



## Friends of Ecclesall Woods

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This is what we expect to see in March – but it's not what we've got this year. It *will* happen, but when?

We will just have to cram lots of activity into what will, surely, be a good summer.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME.**

**If you haven't renewed yet, please do it NOW.**

#### **FEW Events and Activities**

**20 April. Dawn chorus walk with Paul Medforth. Meet at Wood 3 entrance opposite Beauchief Gardens, on Abbeydale Road South, at 6 am**

**4 May. Environment Week Bluebell Walk, led by Monica Rorison. Meet at the Woodland Discovery Centre at 10 am.**

**5 May (Sunday). A walk through Ladies' Spring Wood and others looked after by Beauchief Environment. Led by Diana Holland, Chairman BEG. Meet outside Beauchief Abbey at 2 pm. Many members have said they'd like to see other ancient woodlands in Sheffield; here's your chance.**

**11 May. Environment Week Archaeology Walk, led by Geoffrey Hartland. Meet at the Woodland Discovery Centre at 10 am.**

**18 May. Bird Song Walk, led by Paul Medforth. Meet at Wood 3 entrance opposite Beauchief Gardens, on Abbeydale Road South, at 8 am**

**29 June. (if weather suitable) Beating the Bounds. A walk round the Woods followed by a bring-your-own barbecue on the Sawmill site. More details later, by email.**

## Beauchief Environment Group Event

**Sat 11 May, starting 10 am. Family Activity morning, for Environment Weeks. By Beauchief Ponds, behind Beauchief Abbey**

A fun morning of making and doing things - garden wigwams for beans and peas, wood art, insect homes, mini beast safari, art and craft activities based on birds, bees and butterflies and the plants that attract them. Plants for sale. We are pleased that former council ranger Henk Littlewood, who has worked with the group for several years, will be joining us and leading some of the activities. Beauchief Abbey will be open for visitors and refreshments and toilet facilities will be available. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Every newsletter, I mention the Footpath Group, and the sterling work they do in the Woods. Still, many of you may not recognise the extent of the work they've done over many years. Look at this map, which shows the footpaths repaired by the Group since 2001.

