

Our latest Heartwood news



A fantastic carpet of bluebells - at Heartwood has inspired lots of new visitors to explore the site. So, to help them find their way around, we have produced a new leaflet showing the 170 acres (70 hectares) of accessible land even more clearly. You can pick one up locally or download a copy direct from our website at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/heartwood



Woodland discovery days – held at Heartwood recently, enabled children to experience the beauty of the site, while learning about woods and nature. Future events will include a series of family walks towards the end of May and a teddy bears picnic in the summer (date TBC). Tel 08452 935 531 or visit www.naturedetectives.org.uk/familyweek

The Heartwood Community Orchard – doesn't have a new name yet because we listened to local feedback that you needed to know its exact location before suggesting suitable names. So, once the EIA and site design have been completed we will be able to confirm the orchard's proposed location and then, you'll be able send in your suggestions. The best five will then go forward for public vote on www.SandridgeVillage.com

The Environmental Impact Assessment - is also going well. We are currently looking at views, landscape character, historical environment and transport issues. If all goes well, the EIA should be completed by the end of September. As we draw towards the end of the EIA process, and are able to bring together all the feedback and comments we have had so far, we will be putting together our proposed design. We will be creating a number of opportunities for everybody to come and see what we are proposing and discuss the plans we have. These will be advertised locally and on our web site closer to the time.

The archaeologists have completed a survey to assess the profile of the soil across the whole site and carried out 'magnetic susceptibility' sampling to help locate anomalies that might indicate the presence of archaeological remains. Even more investigations are planned for the coming weeks.

Mickey Mouse - made an appearance at Heartwood recently to celebrate the fact that Disney Store have agreed to help raise enough funds to plant 50 acres of the site. They'll be doing this by donating funds from the sale of re-usable shopping bags in their stores, which will also help reduce waste going to landfill. As a thank you to Disney, we're calling this area 'The Magical Wood.' The partnership is also a fantastic way to engage lots of children with the new forest. But, this doesn't mean Disneyland is coming to Heartwood. The Magical Wood will be just like the rest of Heartwood Forest - stunning broadleaved woodland for all to enjoy.



We've just launched our new website - do take a look if you have time – you can find out more about Heartwood and sign-up for regular news updates at: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

People everywhere are also reading our new Heartwood blog (it's already the most visited of all our blogs) but we want your comments too, please post them at: heartwoodforest.wordpress.com

Remember, we're still fundraising - for Heartwood because, as well as securing the site, we need funds to plant and care for this site, now and in the future. All donations, however small, will be very gratefully received. Telephone call: **0845 293 5858** or visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/heartwood