

Welcome to our **October update** (with a brief look back at what happened in September).

September's highlights included:

- Open Forum and committee meeting on 11th, the minutes are on our website, here: https://manorwoodsvalley.files.wordpress.com/2019/09/190911_meeting_minutes_mwvg.pdf;
- Second-Saturday-of-the-Month work party, repairing the Woodland Path on 14th, thanks to everyone who helped;
- Restoring the mini wildflower meadow by Valley Heights flats on 20th with 17 staff from the University of Bristol finance team, well done you;
- Transporting nearly three tons of gravel along the Woodland Path in buckets and wheelbarrows with 13 GoodGym runners on 28th, you continue to amaze;
- Delivery of 5 tons of gravel for the Woodland Path repairs and flailing of encroaching Brambles, by the council's parks team, much appreciated;
- Two milestones reached: 400 Facebook followers and 100 people signed up to our email list.

October's key activities will include:

- 1. Saturday 5th**, 10am-1pm, Zion Community Space. Manor Woods Valley Group will have a stall at the Over 55s Drop-in Information Morning, call in for a chat. See Zion's new programme for details.
- 2. Monday 7th**, 7-9pm, Zion Community Space. Members and friends of the Malago Valley Conservation Group are invited to attend this final meeting of the group and to celebrate its achievements over the last quarter of a century. Everyone is welcome. See www.mvcg.org.uk for details.
- 3. Saturday 12th**, 10.30am-12.30pm, is our Second-Saturday-of-the-Month volunteering work party, when we will continue with repairs the Woodland Path. This involves replacing the damaged and rotted parts of the path edging, repairing some of the damaged steps and filling potholes with gravel. Please join us if you have an hour or two to spare. Meet at the Interceptor, where the Malago goes underground. All tools and equipment are provided. See our Facebook Page and posters for more details.
- 4. Other**, behind-the-scenes, activities for committee members this month will include meeting with Groundwork South West about the Young Rangers project, training in Crowdfunding, attendance at the Bristol Parks Forum and

the Bristol Equality Network meetings, and meeting with the University of Bristol biological students to discuss field work research projects in Manor Woods Valley.

5. We are always on the lookout for more helpers, on our committee, or just for one-off tasks or events. Please get in touch if you would like to help.

Please pass this email on to anyone you think may be interested and encourage them to sign up for these regular updates. If you know of anyone who doesn't use email and who may be interested in Manor Woods Valley Local Nature Reserve, please print a paper copy for them if you can, many thanks. If you prefer not to receive these emails from Manor Woods Valley Group, please let me know.

Thank you for your continuing support
Martin
Manor Woods Valley Group