

Worth Park

volunteering news

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Worth Park needs you!

Are you fascinated by history and heritage, do you love gardening, or are good at organising? If so, perhaps you would be interested in finding out more about the volunteering opportunities at Worth Park?

Worth Park Visitor Centre, based at Ridley's Court, is nearing completion and will provide comfortable rooms for interpretation and general use by the community. Crawley Borough Council would like to invite you to a Volunteering Open Day on Tuesday 14 October 10am-12 noon or 2 - 4pm to have a look around the new facilities. Members of staff will be on hand to answer questions about volunteering, there will be displays about the park and information packs available. Why not come along and meet some of the people who already volunteer? You can also find out how to join Worth Park Friends.

Refreshments will be served and booking is essential. Please contact Edwina on 01293 438027 or edwina.livesey@crawley.gov.uk to reserve your space.

Summer highlights



Crawley Croquet Club helped almost 30 adults and children learn croquet during a six-week course run by Freedom Leisure. There was very strong feedback from the course, with people enjoying the game, tuition and facilities. **The Worth Park Pootle** in June allowed the fascinating history of Ridley's Court and wider area to be explored by bike. Thanks to writer Eileen Sutherland, her husband Allan and Liz Steven for researching and writing the trails and to Pam and Tim Graham for helping out on the day. Liz has also made huge inroads into researching the history of the park and the people who lived here. In July volunteers from **Horsham District Archaeology Group** organised site tours exploring their recent findings at the park, with an opportunity to handle the artefacts they have found. Over 50 people enjoyed the day. Finally, many thanks to everyone who helped out when the **Britain in Bloom** judging panel visited the park. Our volunteers organised displays, moved furnishings and talked to the judges. They seemed very impressed so fingers crossed for good news when the results are announced!

Bulb planting 30 October

Could you spare a couple of hours to help plant bulbs and bring a splash of colour to Worth Park in the spring?

If so please come along to our planting morning during half term on Thursday 30 October 10am-12 noon. The event is free and all tools will be provided. It will also be an opportunity to look round our new visitor centre at Ridley's Court

where refreshments will be served. It's suitable for all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential – please contact Edwina on 01293 438027 or edwina.livesey@crawley.gov.uk



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