

Rough Close Update

November 2021



Remembrance

Those visiting Rough Close on Sunday to part in the annual act of Remembrance.

Held to remember the Scouts and leaders who lost their lives during the First and Second world wars.

Memorial Avenue was planted with Poplar trees to remember the Coventry Scouts who lost their lives during the Coventry Blitz.

Maintenance

The Service Crew has been very busy with various tasks.

Painting has been completed along the front and side of the Maclean Centre. The weekday Crew have now started to repaint the Norton Cabin. This will be done over the next few weeks dependant on the weather.

Whilst working on the Norton was observed that the steps on the Cabin were in need of repair/replacement the steps onto the veranda have now been completed and work is due to start on the steps and veranda on the roadside of the Cabin.

It is intended to replace the lighting in the Norton cabin with LED fittings.

Work is continuing on the re-piping of the heating system in the Main Toilet block. Again, we hope to get this completed before we get any severe winter frosts.

Over the next week contractors will be carrying out some repair work on the internal road adjacent to the George Sheppard cabin. This has suffered from water laying on the surface and creating a lot of mud. This is being removed and more stone will be laid.

Work is also being carried out on the Main Drive clearing the ditch and trimming back the hedgerows.

The water leak at the entrance to Rough Close has now been repaired.

Woodland Work

Winds over the last few weeks have brought down a significant Lime tree on the Back Track. This has come down falling over and damaging the perimeter fence.

The tree is laying impaled on the fence and in order to make the tree safe we have needed to bring in outside contractors to complete the both the removal of the tree and repair of the fencing. The timber from the tree will remain on site.

Recognising most of the trees on Rough Close are part of the original ancient woodland and the damage that they can do if they come down; we are carrying out a survey on site to establish any potential problem that could impact on the safety of persons or property.

Help Required

With the increase in usage of Rough Close we still require additional help in recruiting members for the Service Crew.

Our mid-week crew meet Tuesdays and Fridays From 9.00a.m until 4.00p.m and carries out essential maintenance. Our weekend Crew are available all weekend looking after campers, helping with activities and looking after the ground maintenance.

Following lockdown our shop is very busy so we also need help with the 'Front of House' serving our many customers in the shop and in reception.

Should you have some time to spare please contact Nigel, David Miller or Dave Hart.

Friends of Rough Close

November Draw

1st No 58

2nd No 71

3rd No 62

Thanks again to all who take part in Friends of Rough Close monthly draw.