

BROMLEY HEATH PARK AND PLAYING FIELDS - My name is Sharon Herniman and I have been Chair of the Friends of Bromley Heath Park and Playing Field group since 2016. Within that time the following has taken place:-

- June 2017 : Resurfacing of the flooring around the train/toddler play area;
- June 2017 : Train tidied and damaged section removed;
- February 2018 : Basketball and tennis courts repainted;
- February 2018 : Basketball nets replaced;
- July 2018 : Skate park improvements – Refurbishment of ramps and tarmac;
- April 2019 : Repainting of park play equipment, using Member Award Funding from South Gloucestershire Councillors;
- 2019 : Footpath installed
- 2019 : Bins replaced;
- June 2021 : Resurfacing of flooring around the climbing frame section.

This has all be achieved working with Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Downend Men in Sheds. A summer family picnic was also held in 2015 which was a huge success and we have attended Heathfest and South Glos Park Forum Groups to talk about the park and playing fields.



Having been Chair for 6 years now, I feel the time is right for me to step aside for others to bring some new life and ideas into the Friends Group. The current Treasurer, Simon Shellard, who has done a great job with keeping track of finances for the Friends Group, will also be stepping down. We are now looking for volunteers, who can spare a little time to help out and become part of the Group – the key roles would primarily include Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer plus ideally someone to look at grant applications and anyone else who might be able to give some time to the Group.

A meeting was held two weeks ago and attended by four members of the public, plus two Parish Councillors and the Chair of the Neighbourhood Watch. It was a useful meeting, with some great ideas but to move the Friends Group forward and revitalise it, volunteers really are needed. We also have the upcoming refurbishment of the pavilion, which will be a great development. This is being undertaken by Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council, but it would be great to also have input from the Friends Group.



The Park and Playing Fields are a huge part of Bromley Heath and used by most within the Community - toddlers and young children, dog walkers, tennis players, basketball players, footballers, cricketers, friend/family meet ups – the Friends Group play a vital part in interacting with the community, South Glos Council and Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council. They also have the ability to apply for grants in order to bring new things to the area.



There will be a further meeting on **TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM AT BADMINTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH** to which I would encourage as many as possible to attend, so as to ensure the Friends Group remains active and a functioning Group. If you use Bromley Heath Park & Playing Fields, please do come along and offer your support.

