

March
 Saturday, 3rd Work Party, 10.00am

Saturday, 24th **St Aidan's Community Fair**
St Aidan's Church and Hall, Fir Tree Lane
11am-2pm
Come and see our plans for the rest of the Troopers Hill Stepping Forward project

Thursday, 29th Meeting, 7.15pm

April
 Friday, 6th **Good Friday Service**
Organised by local churches
Procession starts from Summerhill Methodist Church 11.30am

Saturday, 7th Work Party, 10am

Sunday, 8th **Family "Walk" shops**

Focus on Nature 10.30-1pm
Focus on History 2pm-4.30pm

Walk the Woodland Trail, then model in clay, paint and draw to inspire woodcarver Michael Henderson with your ideas for waymarkers for the Trail.

Saturday, 14th **Dawn Chorus Walk**
 Guided Walk
6.00 – 7.30am
Booking essential
A guided walk to listen to bird song and spot birds led by expert Ed Drewitt.

May
 Saturday, 5th Work Party, 10.00am

Sunday, 20th **Tree Gazing Walk**
Booking essential
10.30am – noon
Walk through Troopers Hill woods with tree expert Tony Titchen.

Thursday, 31st Meeting, 7.15pm

June
 Saturday, 2nd Work Party, 10.00am

Saturday, 16th **Music on the Hill from 6.00pm**
Bring a picnic (no BBQs)
A summer evening of music on Troopers Hill. Enjoy the views over Bristol while listening to some wonderful music from SOGYJO (South Gloucestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra).

July
 Saturday, 7th Work Party, 10.00am

Wed, 11th **Sunset Stroll 7.00 – 8.30pm**
 Guided Walk
Booking essential
Join Rob Acton-Campbell for a tour of Troopers Hill talking about the fascinating history of the hill and the surrounding area.

Thursday, 12th Meeting, 7.15pm

Wed, 25th Evening Work Party 7pm-8pm

Sunday, 29th **Tai Chi on the Hill from 10.30am**
On Troopers Hill Field
Join the Bristol School of Tai Chi for a spectacular demonstration and a 1 hour introductory class with gentle exercise for all ages. Afterwards join us for a picnic on the hill.

No booking required, just turn up and join in

August
 Saturday, 4th Work Party, 10.00am

Wed, 22nd Evening Work Party 7pm-8pm

September
 Saturday, 1st Work Party 10.00am

Sunday, 23rd **Avon Valley Walk 10.00am – 4.00pm**
 Guided Walk
Booking essential
A guided walk through local green spaces with the opportunity for lunch at Beeses Riverside Bar & Tea Gardens or bring a picnic.

October
 Thursday, 4th Meeting, 7.15pm

Saturday, 6th Work Party, 10.00am

Sunday, 14th **Family Fun Dog Show from 2.00pm**
Free entry to all classes
A fun event on Troopers Hill Field for dogs of all shapes and sizes

Saturday, 20th **Stepping Forward Celebration 2pm-4pm**
Official opening 2pm prompt at Malvern Rd entrance
Join us for a fun and unusual opening ceremony followed by craft activities and a walking storytelling event, both suitable for all ages.

November
 Saturday, 3rd Work Party, 10.00am

Sunday, 4th **Fungi Foray 10.30am**
Booking essential
Join expert Justin Smith in a hunt for mushrooms and toadstools on Troopers Hill

December
 Saturday, 1st Work Party, 10.00am

Thursday, 6th **Slide Show Review of 2012 7.15 - 9.00pm**
Summerhill Methodist Church
Join us for a show including slides and videos of the year's events.

ALL YEAR **Walks with the St George Strollers**
2-3 mile twice monthly health walks to interesting places, usually starting in St George.

Work Parties

Have fun, get fit and help maintain Troopers Hill at our 2 hour Work Parties. Afterwards join us for a chat over coffee or tea and biscuits. They are on the first Saturday of each month. We supply gloves and tools but please wear long sleeves and suitable footwear.

Meet at the corner of Greendown and Troopers Hill Road. BS5 8BS

Friends of Troopers Hill Meetings

Meetings are 7.15pm to 9.00pm at **Summerhill Methodist Church**, 5 Air Balloon Rd BS5 8LB

Our meetings are very informal and light hearted. We would be very pleased to see anyone who has an interest in the hill, its history or its wildlife.

Booking for Guided Walks

The walks are free, but we need to limit numbers so booking is essential.

Please phone Judith on 0117 955 9819 or email events2012@troopers-hill.org.uk

Meet on Troopers Hill Field at the end of Malvern Rd. BS5 8JA

Other Events

All our events are free and open to all. Look for our gazebos on the top of the Hill or in the Field.

Bad weather may lead to events being changed or cancelled at short notice; for the latest news and updates, phone 0753 161 5983

To protect the wildlife and grassland on the hill please clean up after your dog; do not bring disposable BBQs and take your litter home.

"Leave Only Footprints, Take only Photographs"

There is no on site car parking, see our website for details of how to get to Troopers Hill by public transport.

Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve

Troopers Hill in St George, East Bristol, is a hillside that has been quarried and mined in the past and overlooks the River Avon. The hill contains a fascinating mix of history, wild plants and animals. With heather and broom, rocky crags, spoil heaps and gullies, stunning views and two listed chimneys, Troopers Hill is one of the most spectacular wildlife spots in the city.

Contact Friends of Troopers Hill for your free copy of a set of three leaflets describing the hill, its wildlife, history and geology.

Friends of Troopers Hill

We aim to:

- Provide a friendly community focus for people who care about Troopers Hill.
- Carry out practical conservation work to help look after Troopers Hill.
- Organise public events such as walks and talks.
- Work with Bristol Parks to make sure Troopers Hill is well looked after.

To find out more sign up for our regular newsletter 'The Hill' or get in touch via the details below, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Contact Details

Friends of Troopers Hill

Information line: 0753 161 5983

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Phone Susan or Rob on 0117 947 5037

St George Strollers

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call our information line
0753 161 5983**

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Events 2012

**Troopers Hill Local
Nature Reserve
Green Flag Award
Winner**



**Troopers Hill Local
Nature Reserve is
managed by Bristol Parks
in partnership with the
Friends of Troopers Hill.**