

YOUR SUPPORT & SUGGESTIONS

Please ✓ below and add your own ideas

Organised talks* – what are your favourites

- Birds Insects Wild flowers
 Archaeology Other _____

Organised walks*

- Nature trail Wildlife (flora & fauna)
 Archaeology Other _____

Exhibitions and Promotions

- I'd like to help create an exhibition
 I'd like to help run a stall

Conservation

- I'd like to volunteer to work on the Downs
 I'd like to help with gardening at
Coulston South Station

- I can offer the following skills

Please complete:

Tel: _____

Email: _____

**Children are welcome at all events but must be accompanied by an adult*

Thank you for your time in completing this form

Friends of Farthing Downs & Happy Valley

The Friends was formed in 2005 with the full support of the City of London who have owned and managed Farthing Downs for the benefit of the public since 1883. It is a fully constituted body and is led by a committee of volunteers who meet regularly with representatives from the City.

Farthing Downs is protected by Green Belt and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) status. Its unique chalk grassland provides a home for wild flowers, including the rare Greater Yellow Rattle and rare orchids, and increasingly threatened species of birds and insects. Its open space and free access provides leisure facilities for local residents and visitors alike, including woodland, open downland and views of local and distant landmarks from the many footpaths and bridleways. Signposted walks include the London Loop, Downland Circular Walk and the Farthing Downs and Happy Valley Nature Trail.

Farthing Downs is a Scheduled Ancient Monument with distinctive Celtic field systems, Saxon burial tumuli, Neolithic trackways and WWII anti-aircraft trenches.



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www.friendsoffarthingdowns.co.uk



Friends Activities

2005: Inauguration

2006: Won grant from English Heritage for Farthing Downs archaeological survey.



2007: Raised funds for refurbishment of bronze plaque on the Millennium Cairn.

2008: Family Learning Week in partnership with Coulsdon Library – talks and walks and visits to local schools.

2009-11: Arranged public consultation on City plans for refurbishment of the car park – sponsored information board for the new Visitor Gathering Area.

2011: Sponsored new beech tree for The Folly and wildlife night-time camera.

2012: Sponsorship of the Association of Croydon Conservation Societies' updated 'Croydon for All' leaflet.

2013-14: Start of Friends' project to green Coulsdon South Station (Waitrose 'Community Matters' grant) – on-going. Sponsorship of updated 'Happy Valley & Farthing Downs' Nature Trail booklet. The new Trail posts have QR codes which link to the Friends website.



Annually: Nature and History walks and talks, e.g. Bat & Moth Night, Birds, Fungi, History of the Bourne, Windmills, Dormouse, Deer. Exhibitions, Stalls and Quiz Nights.

The Role of the Friends

The Friends work with the City of London to:

- Protect the heritage of Farthing Downs
- Promote the value of the Downs
- Initiate and support community projects

Funds raised by the Friends are used towards:

- Leaflets and Information boards
- Organising walks and talks
- Local environmental projects

Friends Aims and Objectives

Aims

- Enhance the heritage and leisure value of Farthing Downs & New Hill
- Promote awareness and interest through events and activities for all ages and communities
- Protect the integrity of the Downs by working with the City of London to engender a wider sense of ownership

Objectives

- Organise local events
- Keep members apprised of activities and issues related to the Friends and to Farthing Downs through regular Newsletters, Leaflets and our Website
- Organise walks and talks associated with Heritage and Natural History
- Encourage community/visitor involvement through local exhibitions and presence at local events
- Fundraise to support the above objectives and Friends' projects

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I/we wish to apply for membership and enclose a donation for the current calendar year:

Individual *£5 (£2.50 after 30 June)

Family *£8 (£4.00 after 30 June)

* or alternatively a greater amount of £

Cheques to: **The Friends of Farthing Downs**

Your details (CAPITALS):

Title, Name and Address and Postcode

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For payment by Standing Order, please complete the details below (CAPITALS):

To the Manager (your Bank Name & Address)

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Name of Account to be debited

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Bank Account Number Sort Code

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Please pay **NOW** the sum of £..... and then **Annually on 1st January** until further notice the sum of £..... to Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-91-72 for the credit of: The Friends of Farthing Downs. A/c.03055398

Signature Date



SEND TO: Friends of Farthing Downs

The Treasurer
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Coulsdon, Surrey, CR5 1PA

Date Issued