



FoHH NEWSLETTER



Autumn 2019

FOHH - 2020 HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK CALENDAR

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THE CALENDAR IS HERE!!

Our photo competition attracted almost 200 wonderfully diverse entries from all over Ham Hill – thank you to everyone who submitted pictures!! All of them were great and the judges had quite a challenge selecting those that show off the beauty and diversity of Ham Hill Country Park.

Congratulations to all of the winners:

Nigel Sparks, Simon Hill, Jayne English, Jon O'Connell, Imelda Leetch, Bridget Barrow, Sarah Simpson, Nicki Holroyd, Rob Smith, Margaret Geatches and Sue Price.

The design and print costs have been covered by generous donations from 12 local businesses and organisations who have each sponsored a month, so all of the proceeds from sales of the calendars will go directly to the Friends' work supporting activities and conservation at Ham Hill Country Park – a big thank you to:

- Yeovil Ales
- Ham Hill Cider
- Stoke Club
- Hamdon First Aid
- Prince of Wales
- Martock Gallery
- Take A Peek Boutique

Our friends at Stable Design have worked their magic and we are delighted to announce that we will be launching the calendar at the upcoming Quiz Night at the Prince of Wales on Sunday 20th October for a cost of only £5!!

We'll also be selling them at the Ham Hill Bonfire on Friday 1st November as well as a number of local outlets – keep an eye out in the villages and on Facebook.

The calendar also makes an ideal, unique gift for friends and family, local and afar. To order, send an email to FoHH2020@gmail.com



- Humphries Kirk Solicitors
- Paul Cox Property Services
- Orchard Estates
- Ham & Doultling Stone
- Bagnell Farm

POP-UP MUSEUM

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to support the Pop-Up Museum. It was a big success and 2622 people participated across 42 days with 334 visitor surveys completed. A stunning 43 events across the period with 1424 children (and some adults) participating in the activities and sessions. During that time 15kg of clay was used, over 2,000-coin blanks and around 6kg of pulses for clay animals.



Comments from Facebook:

"The Pop Up Museum has been brilliant this year, my two daughters have thoroughly enjoyed our visits up there"

"Been some brilliant activities up at Ham Hill this summer!! Well done team! Very innovative! Thank you all very much indeed. A lot of fun."

"We had a lovely afternoon on our first visit to Ham Hill.... The man in the centre was very welcoming and informative. We'll definitely be back, thank you!"

As a result of various consultations throughout the summer including a visitor survey and the Pop-Up museum & activity centre, the Countryside Team at SSDC are progressing an application to the National

Lottery's Heritage Fund for Ham Hill Country Park. The project will look to address various elements of managing the busy country park including habitat management improvements, heritage protection for the Iron Age hillfort, visitor engagement, information and improvements for accessibility. We'll keep you updated with progress in this newsletter.

FUN DOG SHOW



FoHH and Volunteers manning 2 of the stalls

The Ham Hill Fun Dog Show was held in August, organized by Donna and Sarah to help raise funds for the Ferne Animal Sanctuary and the FoHH.

The event was a tremendous success, with many stalls and various classes. A number of classes were very popular with a high number of entries and there was also a Challenge circuit with "Distraction Alley", a challenge to find a sausage hidden in cuddly toys as fast as possible (without human help!) and an Obedience Challenge.

The money raised from the show was split between the two charities, each receiving £550. A huge 'thank you' to Donna and

Sarah and all who helped make this a memorable day.

TREE PLANTING



As part of [National Tree Week](#) and the Woodland Trust's [Big Climate Fight Back Tree Planting Day](#), come and join the Friends, volunteers and Rangers on Saturday 30th November are planning to plant over 200 oak and hazel trees.

Western Power Distribution has pledged financial support for the event, as have the Friends. Other sponsors to be confirmed and donations are also welcome on the day.

The planting is from 10am – 1pm. Meet at Lime Kiln car park at 9.30 for onward travel.

Refreshments will be available.

Roman Treasure Trail

The family friendly Roman Treasure Trail (funded through FoHH by the Prime Foundation) set to launch for October half term. Keep an eye out on Facebook for more details.

VOLUNTEERS' AWAY DAY

This year, the Volunteers were treated to a trip to Somerset Rural Life Museum at Glastonbury.



After a really interesting morning at the Museum and lunch, some Volunteers walked up to the Tor.



Many thanks to SSDC and all involved for a great day out.

VOLUNTEERS

As part of the Friends' role in promoting and celebrating the park, we attend various local community meetings and events.

If you want the Friends to do a talk or attend your community events, do drop us an email at

HamHillFriends@gmail.com

These events are important for raising awareness of and funds for projects.

DID YOU KNOW.....?

By supporting the Friends of Ham Hill charity, you help us support activities, conservation and projects in your local country park. We help to raise funds for Ham Hill Country Park, which means we can provide additional educational activities for local children, tools for the volunteer group and stage popular events.

There are a number of ways to donate:

Popping your spare change in one of our collection boxes

Buying the 2020 photo calendar or our Walking Leaflets

Make one-off or regular donations or even leave a legacy in your will

You can also support the Friends for free when you shop with Amazon. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support us every time you shop, at no cost to you. Simply use the smile.amazon.co.uk link, select "Friends of Ham Hill" as your preferred charity then Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Friends of Ham Hill.



FUTURE EVENTS AT HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK

For further details look on Ham Hill website or Facebook page

Lantern Decorating at Ham Hill
Monday 28 October
10:00 am – 12pm

Come along to this drop-in session at the ranger's office. Decorate your own lantern for Halloween and bring your lantern along to the Lantern Parade on Friday 1st November, when we light the Ham Hill bonfire.

Ham Hill Bonfire
Friday 1st November
5.30pm -7.30pm

Set in the Stone Circle, a fantastic fire is lit to keep you warm with Tinkers Bubble famous spiced apple juice, hot dogs and toasted marshmallows.

The Ham Hill bonfire is a dog friendly event, no fireworks, but you can bring sparklers and your own guy to put on the fire.

Join the candle lit procession from the Ranger's office at 5.30pm

Free event - donations are appreciated to keep this event running.

CALENDAR SPONSORS




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