



# Friends of Rising Sun Country Park



## NEWSLETTER — NOVEMBER 2022



So we drift into winter and the Park is preparing itself for shorter and colder days and hopefully some snow. The ponds and woodlands are a lot quieter as we await winter birds visiting the Park. The trees have clung on to their leaves longer than I thought they would following



such a dry year but November winds have done their job. The Friends continue to help look after the Park and early in the month worked with 1st Rising Sun Brownies who helped plant lots of Spring bulbs at the entrance to the Centre grounds and



along the roadside. Thanks so much for their help and enthusiasm. Let's hope for a colourful display in the Spring. The Friends 'Christmas Elves' have also been very busy helping the North Tyneside Education Team who are



organizing meet Santa events for local schools. We've been cutting, gluing, sticking and wrapping as well as preparing Santas Nordic House. Don't forget that this year North Tyneside are holding a Christmas Fayre in the Centre grounds on the 10th December 11am until 3pm. The Friends will also have a stall so come along and meet us and have a chat about what



**Christmas Fayre**  
 Rising Sun Countryside Centre  
 Saturday 10 December, 11am-3pm

**Bouncy castle and games**   **Christmas crafts**

**Visit Santa (till 2.30pm)**   **Live music, carols and entertainers**

**Firepit, roasted chestnuts and warm drinks**

No need to book just come along.

Charges apply for some activities, cash only.

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we do. Also don't forget to get your Friends of The rising Sun Calendar. The calendar features

photos taken around the Park through the year and make a perfect Christmas gift. The calendars cost £5 and are on sale at the Centre Café (cash only) and down at the Earth and Fire Bakery at the Rising Sun Farm (cash or card). Hurry because numbers are limited. Massive thank you to the bakery for their support.





The Rising Sun Country Park is one of a number of public spaces that has been selected by Urban Green Newcastle and Northumberland Wildlife Trust as part of the Beelines North East project. This Government funded project, aims to create 45 nectar rich sites in the North East aiming at planting 2,500 trees and 25,000 bulbs. The photo shows a group of young people planting bulbs in Plantation Wood. There are still more bulbs to plant so look out for one of the **Friends Volunteer Events** to help complete the work. As regards improving the Park and volunteering, **the Friends hold regular litter picks on the last Monday of each month meeting at the Centre café at 10.30.** Every-



one welcome and equipment provided but please bring your own gloves. Thank you to those that helped on the 28th. The November weather hasn't been so kind and sadly a number of areas have been badly flooded including the main path from the east of Asda where Northumberland Estates are due to start a project soon to hopefully solve the problem. Swallow Pond has also refilled quickly after the incredibly dry Spring and Summer. Don't forget also that the we have **Volunteer Days on a Thursday meeting at the Centre Café at 10am.** Look out on the *Friends of the Rising Sun Facebook* page for details of projects.



### AROUND THE PARK

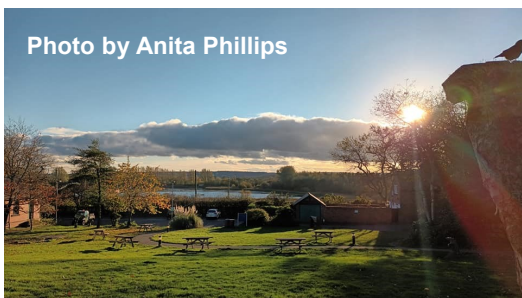


Photo by Anita Phillips

View from the cafe 4th



Photo by Sarah Jones

Colourful Entrance 1st



Photo by Mark Masters

Frosty Sunrise 21st



Photo by Rodge Hartley

Chris Packham Fox of the Day!



Photo by Ian Willey

Smart Robin 29th



Photo by Linda Souter

Posing Swan

**The Friends Group meets 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/friendsofrscp/>**