



environmental group update

Dewstow Gardens Trip Feedback

Thanks to everyone who took part in our trip to Dewstow Gardens in June and completed the questionnaire. It was a very enjoyable day—and the weather was fantastic!

We asked you what you would be interested in being involved in. This is what you told us...

A residents gardening group to improve the area where you live	😊	7	☹️	13
A community group that helps other residents to maintain their gardens	😊	8	☹️	12
An allotment project	😊	7	☹️	14
Food co-ops	😊	7	☹️	14
Visits to other community garden projects and residents' associations	😊	11	☹️	10
Attending workshops to learn new skills relating to gardening and the environment	😊	14	☹️	7
Focus groups to help develop and review the associations' policies on environmental and sustainability issues	😊	9	☹️	12



Some of the skills you have and would be happy to share are...

- Healthy eating
- art
- carpentry
- Traditional African cooking
- indoor plants
- card making
- gardening
- love of wildlife & plants
- dressmaking
- the environment
- committee skills
- networking
- vegetable growing
- health & safety
- poetry & writing

We Need YOUR Help!

In January next year we would like to hold an environmental-themed event with stalls, activities and guest speakers from a range of relevant organisations and services.

The plan is to raise awareness and share information on local projects as well as promote the Environmental Group to other tenants.

Some of the organisations we would like to attend are...

Riverside & Roath Markets; Cardiff Council Recycling dept; CC Parks dept; Keep Wales Tidy; Dog's Trust; Community Walking groups; Local gardening projects; Food Co-ops; UWIC Fitness Testing; Calculate Your Carbon Footprint; Heartstart resuscitation demo...

If you know of any other environmental, health and wellbeing, energy-saving organisations or local projects then please get in touch.

If you would like to be involved in the organisation of the event then please let us know...many hands make light work! You can find our contact details over the page.

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We asked you if there were any environmental issues affecting your local neighbourhood.

You said...



"Lots of litter"

"No green bag pick up"

"Litter and noise"

"Lack of green spaces"

"Litter problems"

"Poor recycling facilities"

"Rubbish gets kicked all over the place prior to collection day."



Cardiff Council Guided Walks



Cardiff Council Parks Service organise regular walks and activities to give people the opportunity to experience the many green spaces in the city. Some of the forthcoming events that you might like to take part in are:

**Sun 25th Oct, 2-3.30pm:
Cathays Cemetery War
Graves Walk (3km).**

Explore the various regimental insignia found on headstones from World War I and II. Learn about regimental insignia found on the headstones in this cemetery and hear stories of some of the individuals buried in Cathays. Meet at the main entrance gates on Fair oak Road, Cathays.

**Sun 8th Nov, 10am-12pm:
Bird Walk around Roath Park
Lake (2km).**

Enjoy a morning stroll around Roath Park Lake to discover the variety of bird life this

park has to offer. Suitable for anyone with an interest in birds. Please bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the lighthouse on Roath Park Promenade, Lake Road West.

**Wed 18th Nov, 10am-
12.30pm: Insole Court &
Llandaff Cathedral Walk
(4km).**

Join the Friends of Insole Court for a walk around the ornamental gardens of this beautiful 19th manor house. Then onwards to Hailey Park along the river bank to Llandaff Cathedral then across to the Cathedral Green and back along Fairwater Road. Meet at the main entrance gates to Insole Court. This walk takes place every third Wednesday of the month.

For more information on other walks contact Parks Services on 029 2068 4000 or visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks

Litter and recycling are clearly issues for many areas of the city. By identifying specific problem areas, and involving Cardiff Council Waste & Recycling dept, we can work towards improving facilities at schemes to reduce problems.



Next Meeting

The next Environmental Group meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd December at 10.30am at Cadwyn's Office.

We will be getting together ideas for January's joint 'Green Event'.

We will also (hopefully!) have a guest speaker on a green topic... more info to follow!

If you would like to attend, please contact your involvement officer. You are more than welcome to bring friends and neighbours... the more, the merrier!



Some Useful Green Contacts

Energy Saving Trust—for free, independent energy saving advice:
0800 512 012 www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

USwitch—compare and pick the best utility supplier for you: www.uswitch.com

Garden Advice—your own gardening expert on the internet: www.gardenadvice.co.uk

Gardening Calendar—what to do and when: www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/calendar