

# Beaufort Hill Ponds & Woodlands



## Newsletter

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The society win an award from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales.

Last September, the society won a prestigious award from the C.P.R.W. These awards are sponsored by the Post Office Wales.

The photo on the left shows Ian Burge, President of CPRW (Newport & Valleys) presenting a plaque and scroll to society chairman Rex Herbert MBE.

Byron Grubb, who lives nearby and regularly walks the woodlands site was so impressed by the development of the site that he nominated us for the award. Byron is also Secretary of the Newport & Valleys Branch, of the C.P.R.W.

The inscription on the plaque states - "For the care of the local environment - Rural Award Wales".

### Members work

Right - Grant from Environment Wales to erect an Information board erected near Butterfly pond.

Below - Grant from GAVO and members assisted Green Earth Wales in building a path and hand-rail to the bridge at the U.Boat Pond.



To assist visitors in finding the woodlands, signposts have been erected at the junction of Beaufort Hill and North Street and also along Highlands Road.



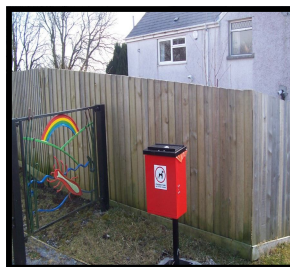
### Plans for 2011

We have been given an L.N.R grant from BGCBC Regeneration to make and install willow fence bird hides, lay hedges and install sleepers across the ditch along an informal path.



### Dog Litter Bins

We would like to make a plea for dog walkers to respect the health and safety of other users, especially children, and collect their dogs' deposits, and leaving them in the bins provided. There are five dog litter bins situated around the main areas of the site.



### Litter Picking

There are several litter bins around the site which are emptied weekly by BGCBC. Several members, particularly Graham Hughes, Des Markey, Andrew Wall and Derek Dibble keep it clean by regularly picking up litter. We request that visitors please help us by using these bins.

### KEEP WALES TIDY



The cost of printing this newsletter was covered by a grant from Keep Wales Tidy.

### Beaufort Hill Woodlands is part of the Ebbw Fach Trail.

The Ebbw Fach valley was an important industrial centre for the iron and coal industry. Removal of the old industrial scars by land reclamation schemes and environmental improvements has made it a better place to live and work. The Ebbw Fach Trail links together 13 community Green Spaces that offer a variety of amenities from Beaufort Hill Woodlands in the North to Llanhilleth in the south - A total of almost 16 kilometres



Please Note - Change of website address - Last autumn our website was completely redesigned, the new address is :- [www.beauforthillwoodlands.org.uk](http://www.beauforthillwoodlands.org.uk)

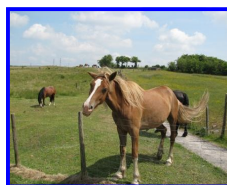
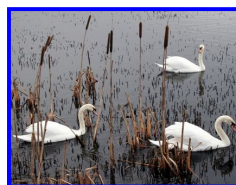
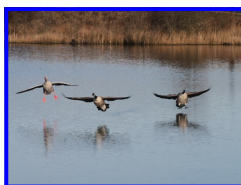




Calendar for 2012

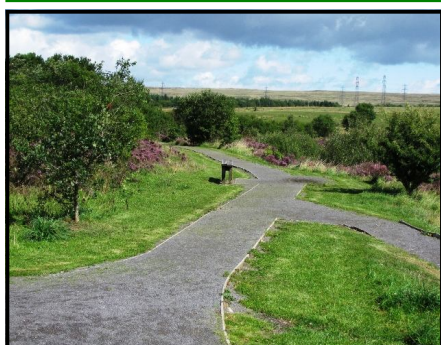
Following the success of our 2010 calendar, we are planning to produce one for next year. We would welcome any contributions from visitors, who can submit them via our website - see bottom of page 1.

Below are some examples of photos taken by David Clubb, Les Price and Jeff Williams, which can be found on the website.

Off-road Biking

We have recently experienced problems where off-road bikers have damaged fencing to gain access to the woodlands. Visitors can help us preserve the site, by reporting any anti-social behaviour, via the Neighbourhood Police on 01495 233956 or contact any of the directors listed below.

**An appeal to the schools - Several schools now visit the site, and we have a page on our website showing schools visits from a few years ago. We would like to update this page with recent visits and would ask the schools to submit some information and photos via an email contact on the website.**



## Some Woodlands Walks

Wildlife Sightings

We would welcome reports/photos of any wildlife sightings. Roy Lynch has a number of butterfly information booklets that he can give out to anyone who is interested.

Memorial Benches

The society would like to thank relatives for donating benches in memory of their loved ones who had passed away. Two benches can be found at the Upper Boat Pond.

Society Contacts

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| Secretary      | - | Graham Hughes        | 01495 306110 |
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| Treasurer      | - | Lionel Griffiths MBE | 01495 306226 |
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To join the society, please contact any of the above, or fill in the form below and send to the Membership Secretary :- Roy Lynch 1 Sunny Bank, Beaufort Hill, Ebbw Vale, Gwent



**Wildlife Information  
board near the  
Butterfly Pond**



## Society Membership

Why not join our Society ?? The cost of membership is ONLY a 'one-off' payment of £1.00p per Adult and 50p for a child under 18 years of age.

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