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Welcome to the Summer edition of the
KNOLLS WOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

[STOP PRESS - SPECIAL EVENT FOR CHILDREN](#)

*Sunday the 22nd August 04, the Rangers at Stockgrove and Knolls Wood Association are holding a **Children's Fun Scavenger Hunt** in the woods, a fact finding **Tree Trail Quiz** and other games.*

- *Everyone is welcome to join us, with family members.*
- *Prizes for all children, concluding the event with juice and biscuits for all*
- *Meet outside 55 Redwood Glade, to register for the **FUN** afternoon between 1.00 – 3.00pm*
- *Young children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult for safety reasons*

*Please bring waterproofs, as we may be “**Singing in the Rain**”*

AGM

At our AGM in May a new committee was formed. We were very sorry to lose Julie and John Dunne, but were delighted to welcome two new members, Robin Banks from Redwood Glade and Tony Green from Copper Beech Way. We thank John and Julie for their sterling work.

Also, at the AGM Katharine Collyer and Rachel McCafferty, of the Greensand Trust (GST) outlined the aims and objectives of the Trust. The Knolls Wood is one part of the whole Ouzel Valley Development for which they are responsible. Rachel explained the background of the GST and through their management, the work that the Trust has undertaken to improve the woodland.

Chairman's Report

In his report, Victor Jones highlighted the achievements of the committee over the past twelve months:

- We have set out clear objectives in our mission statement circulated in the Spring News Letter
- We have developed close relationships with the GST and South Beds District Council (SBDC)
- We have agreed a new management plan for Knolls Wood
- We have set up our own KWA website
- We have created strong links with local lower schools
- We have overcome the problem of working parties by introducing a volunteer registration system which will be simple to operate
- *We have submitted an application for the woods to become a “**Local Nature Reserve**” (LNR)*

Government Grant

As mentioned in our recent letter asking for your financial support, we are currently working on the application for a government grant of up to £25,000. Hopefully, this will be supplemented with additional funds from the SBDC. Your subscriptions, along with any grant we receive, are necessary if we are to implement the management plan. The subscriptions are still coming in; several members have generously donated £10 or more. If you haven't yet paid and wish to do so, please send your cheque to 57 Redwood Glade. Cheques must be made out to the Knolls Wood Association. Thank you for your continued support.

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Clive Atkins continues to develop our website. On it you will find information about the KWA Management Plan, a brief history of Knolls Wood, together with our aims and objectives. Clive would like to hear from members who may have photographs of the wood and/or have any information about the history of the wood. If you do, please e-mail him at [clive @ knollswood.com](mailto:clive@knollswood.com).

Plans

Our plans for 2004 include making improvements to the entrances to the Woods and some special planting. New signposts and information boards will be erected and more bins for dog waste will be installed. The lower Redwood Glade pathway will be rebuilt. We are also planning some exciting joint ventures, such as a children's nature garden and guided woodland walks.