge Course, Table Tennis, Grass sledges, Orienteering, Playground, Water Slide, Gnome Trail and, **new for 2021**, a **Basket Swing**, **Double Zip Wire** and **Pond Dipping**. Come and visit and make use of your County Campsite and tell everyone else about it - **IDEAL for OUTDOOR MEETINGS**.

Jobs - yes, there's always jobs to be done - something for everyone no matter your skill or ability - please offer a little time. We need cleaners, people to tidy, tea makers, gardeners and if you have any specialist skills let us know as it can save our precious funds or at least stretch them further.

Finance - well doesn't everyone need money after the pandemic and we're not alone. Could you encourage others to join our Friends of Heyswood - it only costs £6 a year - membership form attached.

If you're already one of our 'Friends', please remember your subscription is due on 1 April or perhaps you might be able to give a one-off donation?

Everything helps to improve our facilities for the girls.

Please make cheques payable to **Heyswood Campsite Fund** and consider setting up a **Standing Order**. Or you can pay electronically direct into the FoH bank account, please use your surname as a reference. Bank Details: Sort code: **30-98-36** Account No.: **00469486**

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