



WOODCOTE MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWSLETTER

Spring 2008

No. 18

Annual General Meeting

As a Charitable Trust we must hold an AGM each spring. All residents in the area are invited. This year it will be held at **8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 12th March** in the Epsom Sports Club, Woodcote Road. The Agenda is:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Trustee report and accounts for the year ended 31.12.07
5. Millennium Green Patrons
6. Chairman's Annual Report
7. Future plans
8. Question/suggestion time
9. Any Other Business

Under item 9, we would welcome any suggestions about improvements you might like to see. If you cannot come to the AGM just contact any Trustee (listed at the end) with your ideas or comments. We are managing the Green on your behalf, and look forward to hearing from you.

Refreshments and an opportunity for informal discussions will follow the formal business.

Maintenance

Instead of holding specific maintenance days where dates are published many weeks in advance, we are trying a new system. We have the e-mail addresses of a number of volunteers, and when a task is identified we e-mail them to find when a group can get together. If you would like to join us, please let one of the Trustees have your e-mail address, or e-mail Mark Swan at:

mark.emma@virgin.net

Tax reclaimed

We were able to claim back £493 tax under the Gift Aid scheme, thanks to your donations. Because of the change to income tax rates that will take effect from 6th April, the amount of Gift Aid that charities will be able to claim back will reduce from 28% to 25% from that date. The Trustees hope that this will encourage you to send us your donations before 6th April!

Annual Report and Accounts

These will be available at the AGM, but if you would like a copy and cannot attend, contact any Trustee after 12th March. A summary of our accounts follows:

Receipts	£
Donations received	6929
Distributions & interest	1528
Gift Aid & tax repayment	<u>493</u>
Total	<u>8950</u>
Expenditure	£
Administration costs	89
Insurance & Membership fees (Net)	305
Maintenance costs	285
Other expenses – cost of mower	<u>2200</u>
Total charitable direct expenditure	<u>2879</u>
Investment	4699
Total expenditure	<u>7578</u>
Surplus after investment expenditure	<u>1372</u>

New Trustee

We are pleased to welcome a new Trustee, Shirley Edghill, to represent Epsom General Hospital, in accordance with our Trust Deed.

Millennium Green Patrons

At the time of writing we have 76 Patrons, to whom we are very grateful. Our target is 100, so we are getting closer. A graph of our progress accompanies this Newsletter. Don't forget that you can become a Patron by paying a one-off sum of £250 or £50 p.a. by Standing Order for five years, or just £25 p.a. for ten years, which is about £2 per month. If you would like a donation form please contact any of the Trustees listed at the end of this Newsletter. If you are already a Patron, don't forget that you will be eligible for a second prize draw ticket if you introduce someone else who becomes a Patron. Of course, we still want people to become and remain 'Friends', and the usual form for this is at the end of the Newsletter.

Donations

Thanks to your generosity as our "Friends", and to two special donations, one significant, last year we were able to purchase a tractor mower, which has already reduced the effort required for our volunteers to maintain the grassed area. We have not used income from the Patrons Scheme for this purchase. The Patrons Scheme fund is being accumulated to

produce steady income with which to help pay for substantial maintenance work in the future. We are very keen to enrol more Patrons and reach our target of 100 (see article above and graph attached).

We also very much appreciate all those who become or continue as 'Friends' who help us to pay our general running expenses. Donations can be delivered to any trustee, using the form below.

The current Trustees are:

Ian Allely	2 Chalk Paddock
Shirley Edghill	Epsom General Hospital
Chris Frost	8 Warren Hill
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John Parsloe	1 Woodcote Green House
Annette Richmond	9 Warren Hill
Brian Saxby	59 Sunny Bank
Mark Swan	6 Sunny Bank
Derek Warrilow	30 Axwood
Sue White	36 Pine Hill

Chris Frost

On behalf of the Trustees 01372-720430
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If you would prefer to keep your Newsletter intact, simply write the relevant information from the lines below on another piece of paper.

To: Chris Frost, 8 Warren Hill, Epsom, KT18 7BX, or any other Trustee listed above:-

Gift Aid: If you are a **UK taxpayer** you can increase the value of your gift by completing the Gift Aid declaration below:

Full Name (please print) _____ Phone (optional) _____
Address _____ Amount £ _____

* I/we would like to become a/'Friend(s) of Woodcote Millennium Green' OR

* I/we would like to continue to be a/ 'Friend(s) of Woodcote Millennium Green

* I wish all donations that I have made since 6th April 2000 and all donations in the future to be Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise.

Please tick here if you are not already a Patron and would like to receive information about the Patron scheme and an application form. If you would like one or more information packs to pass onto friends please insert the number required here:

* Please delete as appropriate

Note: you must pay at least as much tax as we shall be claiming each year on your donations.

A cheque is enclosed for the annual donation (suggested minimum £3.00) for the year 2008. **Cheques should be payable to 'Woodcote Millennium Green Trust'. Thank you.**

Signed: _____ Date: _____