

RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Assessment Form



Name & Area. Friends of Troopers Hill - Bristol

Judge: Ian Murphy

Date: 24th July 2017

LEVEL ACHIEVED

Outstanding

Feedback

Areas of achievement:

Troopers Hill combines both nature and industrial heritage conservation in a unique setting. The Friends group is well-established, enthusiastic and very knowledgeable. Working closely with Bristol City Council, the group has a detailed management plan to protect the area's flora and fauna, while at the same time making it accessible as a recreation area.

The Friends are also very adept at securing funding from various sources for specific projects, such as the £80,000 under 5s play area in the adjacent Troopers Hill Field or the new geological interpretation boards.

Volunteers meet regularly to carry out conservation work to remove unwanted vegetation that would encroach on the site's rare or unique plant life. A hen party clearing gorse was a first!

Regular events are held for children, such as a Bugs and Beasties Hunt, to encourage them to learn more about the hundreds of different species of invertebrates found on the site, and to teach them about the value of caring for their local environment.

The group keeps supports updated via regular newsletters and on its website.

Areas for development:

Continue to pursue funding for the replacement of the boundary fence and to improve access.

Further sources of funding may be needed in future if local council funds continue to diminish.

Results

Level	Description	Points
Level 1	Establishing	0-35
Level 2	Improving	36-52
Level 3	Advancing	53-68
Level 4	Thriving	69-85
Level 5	Outstanding	86-100