

Dear Manor Woods Valley Supporter

I do hope everyone has **Monday 2 December** in their diaries!

That's the date of our next open forum and committee meeting: **7-**

8.30pm at Zion Community Space on Bishopsworth Road. As well as an illustrated presentation by Peter Loy-Hancocks on **the role of trees** there will be:

- discussion and decisions about volunteering work and priorities;
- brief report on local planning issues;
- brief report on our finances;
- tasting ceremony of newly pressed Manor Woods Orchard apple juice.

Teas/coffees/apple juice and mince pies will be available, free. Please come along and enjoy this friendly and important get-together.

Saturday 14 December is our next volunteering work party, when we will continue with repairs to the Woodland Path. Join us for an hour or two, **between 10.30am and 12.30pm**. Everyone is welcome. You will find us somewhere along the Woodland Path near the St Peters Rise/Library end of Manor Woods Valley.

Saturday 21 December sees the return of **GoodGym** runners to the Orchard. Please join us if you have an hour or two to spare between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Other events in December that we are involved with include:

- meeting council officers about the potential for a tree planting scheme in Manor Woods Valley;
- meeting with the Forest of Avon Trust to plan wellbeing courses in Manor Woods Valley next year;
- ordering new fruit trees for planting in the orchard in the new year.

And here's a glance back at what happened in **November**:

- we had a very successful volunteering day on 5th when 29 TSB bank staff helped with repairs to the Woodland Path and with Bramble clearance in the Rabbit Field;
- we had to cancel the volunteer work party on 9th due to heavy rain;
- the University of Bristol biology students continued with fieldwork for their research projects in Manor Woods Valley;
- we contributed to the discussion at the Climate Change presentation at Zion Community Space;
- we met with the University of Bristol wellbeing officer about a potential course for students in Manor Woods Valley;
- We met with a representative of the Friends of Bishopsworth Library group about a partnership project on nature/gardening for young people;
- we attended tree pruning training, specifically about managing old and neglected fruit trees like the ones we have in Manor Woods Orchard;
- we reported the fly tipping incident at the Valley Road entrance - this has now been cleared up by the council's parks team.

Best wishes and thanks again for all your support
 Martin
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