

RANGER REPORT JUNE 2023

Looking Back

Date	Event	Outcome
Public		
21/06/23	Networked with local organisation such as Cranbrook Education Campus, Scouts and Cubs	Organising for upcoming events.
30/06/2023	Meeting with Community Builder	Met with Andrea to discuss ideas and events, community and networking.
07/07/23	Meeting with Community Builder and Community Hub Manager	Met with Andrea and Ainsley at Cranbrook Education Campus to discuss event management and potential events. Also networked with teachers and explored the resources at the school and Community Hub.
Grants		
19/06/23	Completed UTCF grant report proposal for Council meeting	Urban Tree Challenge Fund report sent for council approval to plant new trees in listed areas.
20/06/23-28/06/23	Applied for Buppa Grant	Have applied for Bupa Heart foundation grant to support funding for the Community Garden project. Liaised with Clive Chilvers as to what the grant budget should go towards. Budget will focus on funding a security shed and equipment.
26/06/2023	Council approved UTCF	Have sent off application.
28/06/2023	Applied for Woodland Trust grant	Have applied for Woodland Trust Free Community Tree Grant with the funds going towards hedge trees to be planted in any hedgerows that require further density.
03/07/2023	<i>Above Grant Approved</i>	<i>Trees to be delivered in November.</i>
28/06/2023	Applied for Devon Communities grant	Grant allows up to £250 to benefit a community and its conservation efforts. Grant applied in hopes to purchase wildflower seeds to plant within the Country Park.

Maintenance		
22-23/06/23	Honeycomb bare and large quantity of gravel build up on path around Basin 2C	Have moved gravel build up and covered as much honeycomb as possible to protect from potential damage. This has also made the path easier for prams to use as difficulty was previously mentioned by a number of a public.
26/06/23	Met with Network Rail	Discussed and reviewed site access to fencing works. Established route and remediations for any potential damage that may occur on their behalf.
27/06/23	SUDS Quotes	Met with Exeter Garden Maintenance to get a comparative quote on SUDS maintenance.
04/07/23	EON pipe remediation works	Upon completion of EON pipe work going through Great Meadow a meeting was had to discuss the next steps of remediation to damage caused by works.
05/07/23	SUDS Quotes	Met with County Grounds Maintenance to get a quote. – Quote given for basin 1a, 1b and 1c at a cost of £650 to leave cutting in situ or £2600 for removal.

Looking Forward

Date	Event	Rationale
Public/educational events		
20/07/23	Cranbrook Education Campus Eco Week	Have organised 5 lessons with CEC for their Eco week. I will be taking classes out into the Country Park with teachers to educate about the park, its history, it's purpose as well as the benefits of being out in nature. The main event will be the students partaking in the Big Butterfly Count survey which will not only benefit and educate them about Butterflies but also provide data on the populations within the park.
31/07/23	Meet the Ranger event	Meet the ranger event with Ainsley. Activities will include; Make your own binoculars, Nature collage.
Proposed Events		

Saturday 15 th July	Doodle Day (AM)	Poodle/Poodle-mixes meet and greet in the Country Park event space to promote use and advertise the Park for dog walkers. Advertisement through social media; Devon Loves Dogs etc. Depending on success further events such as Sausage mornings and Terrier days can be organised.
27/07/23	Big Butterfly Count	To gather further data on Butterfly populations in the Country Park with the aid of the public. With the added benefit of providing the public a free event to attend during the school holidays
03/08/23	Stream Dipping and Boat Racing.	Stream dipping surveys. Provide a fun activity for the public and families. Record the biodiversity we find in our streams. Make your own twig boats and race down the stream.
10/08/23	Pond Dipping	Same as above but in ponds.
17/08/23	Cranbrook Critter Scavenger Hunt	Scavenger Hunt week. Place different Critter Cut outs around the Park and provide co-ordinates on a map with clues for participants to find. Success and popularity can move to new hunts if not weekly
24/08/23	Nature Walk	Country Park walk around ID'ing Trees, Bugs and Birds.
31/08/23	Bug Hotels	Build bug hotels with bamboo and twin/plastic bottles. Decorate with leaves found in the park.
20 th July – 20 th September	Country Park Photography Competition	Wildlife competition over the summer for the public to enter. Can have different competitions for different ages. Public can vote for the winning photo online or we can hold a gallery in the hall. The winner can get their photo framed/canvased to take home. We can also get a copy in the Younghayes Centre for the public to see.
Weekly	QR Code trails	Following up with the success of previous trails, establish weekly trails with different themes (e.g. mindfulness trail and tree trails). Link with: Move More Cranbrook & Strollers.
Last 3 Thursdays in August	Picnic in the park with activities	Discussed idea with Andrea and she believed the event would be a great community networking opportunity. Event will be accompanied by an activity held by the Ranger to incorporate the Country Park.
<i>Any events with high popularity of success can be run again on the following week providing 2 events each week</i>		

Ongoing support

Date	Event	
Maintenance		
14/08/23	NR Fence works	Fence works will commence. Aiming to be complete within 2 weeks of start. Weather pending.
<i>End of July -Start of August</i>	EON remediation works	Works will commence, with ground rotavating beginning first. Initial proposal of closing Great Meadow is being altered upon proposal of using pet-friendly pesticide such as the one that Tony Bengers uses.
Proposed Volunteering		
18/07/23	SUDS clearing	Removal of Litter from SUDS
01/08/23	Stream clearing	Clearing streams of potential litter
08/08/23	Bug Hotel	Building several Bug Hotels around the park in wooded areas with pallets, bricks, twigs and bamboo.