



Friends of Corstorphine Hill

Summer 2004

Conserving and improving the environment

Walled Garden

Open Day

To celebrate completion of the reconstruction of the wall and work on the paths, you are invited to come along to the Garden on **Saturday the 7th of August between 11 am and 3 pm** to meet some of the people involved in the project and see what they have achieved over the last three years.

If you haven't been to the Garden before, you will find it on the road up to the Tower off Clermiston Road.

Beechgrove Revisited

The Beechgrove Garden team revisited the Walled Garden on 29 June to see progress since their initial help in getting the garden off to a good start in September 2001. A good deal has been accomplished since then. The wall and a stone-clad tool shed have been completed. The planting which Beechgrove initiated has matured very much as they had envisaged and it is possible to see how successive planting, including trees and wild flowers, has developed.

A glimpse of the progress was shown on the TV programme broadcast on 8 July.

Edinburgh in Bloom

The Garden has been entered in the Edinburgh in Bloom Gardening Competition, in the community garden category. We hope our wide range of wild flowers and the type of plants that attract butterflies and other insects will impress the judges when they visit.

Walks

During August, there will be three guided walks, all starting at **2 pm** and lasting approximately two hours:

01 August Badgers

Meet in the Clermiston Rd North car park.

15 August Trees

Meet in the Walled Garden.

29 August Fungi

Meet in the Walled Garden.

Tower

The Tower will be open on the following Sundays **between 2 and 4 pm**:

**08 August
22 August
05 September
19 September**

We are only able to do this thanks to volunteers taking a turn at "manning" the Tower. If you can spare an hour or two to help, please contact Willma Carroll, telephone 476 5594.

Newsletter Delivery

A volunteer is also needed to deliver newsletters in the Blackhall area. If you are willing to do it, please contact Martin Craven, telephone 334 1247.

Orienteering on Corstorphine Hill



I expect you have noticed the posts with little diagonal red and silver markers on them



which have appeared recently on Corstorphine Hill and may have wondered what they are for.

They are the Controls, twenty-one in total, for a new Permanent Orienteering Course which has been set up on the Hill by the Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club, in co-operation with the City of Edinburgh Council Ranger Service.

Orienteering is about finding your way around using a specially prepared large-scale and very detailed map to navigate between the Controls.

The easiest courses follow paths most of the way and the hardest ones take you across open land or through the woods and require careful map-reading and compass work.

The terrain of Corstorphine Hill is ideally suited for this activity and orienteering events using temporary controls have been held on the Hill about once a year.

Now, people can use the Permanent Course Map Pack at any time for training runs, practising technique or just adding extra interest to a walk.

This is an exciting new venture which will add an extra dimension to enjoyment of the Hill.

The courses on the Hill start from the Clermiston Road North car park and from Cairnmuir Road.

Similar courses have also been set up at Cammo Estate and on Blackford Hill.

You can obtain the Map Packs for all three areas, price £1.50 each, from the Visitor Centres at Cammo and at the Hermitage of Braid (telephone 0131 447 7145) or from the Orienteering Group (address below, cheques payable to "ESOC").

If you would like more information about the Corstorphine Hill course in particular or about Orienteering in general, you are welcome to contact the ESOC President:

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