



# Wildlife at Heyswood



As Red kites are being saved from extinction and reintroduced in England they have been spotted over Heyswood at least once - look out when you're next

there. They have a distinctive wide feathered wing, forked tail and colour markings. Due to less visitors during the pandemic, there have also been more sightings of deer large and small but all too quick to catch on camera! Our **wildlife pond** is also becoming more established with pond dipping equipment now available for investigating.



Unidentified object in the dipping area!



We are pleased that our newly refurbished water slide is now open for bookings and has been very popular and great fun. A great way to cool down (if we get some hot weather!) with water fun with no need for life savers. It's also great to see Heyswood busy with visitors again.

The **Double Zip wire** has now settled down and the grass re grown and is proving very popular with all age groups!





The **swimming pool fence** has been replaced subsidised by a Jack Petchey Leader Award Grant and donations collected in memory of Teresa McArthur. It now looks so much better and the girls won't pick up rust if brushing against it.

#### Time to paint

A recent request for help meant we were able to get the now separated rooms in BP lodge brightened up for the first group staying there since the COVID rules were eased - thanks to those who were able to make it and ensure we are keeping our premises available in a COVID responsible manner.



### Leaders' weekend



A small group of leaders spent a child free weekend at Heyswood with a chance to enjoy the facilities without responsibility for others before the new term starts - they took the opportunity to test out the low ropes, double zip wire, camp fire and paddle boarding on the pool as well as time to chill. It was voted a great success and is proposed to be repeated Since restrictions have eased, we've also been able to re-open the Low Ropes and run further familiarisation sessions for Leaders as well as taking bookings for units to take on the challenge.

## Fundraising

We are planning some forth coming fundraising events with a COVID responsible approach and hope that you can support us.



Our first event is a Quiz night on Saturday 9 October at Wallington Guide Hall -We will be restricting numbers and ask participants to bring their own

participants to bring their own condiments and cutlery for the fish and chips as well as the usual drinks and nibbles.

We shall also increase ventilation to be safer so wrap up warm!

Book early to avoid disappointment contact Janet <u>quiznight@girlguiding-glw.org.uk</u> Tickets £10

We would be grateful to receive any donations for Raffle prizes

Hopefully we can save the following dates

Race night - Saturday 29 January 2022

Easter Egg hunt - Sunday 10 April 2022



# Heyswood - your support is needed

Could you offer to complete a task at a time to suit your commitments?

Could you encourage others to join our Friends of Heyswood - it only costs  $\pounds 6$  a year - membership form attached.

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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