

# F o S P

## Newsletter

### March 2013



#### Improvements on Dothill

We have been collecting suggestions from our members and the local community since 2006, and the condition of Dothill and the Garland Road entrance along with the motorcycles have always been top items on the 'problems' list.

This month will see the start of work on a project to make our park a safer and more enjoyable place to visit.

The £12,500 project, which is expected to be completed by the summer, will provide a wheelchair accessible, anti-motorcycle barrier gate at the park's Garland Road entrance which has been used by noisy and unauthorised motorcycles for many years, affecting the safety of the park's visitors. Part of the Dothill path will be resurfaced and a new drainage system will be laid to improve access for everyone including people with disabilities.

The project will also encourage biodiversity in the bordering wooded area, On 28 March, children from Timbercroft School, who had previously painted the bird boxes, came to the Park to see the boxes being put up along Dothill.

Funding for the work is being provided by the London Borough of Greenwich and The Veolia Environmental Trust who have awarded £11,340 through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Volunteers including local residents and school children will participate in the work, enhancing the sense of community in the neighbourhood.



Children from Timbercroft School listening to John Beckham explaining bird boxes.

#### Friends of Shrewsbury Park Contact details

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# Events



## Bat Walk

**17 May 2013 @ 8pm**

We are having a Bat Walk on 17<sup>th</sup> May (Friday) when Kris and Les will assemble everyone in the car park at 8 pm for instructions on using the detectors, intriguing bat facts and tips on spotting our illusive neighbours.

The six bat boxes (made by Clive last year according to the Kent model) have withstood the winter weather and we can check these for signs of use. (We've been peering at them regularly).

The walk follows the path along the field down to the base of the Green Chain walk and up the slope overlooking the allotments, back down and right along Dothill, turning left up to the clearing and back to the car park by about 9.30pm. If you want further advice on access please contact Kris on the FoSP email: [fspdog@hotmail.com](mailto:fspdog@hotmail.com) and we can help you participate.

- Wear warm clothing and strong shoes or boots
- A torch is useful
- Children must be accompanied by an adult
- Dogs are allowed if kept on a leash.

In three Bat Walks we've never been disappointed by the little guys so...  
*Come join us for an evening ramble!*

**Important - If it rains neither the bats nor us will be coming out!**

## Summer Festival 8 June 2013

We will be holding our summer festival again this year, starting at 1pm. Although we will not have the dog show this year, we will have the much loved cake stall, white elephant, games, and craft stalls.



Please let us know if you can help out by leafleting, running the stalls, and clearing up (see contact details on first page).

If you would like a stall, please email us.

## Want to become a Member?

It's easy to join, just email us and we will add you to our membership. It is free to join (we are always happy to receive a donation), and you will be kept up to date with notices about our events.