

Spring NEWSLETTER 2011.

Dear Bournstream member,

There were many special things to enjoy & celebrate in the 2010 season. We had record numbers joining; we developed some new play areas & had loyal support from our volunteers – as well as many generous donations. We could never do it without them all!

Please look out for our new, carved information board - donated by Barbara Saxton's family - to celebrate her legacy as our Founder. You can read more about her on our website under " how it all began."

The play site officially re-opens from Saturday, 9th April – & will stay open until the end of November, 2011.

(We never really close – but we do turn off the water, to stop the pipes bursting, & put some stuff away to make it all last for yet another year!)

There are some new photo's & other information & news on our website : www.bournstream.org.uk.

Please do remember to tell others about all that Bournstream has to offer – all the joining details & our updated site rules are also on the website.

Copies of our leaflet are always available in the toilet house to give others.

Our new pathways "circuit" is growing & has proved really popular – we do have some vehicles (including a pedal-free bike, a trike & a go-kart) but do also remember to bring your own bikes, & helmets to be safe!

The rejuvenated water play area has truly put the stream back into Bournstream (if the number of 'lost' socks after paddling expeditions are anything to go by!). Please remember it can get slippery through the season – so you may want to bring wellies for some extra grip? Or just the swimmies on sunny days! The plants there always welcome a water too.

There will also be some more things to climb in the giant sand pit area – a new climbing wall, rope ladder & knotted rope - which may require extra grip & daring! Buckets & spades are always needed too.

We have also got some new benches, seats & outdoor beanbags for everyones use. Feel free to move them to where you want to use them!

You will also notice that we are developing some new wildlife areas – to bring the kids & Nature closer together around the play site. Watch out for them & our new 'hide' overlooking the wildlife pond at the top of the pathway. There will be plenty to spy from there.

You will have seen there is now a foot-operated changing table in the toilet house – which is where we also put any lost property.

We enjoy fantastic support each year – but any other DONATIONS (or fundraising) are always very welcome – full details are on our website, including the 'extra' we can claim through GIFT AID. Thank you.

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS =

* The PADLOCK combination number (for the two entrance gates) is now set to 2011.

You no longer need your key for the toilet house – it now closes with two sliding bolts to make things easier for everyone to use.

* Please ring & report any damage or other problems, such as padlocks - using the 'phone numbers on/in the toilet house.

* Do remember to use the hygienic hand gels after sand & water play.

* Please take any litter home, tidy up after yourselves & put vehicles under cover to help them last longer.

* For everyone's safety please close & lock all gates immediately behind you every time you come or go.

* Never let anyone climb the gates or fences.

We hope Bournstream continues to meet your needs – for “a safe adventure”, some space, peace & quality time together! Do make the most of all it offers & please always remember to let others know about it too or invite them to visit with you.

We will NOT now post you out our annual newsletter (to save £!) but it will be e-posted each Spring on our website – including news, photo's & useful news or reminders. Just google the word “bournstream” to get to us!

And you can also send us messages, suggestions or feedback via our website – its really quick & easy to do. Its good for us to hear from you – both for your ideas & also your encouragement, which helps us keep going!

We hope this New Year is full of new opportunities & adventures for you – including some at Bournstream, so we look forward to seeing you here!

MARK PASCO

Chair of the Bournstream Trust

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