



FRIENDS OF WALTON FIRS

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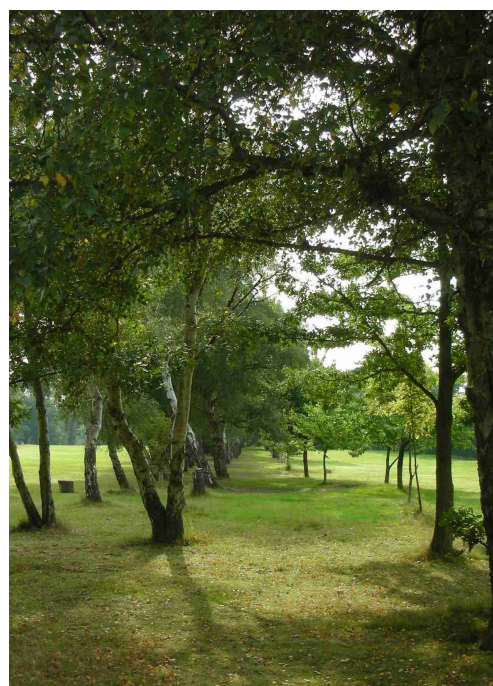


UP AND RUNNING !!

With your help Walton Firs has been purchased for the benefit of the young people of Surrey

– a fantastic achievement by all. At its AGM on 9 September the Walton Firs Foundation adopted a new version of its memorandum and articles to establish a simpler structure to support the management, maintenance and development of the Activity Centre now that it is up and running in its new form

There will now be a **Management Group** chaired by David Gardner which will allow users to contribute directly to the way in which the Centre is used and developed. This Group has already met. **There will be a new version of the Friends of Walton Firs (FWF)** chaired by Derek Pollard with the objective of raising the funds for the future development of the Centre and keep donors informed of progress, news and views of the young people using the site. All those who have previously helped or taken an interest in the purchase of the Centre will automatically be included as initial members of the FWF and receive this newsletter. Some members of the FWF will be designated as Member Patrons. These member Patrons will comprise the 'shareholders' of the Foundation and will hold the Foundation to account against its objects. Rob Woolford will continue to chair the **Board of Directors**



We are delighted that our Patrons will continue to be led by our Founder Patron Lady Baden-Powell.

Membership of the FWF will be henceforth by annual subscription due on 1 July at a number of levels. All members will receive regular newsletters giving progress and news, will be invited to events and an annual open day at the Centre. ***The first Open Day will be on Sunday 17 May 2009. Book the date !!***



Membership of the Friends of Walton Firs

- Basic annual *FWF membership* – £20
- *Life FWF membership* – £200 payable in a single donation.



FWF recognises members who contribute at a higher level and donate or raise additional monies to help us by becoming *Donor Members* of the Friends of Walton Firs (previously Members of the Foundation) as

- *Donor Members of FWF* – an annual subscription of £200
- *The Wardens Donor Members* – a single donation of at least £1000
- *Founder Donor Members* – Open to Scout Districts making a single donation of at least £20,000 and entitling a permanent 10% reduction in camp fees
- *Magic Circle Donor Members* – who have raised at least £50,000



From 1 October the administration of the Walton Firs Foundation moved to Walton Firs itself. Debs Beaney is currently with us as the **Administration Assistant** mainly for the Friends of Walton Firs on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday - reach her on site on 01932 860224 and 07786 023408.

The postal Address for all administrative matters is Friends of Walton Firs, Walton Firs Activity Centre, Convent Lane, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1HB.

Dave & Sue McIntosh our long serving and much appreciated Wardens can be reached on 01932 863243.

We are hugely grateful to the staff of Dixcart International Ltd for their administrative help during the fund raising period.

The Centre covers its costs. Camp fees paid by the 20,000 young users keep it going with an excellent team of weekend volunteers.

The **three year development plan** which we wish to implement for the benefit of the young users will cost over £250,000. Little capital development has taken place in recent years and the plan includes:

- An enhanced climbing and abseiling wall
- A Dutch Barn to be used as a wet weather shelter and uploading point near the car park
- A new building containing an emergency and first aid centre, shop and administration block.



We have a terrific opportunity to help young people through this exceptional centre. Please join us in making it very special.