



Friends of Rising Sun Country Park



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June has been a busy month for the Friends and Volunteers. Other than the normal jobs of looking after the plants around the Centre grounds we have tackled three major jobs. The first was to repair the footbridge over the pond in the Wildlife Garden. The bridge has deteriorated over the last few months and the planks had given way in some areas.



The decision was made to replace the whole deck and I hope you agree the 'jobs a good'un'. The next big job was quite sad really but saw the removal of the willow arches from the top corner of the Wildlife Garden. The arch that led to the access gate had blown over a few months ago following 'storm hooley'. It had been trimmed back a few times to make it safe but was still quite a risk so removal was best. So the photos you see are 'going', 'going', **GONE!**



We are looking to renew the willow in the Wildlife

Garden and will be planting a slower growing variety that will be easier to manage. As soon as we have some ideas for a new layout, we will share our



ideas. The final big job was clearing up the Giants Garden at the rear of the Education Building. We replaced the fence a few months ago and this has now had a coat of paint and the weeds cleared up. Thanks to the team from BT who made a great job. This will allow the Education Team to use this area again for school groups. It is also nice to see that the Centre staff have reopened the water feature which is a great attraction to our younger visitors - take a towel! Finally thanks to NT Wallsend Parks who have provided plants - the gardeners are going to be very busy!!



NATURE NOTES

Once again I am being lazy and leaving it to a few of the many photos posted by our followers on Facebook in June. So many to choose but I try and show a mix. Keep them coming!



Photo by Sarah Jones

Bee Orchid (7th)



Photo by Elaine Brown

Blue Damselfly (7th)



Photo by Phil Westgarth

Flying Rabbits (8th)



Photo by Phil Westgarth

Moody Heron (8th)



Photo by Ian Willey

Sunset (8th)



Photo by Michael Matthews

Large Skipper (10th)



Photo by Sarah Jones

Dog Rose (14th)



Photo by Ian Willey

Paddling Peewit (19th)



Photo by Sophie Goodwin

Rainbow (13th)



Photo by John Baker

Worn Out Great Tit! 20th)



Photo by Linda Souter

Fingers Crossed (25th)



Photo by Elaine Brown

Magic House Martins (30th)

We are currently meeting the second Friday of each month at 12 noon in the Rising Sun Centre everyone is welcome, nice to see some new faces. In the meantime why not follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsufrscp/>