



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2020/21

Welcome to HPF's second Winter *NEWSLETTER* which, despite this extraordinary year, has been a most successful one for Hedgemoor Park and its Friends. Individual membership has risen from 33 to 42 over the year and we also welcome one new Group Member in the form of the management company of Hartley House (37 Belvedere Management Co. Ltd.), the former home of William Harbutt, of plasticine fame, adjacent to the Lansdown Road gates.



Hopefully, many of you have been following the Blog Posts on our Web Site: <https://www.hedgemoor.org> through which you will be aware that our new Notice board was installed back in August and that Tree Labels were affixed to twenty-eight of our most interesting trees during November and December. We plan to launch the official Tree Trail in March of next year together with a printed leaflet mapping out the route and tree locations.



In addition, we were delighted to receive news at the end of October that Hedgemoor Park had been awarded the coveted Green Flag Award for the second year running. This is a great testament to the combined efforts of the Council's Parks Department and the Friends.

Having announced a series of Gardening sessions throughout the Autumn, our Volunteer Gardeners did some excellent work until Coronavirus restrictions put a stop to the last two dates in November. Subject to Government guidance, we're hoping to get started again in January, so if you'd like to join the team for one or two sessions then please drop us an email via admin@hedgemoor.org.

Our 2021 Calendar has been a great success, the initial run sold out with requests for more! A second smaller run has therefore been made of which at the time of writing is down to just three. All profits to HPF.



You may remember from last year's Winter Newsletter that we were proposing to stage a small pictorial exhibition at the **Museum of Bath at Work** entitled: **'HEDGEMOOR PARK – A GREEN LUNG FOR BATH'**. While this had of course to be called off this year, it has now been re-scheduled for 2021 and will run, we hope (!) from 15th April to the end of June or July in the Hudson Gallery at the museum

together with a series of Saturday morning walks around the park in late April/May. We'll publish details nearer the time.



On Saturday 19th December several of us joined up with representatives from the Park's teams of both Bristol and Bath Councils in a Zoom meeting run by the Bristol & Bath Parks Foundation (BBPF). The event was billed as a 'Thank You' to all the Park Friends Groups across Bristol and Bath for their work and dedication throughout the year. The meeting included break-out sessions where the Friends groups were asked to suggest ideas for future funding.

So, if you have any questions or ideas that you'd like to put to your Committee, either for us to take forward ourselves or pass on to the BBPF, then please email the HPF Secretary at admin@hedgemead.org before our next Committee meeting, scheduled for the 19th January 2021.

Finally, we offer you our best wishes for Christmas and a more hopeful New Year.

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