



## **VOLUNTEERING - Keeping in Touch**

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Dear Volunteers,

Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed in making our Open Afternoon on 22 September such a success. We had over 100 guests with about equal numbers of adults and children. The event had a bird theme with arts and crafts activities, making bird feeders and a trail around the reserve to track down the bird photos. Caroline led two walks – always great fun and packed full of information. Again our thanks to the cake bakers, the activity leaders and the stewards and helpers on the day. We had many comments on what a lovely place it is for visitors and enquiries about future events.

The trustees are keen to try and meet the demand for more open times for the public but this will need to be dependent upon your volunteer help. In the first instance, therefore, we would be interested to know how many of our great team would be able to help out if we did go ahead next year. These sessions would not require activities, serving refreshments etc. We would hope to run them with, perhaps, three volunteers to act as welcomers. The more volunteers, the less demand we would need to put on folks!! These sessions would be at weekends, probably in the afternoons and certainly not offered on a weekly basis. If this is volunteering you could help us with, please email [info@fobec.org.uk](mailto:info@fobec.org.uk)

Noah's Ark building has been officially opened with a period of very intensive landscaping in the run up to the date. Our Chair, Bernard Johnson, was invited to this and had a tour of the building. We are sure the families the charity works for will love their new base.

We have two events in the near future. On Friday 25 October there will be an afternoon of Arts and Crafts Fun for Children and on Saturday November 2 will be our MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY (MADD). Further information will be sent out a little later but please put these dates in your diaries, either for helping or coming along!

### **RESERVE MAINTENANCE WORKING PARTY INFORMATION**

**Sunday** 6 October, 10 to 12.30. There will be a mid morning break for a cup of something hot, a biscuit or two and a time for catching up! School visits commence this week so the reserve needs to be safe and looking welcoming.

**Monday** volunteering every Monday. If you are interested in getting involved with these sessions, it is best to come along at 2 on your first visit and helpful if you could let us know you are coming too.

Thank you so much for your continued involvement.

With best wishes  
Sue Bird – Volunteer Support Team