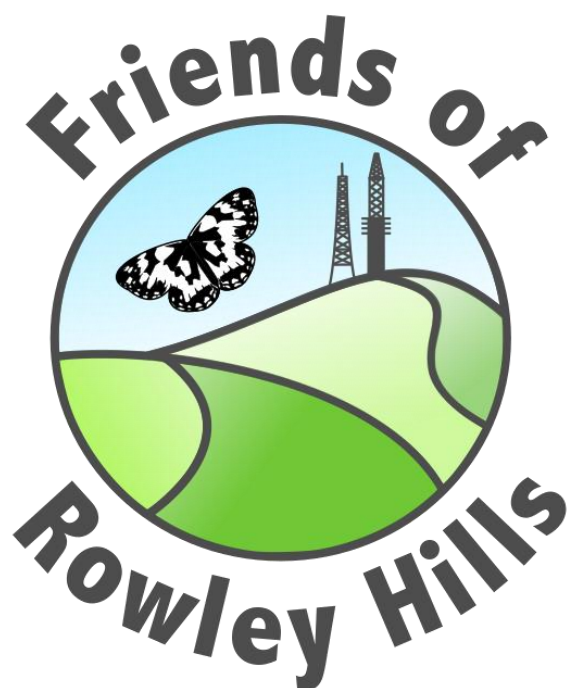




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Awards for All



A few words from our Chair Jane Wilkinson



The AFA award has been a great success, involving local people of all ages, and has provided a platform from which Friends of Rowley Hills can positively move forward. We are grateful to the Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country for their delivery of this award over the past 12 months, and we look forward to continuing to work in close association with them in the future.

As we come to the end of our Big Lottery Fund 'Awards for All' grant, here are a few photographs of some of the memorable projects the grant has enabled us to put on.

February 2016 - Family Fun Day on View Point during half-term holiday



It was very cold but we enjoyed a successful day on the hillside



February 2016 - Making nest boxes with local schoolchildren on Portway Hill



These kids had never made birdboxes before





..... and they really enjoyed themselves



February 2016 – Woodland-thinning on View Point Open Space



Removing bramble was great fun despite the cold





.. and the end result was very satisfying



March 2016 – Hedge-planting near Portway Farm



It will be a few years before we see the outcome of our efforts here



March 2016 - Family Fun Day on View Point during the Easter Holidays



Wild Rowley Hills

- free family activities -

View Point Open Space

Wednesday 30th March, 11am – 3pm

Join us for a fun filled day of:

- Arts and Crafts
- Walks and Talks
- Treasures Hunt



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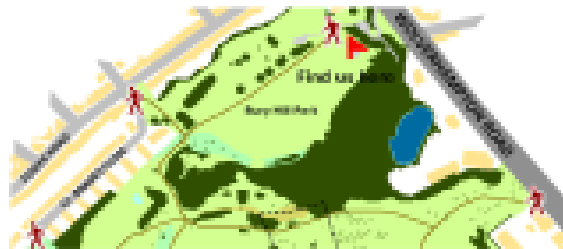
Local families turned out for this event which included a wildlife walk from Oakham Library



Our display included photographs of some of the many butterflies found on the hillside



March 2016 - Family Fun Day in Bury Hill Park during the Easter Holidays



Wild Rowley Hills

- free family activities -

Bury Hill Park

Thursday 31st March, 11am – 3pm

Join us for a fun day of:

- Arts and Crafts
- Walks and Talks
- Treasure Hunt





Another good turnout for the second of our Easter Holidays events, this time in Bury Hill Park



April 2016 – Wild flower planting and litter-picking on View Point Open Space



We planted primroses, bluebells and red campion in the woodland





..... and a section of woodland has now been thinned and litter-picked



April 2016 - Spoon-carving with a local youth group on Portway Hill



Tom demonstrates the safe way to use the carving knives





And everyone involved carved a spoon..... admittedly some of the spoons were better than others



April 2016 – Litter-clearing on Massey's Bank





By the time we were finished there was no litter in sight



May 2016 - Path renovation on Portway Hill



Using locally sourced material the path through the Wildlife Trust site has been greatly improved





.....resulting in a very satisfying days work



May 2016 – Geo-conservation event on Portway Hill



We were joined for this event by volunteers from the Black Country Geological Society



Clearing vegetation from the foot of the cliff enables visitors to get a closer look at the rock-face and the surplus material was used to consolidate the path



July 2016 - Family Fun Day and Nature Walk at Bury Hill Park



A repeat of our Easter event, this time on a much warmer day!



This was a fun day and included a guided walk to look at the local geology and wildlife



October 2016 - Halloween event in Bury Hill Park



The leaves were falling on a lovely autumn day.....we had great fun and everyone enjoyed the event





October 2016 - Health walk from Rowley Hills to Bumble Hole



For part of our walk we were joined by a local pony





..... and with rain in the air we finally arrived at Bumble Hole

December 2016 – Christmas Crafts at Oakham Library



Christmas Crafts

Come to Oakham Library, Poplar Rise, B69 1RD
on Wednesday 21st

Join The Wildlife Trust and Friends of Rowley Hills

From 10:00 -13:00

Pinecone Bird Feeders



Tree Cookie Decorations



Christmas Cards

Contact Thomas Hartland Smith for details for more information:

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Our thanks go to Oakham Library for their support and use of the library for our Christmas event

January 2017 - Netherton Tunnel and Pepperpots Guided Walk



Tony finds a novel use for his selfie stick





We had a head-count photo before entering the tunnel



.... and at least some of us emerged at the other end!



All present and correct as we pose for a group photograph at Bumble Hole

February 2017 – View Points on Rowley Hills Guided Walk



The walk involved heading across Portway Hill towards the masts on Turners Hill



..... And negotiating Dudley Golf Course fairway



We got some stunning views towards Malvern and Clee Hills from here



.... And posed for a group photograph on Darby's Hill