

Friends of Oxleas Woodlands

June 2023 NEWSLETTER



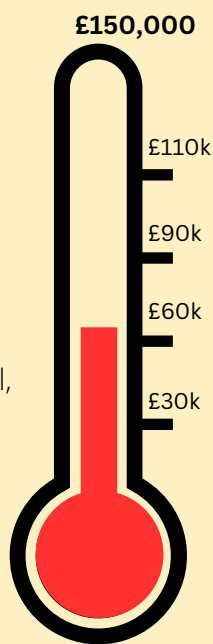
Funding Target

We have a fundraising target of **£150,000** to complete the repair and restoration of footpaths in Jack Wood.

To date we have raised **£61,390!**

That's £45,000 from the Council, £16,020 from the Greenwich Neighbourhood Growth Fund and £370 from individual donations.

If you would like to make a donation please donate via [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friends-of-oxleas-woodlands-1](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friends-of-oxleas-woodlands-1) or email Sue for details of alternative ways to donate oxleas.members@gmail.com



Hello Friends,

Fundraising for Jack Wood Pathways!

We are excited that the next stage of the Woodland Pathways Project is underway. Our Crowdfunding page is Live on JustGiving and we need your donations: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friends-of-oxleas-woodlands-1

Our overall target is £150,000. The money will fund the repair and restoration of the pathways in Jack Wood so that people can enjoy using the wood, and the flora and fauna can flourish. It's a big project. Stage 1 (£23k for two flights of steps) was completed in December, and stage 2 (£22k) commenced this week on Lower Path. We have also raised £16k to replace a set of steps and two new sleeper bridges, later this summer.

The new [Just Giving Crowdfunding](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friends-of-oxleas-woodlands-1) target is £50,000 to complete Lower Path from end to end - every metre costs £100! We've already raised almost £400, but we've a long way to go. If every one of our 612 members donated, we'd be so much closer. We'd love to complete the path before the end of the year. Please tell your friends and any potential donors.

If you would like to know more about the Pathways Project see our website www.oxleaswoodlands.uk/news or email oxleas.friends@gmail.com

Jane Hughes
Steering Group Member

Members' Meeting

We hope you'll join us at Shrewsbury House on **Wednesday 21st June** at 7:30pm. We will be showing our new fundraising film (made by volunteers) and will have a talk titled "Butterfly Conservation projects in London and Oxleas" from Steve Bolton of *Butterfly Conservation*.

To become a member of the Friends of Oxleas Woodland please complete the membership application form www.oxleaswoodlands.uk/contact-us

www.oxleaswoodlands.uk

For More Information

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FOW Walks & Events

Houses in the Woods Walk

Sunday 18th June, 6pm **FULL**

Sunday 27th August, 3pm

Tom will explore the locations of six great houses which once stood in the Woodlands - with images and anecdotes.

Family Explorer

Sunday 9th July, 10:15am

Families with primary-aged children are invited to join Sue Houghton to explore the woods around Severndroog Castle, where we'll be inspired by the beauty of nature, from the giant trees to the tiny insects.

Woodland Walk

Sunday 16th July, 10am

Join botanist, Richard Price, for a meander around the woodlands. Our eagle-eyed walk leader has fantastic knowledge; you'll be surprised at what can be learnt. Richard identifies and describes the plants and their uses - and some of the lore and legends that accompany them.

Booking is essential for all walks. Please contact Mike oxleas.events@gmail.com or use the QR code below to book directly. Walks are free, donations are welcome.



Walk in the Woods Celebration

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave generously of their time to support this event on Bank Holiday Sunday. The weather was gloriously sunny but also very windy, at times nearly sending the stall and gazebo flying. There were many visitors to the stall who learned more about FOW, the Pathways project, and enjoyed a walk led by Tom.



Fundraising Film

In a change to our usual volunteering, some brave FOW representatives and a volunteer videographer have been making a short film to explain why we need to repair and improve Lower Path in Jack Wood, and to help raise the additional £50,000 required. Watch our stars on social media and YouTube very soon.



Jack Wood Pathways

Work funded by the Council has commenced this month on Lower Path. A new solid entrance is being put in from Oxleas Meadow, replacing the temporary diversion we created last winter. The Eastern bridge will be replaced, with a refurbished path on both ends, and the approaches to the Western bridge will also be improved.

Our successful bids to the Greenwich Neighbourhood Growth Fund mean contractors will replace the steps and two bridges in the middle of the woods. Thanks to you all for voting!



Volunteering Dates

June

Friday 16th, 10am-1pm Woodland Conservation

Saturday 24th, 10am-noon Litter Picking

Friday 30th, 10am-1pm Woodland Conservation

July

Saturday 1st, 10am-noon Rose Garden

Saturday 8th, 10am-1pm SHWWP*

Friday 14th, 10am-1pm Woodland Conservation

Friday 21st, 2-4pm Rose Garden

Saturday 22nd, 10am-noon Litter Picking

Friday 28th, 10am-1pm Woodland Conservation

*Shooters Hill Woodlands Working Party

For all the volunteer sessions and events planned for 2023 please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

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If you would like to join us as a volunteer please contact us on oxleas.volunteers@gmail.com

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES: JUNE to DECEMBER 2023.

June.

Friday 2nd - Woodland Conservation Group
 Sunday 4th - Rose Garden Restoration
 Friday 9th - Rose Garden Restoration
 Saturday 10th – SHWWP *
 Friday 16th - Woodland Conservation Group
Sun 18th - Houses in the Woods walk: pm.
Weds 21st - Members' Meeting: 7.30pm
 Saturday 24th - Litter picking
 Friday 30th - Woodland Conservation Group

August.

Friday 11th - Rose Garden Restoration
 Saturday 12th - SHWWP
 Friday 18th - Woodland Conservation Group
 Saturday 19th - Litter picking
 Sunday 20th - Rose Garden Restoration
Sunday 20th - Woodland History Walk: pm
Sunday 27th - Houses in the Woods Walk: pm

October.

Friday 13th - Rose Garden Restoration
 Saturday 14th – SHWWP
Sunday 15th – Autumn Family Explorer: am.
 Friday 20th - Woodland Conservation Group
 Sunday 22nd - Rose Garden Restoration
 Saturday 28th - Litter picking

December.

Friday 1st - Woodland Conservation Group
Wednesday 6th - Members' Meeting: 7.30pm
 Friday 8th - Rose Garden Restoration
 Saturday 9th - SHWWP
 Friday 15th - Woodland Conservation Group
 Saturday 16th - Litter picking
 Sunday 17th - Rose Garden Restoration
Saturday 23rd - Winter Bird Walk: am.

July.

Saturday 1st - Rose Garden Restoration
 Saturday 8th – SHWWP
Sunday 9th - Summer Family Explorer: am.
 Friday 14th - Woodland Conservation Group
Sunday 16th – Woodland Walk: am.
 Friday 21st - Rose Garden Restoration
 Saturday 22nd - Litter picking
 Friday 28th - Woodland Conservation Group

September.

Friday 1st - Woodland Conservation Group
 Friday 8th - Rose Garden Restoration
 Saturday 9th - SHWWP
 Friday 15th - Woodland Conservation Group
 Saturday 16th - Rose Garden Restoration
Sunday 17th - Autumn Bird Walk: am.
 Saturday 23rd - Litter picking
Tuesday 26th - Members' Meeting -7.30pm
 Friday 29th - Woodland Conservation Group

November.

Friday 3rd - Woodland Conservation Group
 Friday 10th - Rose Garden Restoration
 Saturday 11th - SHWWP
 Friday 17th - Woodland Conservation Group
 Saturday 18th - Rose Garden Restoration
 Saturday 25th - Litter picking.

Contacts.

For more info about FOW, membership,
 volunteer sessions and walks.
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*SHWWP = Shooters Hill Woodlands Working Party

All weekend volunteering and Woodland Conservation Group sessions start at 10am.

Friday rose garden sessions start at 2pm, but may be subject to change when the temperature is high.

We hope to add Bat and Fungi walks to this calendar later in the year.

We are entirely reliant on receiving donations of time and money. For more information contact oxleas.friends@gmail.com