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This document provides information on all the local community and 'Friends Of' groups of Poole. We want to link groups up more and help facilitate conversations between you all. We hope the following information is helpful.

Some groups will have contact details outlined, however if you would like to get in contact with the leaders of any of the groups please do contact the BCP Council Environmental Engagement Officer and they will gain permission to share group details. If you require a printed copy of this document let the Environmental Engagement Officer know. If any information needs adjusting, or adding to, do let us know.

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ADASTRAL SQUARE GARDENING GROUP

The Adastral Square gardening group are a collection of local Canford Heath volunteers who come together each Thursday between 2pm and 4pm to help maintain and improve the different planted and grassed areas on the square, which is surrounded by a busy little shopping area. They have created some really lovely planting to help benefit the local walkers-by.

ALEXANDRA PARK COMMUNITY GROUP

The Alexandra Park Community Group is a developing small group based around supporting and improving Alexandra Park in Penn Hill by working between the local community, council, and the pavilion. They are always looking for new group members and new ideas for the area. This group also aims to support the Cafe at the Pavilion which opened in November 2018.

BAITER PARK LOCALS

Another new group (formed late 2018), this group is focused on preserving and improving the Baiter skate park. In the time that they have formed they have managed to secure £100,000 in CIL funding for a new, enlarged skate park area. They carry out a variety of events on Baiter to raise funds for this project, including skate jams, and will also be helping to continuously maintain the area and provide new opportunities for young skaters to get involved. Make sure to keep an eye on their Facebook to hear about their latest events.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/baiterskateparkredevelopment/

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BH12 PLANTERS

The BH12 Planters have grown over the years and recently a new leader has taken over to continue their great work. This group have focused on beautifying the planters and traffic control areas on Albert Road (off of Ashley Road) as well as some other surrounding roads. They have managed to create some truly stunning planter beds perfect for a wide variety of wildlife, whilst managing to put a lovely spin on the many speed control measures on the road.

E-mail: bh12planters@gmail.com

Facebook: facebook.com/BH12Planters/

Twitter: twitter.com/BH12Planters

BOURNE COMMUNITY GROUP

The Bourne Community Group was formed over nine years ago to get residents to co-operate and work towards creating a better place to live. They have carried out many actions and events in the local area and are currently focused on creating a new community hub alongside a new play area.

Website: bvag.weebly.com

Facebook: facebook.com/BourneValleyActionGroup/



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BRANKSOME TERRACE

This is a group of local volunteer gardeners who have renovated a garden along the cliff top which they have called Branksome Terrace.

DOG WALKERS ACTION GROUP

This is a group of local dog walkers who also help to clear up the areas they walk in by litter picking and clearing any dog waste.

E-mail: dogwalkers.actiongroup@ntlworld.com

FRIENDS OF BRANKSOME REC

This group is run as part of the Branksome West Residents Association. Both these groups have had great success on the recreation ground with a new play area unveiled in early 2019 which was supported by the Friends Of group and residents association. Paths and benches are also being improved thanks to their consultation support.

Website: branksomewestresidentsassociation.co.uk/index.php

Twitter: twitter.com/brkwstresasoc

FRIENDS OF BROADSTONE NATURE RESERVE

The Friends of Broadstone Nature Reserve have worked closely with the BCP Councils Natural Habitats team who look after the natural spaces and heathlands in the area. The group has helped to provide constant volunteer support on a range of activities across the nature reserve and have played a large role in the maintenance of the area.

Website: fbrn.weebly.com

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FRIENDS OF COY POND

The Friends of Coy Pond have been key to the rejuvenation of the Coy Pond area for several years now, with the Dorset Wildlife Trust and the RHS awarding the group for their work on the area. Over the past few years they have had a focus on the rockery area, turning this into a stunning area for bees and other insects. They have also helped to improve the area around the actual pond, including the creation of a 'stumpery' and new planting at the upper end of the pond.

Website: friendsofcoypond.co.uk/index.htm

FRIENDS OF HAMWORTHY PARK

The Friends of Hamworthy Park are one of the most well-known and active groups across Poole. In 2017 they became an official charity with the aim of preserving, promoting and caring for Hamworthy Park. The group hold a regular volunteering session every Wednesday morning on the park, helping to keep the park clean. They have also been a massive fundraiser for the park, helping to renew the paddling pool, alongside running park fetes and other projects to help benefit the Hamworthy area.

Website: friendsofhamworthypark.co.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/hamworthyparkfriends/

E-mail: friendsofhamworthypark@hotmail.com

FRIENDS OF POOLE PARK

The Friends of Poole Park have provided fantastic support to the council in the development of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid for the park. You can find out more information on their website.

Website: friendsofpoolepark.btck.co.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/FriendsOfPoolePark/

FRIENDS OF TURNERS NURSERY

This Friends Of group have been instrumental in looking after Turners Nursery and turning it in to a fantastic area for wildlife and people alike. This nursery area has everything from a willow arch, to a compost area and its own orchard full of fruit trees. The nursery section is part of an area of open space and the group are moving forward to see how these two areas can be integrated more in the future.

Website: transitionpoole.org.uk/?page_id=516

Facebook: facebook.com/groups/148831245150425/

E-mail: FriendsofTurnersNursery@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF UPTON COUNTRY PARK

The Friends of Upton Country Park are one of the oldest groups in Poole, having formed as a group in 1976. They are a very active volunteer group with upwards of 250 members. They have been a key support of the Discovery Project lottery bid and help to provide volunteers to many of the parks concessions as well as supporting with fundraising and gardening. They are a very versatile group carrying out a variety of volunteering.

Website: uptoncountrypark.com/friends/

E-mail: info@uptoncountrypark.org

OAKDALE LIBRARY GARDENS ASSOCIATION

The Oakdale Library Gardens Association is a really unique area where a group of local volunteers have come forward to take over and look after the surrounding garden area of the Oakdale Library. Within this space they have created a remembrance garden, an adventure trail as well as a specific area where books can be read. Stop by on a Monday morning to take a look at all this amazing garden offers and meet some of the volunteers.

Facebook: facebook.com/Oakdalelibrarygardens/

PLAY MOOR, SKATE MOOR

Play Moor, Skate Moor is part of the highly successful 'Let's Talk Moor' community project based on Turlin Moor. This group works with local residents to help develop improved community facilities, including a new play area.

Website: poolecommunitiestrust.org.uk/community-hub-development/lets-talk-moor/

Facebook: facebook.com/letstalkmoor/

E-mail: info@letstalkmoor.net



POOLE'S SECRET GARDEN

Poole's Secret Garden is a little area of natural beauty looked after by a local volunteer with a focus on increasing biodiversity. The garden is based on Danecourt Road, Poole. Make sure to stop by to admire a myriad of butterflies and other wildlife!

MERLEY WILDLIFE AND NATURE GROUP

This informal group launched in the Spring of 2019, with a focus on looking out for the variety of wildlife that is present across Merley and Bearwood. The group also promotes ways of making the area more friendly for wildlife and has carried out volunteer litter picks.

Facebook: facebook.com/groups/473140243424919/

PINECLIFF SUNKEN GARDENS COMMUNITY GROUP

The Pinecliff Sunken Gardens is an area that is managed through the Branksome Park and Canford Cliffs Residents Association. This group have helped preserve the area for several years now, spending many Thursday mornings in the sunshine looking across the coast whilst volunteering. This is a stunning area to volunteer and the group work closely with the local Friends of Canford Cliffs Library.

Website: pinesandchines.co.uk

ST PAUL'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GARDEN

A group of volunteers from St Paul's Church on Canford Heath decided to make better use of the garden area of the church and so opened up the neighbourhood garden in 2015. The aim is to provide an area where people can be seated in nature, whilst also creating sensory areas and an edible garden alongside floral displays.

Website: stpaulscanfordheath.org.uk/community-life/neighbourhood-garden/

WHITECLIFF HARBOURSIDE PARK VOLUNTEERS

The Whitecliff Harbourside Park Volunteers are a group of local residents who come together on the last Saturday of each month to help clean up Whitecliff park. From carrying out maintenance on the parks edges including clearing weeds, to litter picking the entirety of the park, this group continues to carry out fantastic work and is a key reason why the park always looks so great!

Facebook: facebook.com/whitecliffvolunteers/



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Gardens Association