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KNOLLS WOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER **AUTUMN 2003**

Hello from the KWA committee. Now that summer is well and truly over, we are enjoying the fabulous colours of our wonderful woodland setting. Here is our Autumn newsletter:

Objectives

Since July we have met six times, and have discussed many issues, including the objectives of the association. We hope you agree:

- To work with the Greensands Trust (GST) and South Beds District Council (SBDC) to maintain Knolls Wood
- To prevent exploitation of, or threats to, the woodland and local environment
- To monitor long-term planning and involve the local community
- To preserve the history of the woods

Management Plan

By working with Greensands Trust (GST) and South Bedfordshire District Council, we are already well on the way to agreeing a Management Plan for Knolls Wood. When complete and agreed, we intend to publish this on our new website, www.knollswood.com.

Working Parties

In cooperation with the rangers at Stockgrove Park and the GST we are keen to re-introduce the idea of voluntary work by local residents in Knolls Wood. Currently, rangers from Stockgrove Park go out

every Wednesday. They are also hoping to arrange supervised working parties at weekends. This approach overcomes historic hurdles, such as our liability for the personal injuries of volunteers. **If you are interested in working with us in our woods, please complete and return the attached application form.**

There are occasional training opportunities. If you would like to know more, please phone the rangers at Stockgrove on 01525 237760 or email rangers@stockgrove.co.uk.

Help us look after the woods

Please help us to keep the woods rubbish free. Garden waste that gets tipped over fences:

- Causes an unsightly mess
- Alters the soils condition by adding extra nutrients
- Transfers unwanted garden species in to the wood

New KWA Logo

The committee wishes to refresh the KWA logo to reflect our revised aims and objectives. To involve the local community, especially our children, we have asked the Head Teachers of Doverly Down and Heathwood Lower School if their pupils would like to design a new logo for our association. The best 5 entries from each school will win a prize, and both schools will receive a monetary prize (sponsored by local businesses). The designs will be displayed in the booking hall of the Leighton Buzzard railway station and the prizes will be presented after half term in February.

Local Nature Reserve Status

Working in partnership with the GST, we are hoping that English Nature will designate Knolls Wood a Local Nature Reserve. If we are successful, this status will add a degree of security, a greater status (or degree of conservational importance) and the possibility of monetary grant to put towards implementing our Management Plan.

**If you have any questions about any items in this newsletter please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.
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