



## AUTUMN 2014 - Greetings from your Committee Members

**Date for your Diary: Friends of Knolls Wood Annual Children's Event - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – 'Build a Bird Box' (see overleaf)**

### Friends of Knolls Wood Annual General Meeting

We held our AGM in July at Rushmere and after the formalities of the Chairman's and Treasurer's Reports and re-electing the committee, Stephen Halton, Senior Project Officer, Ecology and Community Engagement, Countryside Access Team, talked us through the **2013-2018 Knolls Wood Management Plan**.

### Garden Waste

We have noticed piles of garden waste dumped in the Wood. This upsets the ecology, allowing unwanted and potentially invasive species to spread.

*Perhaps those doing it don't realise they will be fined if caught.*

### The FoKW Strimmer

Friends of Knolls Wood have owned a petrol driven Strimmer / Brush Cutter for many years but only Greensand Trust staff have been able to use it, as our last qualified resident moved away many years ago. The Greensand Trust are only able to spend a very short time each month on the maintenance of Knolls Wood and, as you will know if you walk in the Wood, rather more time than this is needed to keep the paths clear of overgrown vegetation.

With this in mind, the Committee decided that we would send volunteer(s) to attend a Lantra Awards course organised by Central Beds Council and fortunately, despite short notice, one committee member was able to attend .

The course ran for half a day during which time 6 participants from the County were instructed how to prepare, maintain and operate the strimmer with appropriate protective clothing and then put all this into practice. They all passed the assessment test and will receive an official certificate.

The Committee hopes to get more people qualified and to be able to store the strimmer locally rather than at Rushmere so that it's available whenever someone qualified has time to spare to use it.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

*Build a Bird Box*

**Drop in any time  
between 11am  
and 1pm**



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*for Knolls Wood*

*Build your own  
Bird Box!!  
(under  
supervision)  
to go up in  
Knolls Wood  
at a later date*



*Have a  
go at our  
Guess the Bird  
Trail!!*



**FREE family activity exploring Knolls  
Wood. Meet the Friends of Knolls  
Wood at the entrance opposite  
Taylors Ride.**



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