

Dear Manor Woods Valley Supporter

1. After a quarter of a century of dedicated hard work - volunteering and campaigning for improvements in South Bristol – the **Malago Valley Conservation Group** is passing its legacy on to a new group, the **Manor Woods Valley Group**. We will focus our volunteering efforts on supporting the communities of Bedminster Down, Bishopsworth and Headley Park in looking after Manor Woods Valley Local Nature Reserve. The group is free to join for anyone who loves Manor Woods Valley and everyone is welcome.

You can find out what's happening in Manor Woods Valley LNR and about the our plans for the future on **11 June at 7pm** at **Zion Community Space** on Bishopsworth Road. This is an opportunity for local residents and everyone who enjoys Manor Woods Valley to have a say on how it is maintained and developed for the benefit of wildlife and people. This is the first meeting of the Manor Woods Valley Group so please come along, enjoy a free tea/coffee/soft drink, join in the discussion and be a supporter of Manor Woods Valley, a gem among Bristol's green spaces. Look out for our posters and leaflets in the next week in and around Manor Woods Valley, in the Co-op store on Bishopsworth Road and at the Festival of Nature in Queens Square next weekend. Visit our new website at www.manorwoodsvalley.org for more information.

2. Our next volunteering activity will be on **Saturday 8 June between 10.30am and 12.30pm**. We will be taking a break this month from conservation work in the orchard and, instead, we are organising a mid-summer litter pick and family picnic. We will base ourselves on the grassy area near where the path from Valley Walk meets the main cycle path. We will give out litter pickers, bin bags and instructions. This will also be the base for the picnic: so please bring your own picnic blanket, food and drinks and games for the children. Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

3. You can catch up with us again at the **Zion Community Space Childrens Festival on Saturday 15 June** where we will have a nature discovery stall and activities. See details of the festival on the Zion Facebook Page.

4. Towards the end of the month we will be welcoming the GoodGym runners back to Manor Woods Valley when they will help us with our next conservation task.

Looking back to last month:

5. Thanks to everyone who helped out on the May conservation work party in the orchard; it was a great turnout – 20 adults and 8 children – and we achieved so much. All the hard work by volunteers in the orchard over the last few years has vastly improved both the habitat for wildlife, particularly Slow worms, and the access to the fruit trees.

6. We organised two walks in May as part of the **Bristol Walking Festival**. In total, 29 people enjoyed the leisurely two hour walk around Manor Woods Valley led by Peter, our knowledgeable guide, exploring the many habitats and features of interest.

7. Manor Woods Valley Group submitted its response to the Bristol City Council consultation on the **Bristol Local Plan: New Protection for Open Space** along the following lines:

Manor Woods Valley Group wishes to register our support for the designation of Local Green Space (area 05006). This is the area covering the Manor Woods Valley Local Nature Reserve, and the adjoining areas to the north known as Manor Woods Orchard and The Quarries. We also wish to make a case for the re-designation of Crox Bottom (ROP05004) from Reserved Open Space to Local Green Space. Crox Bottom is considered locally as a sister site to Manor Woods Valley and is a vital part of the network of interconnecting wildlife habitats in south Bristol. In our view, it meets at least three of the criteria for recognition as Local Green Space: richness of wildlife, beauty and tranquillity.

Finally, please share this email with anyone you think may be interested in Manor woods Valley Local Nature Reserve. Please also let me know if you no longer wish to receive these emails.

Thanks again for all your support.

Martin

Manor Woods Valley Group