

Milton Creek Trust - AGM 2018

Vice Chairman's Report

Thank you all for coming to our AGM. First and foremost I want to say thank you to everyone that has made Milton Creek Country Park what it is today. Many thanks go to Kris Staples our park ranger, Chris Andrews our health walk organiser and Holy Trinity church who have supported us.

During the early part of the year we held a wine and wisdom which did very well and is happening again this year on March 3rd. Also in March we took part in the Great British Spring Clean for our annual Creek Side clear up. On the Friday volunteers from D S Smith litter picked the creek side from Sittingbourne Light Railway entrance back towards the main park area and on the Sunday we worked from Gas Road entrance by SWEEP as far as the bridge where we collected about 10 bags of rubbish, thank you to all those that helped. This year's annual Creek Side clear up is on Sunday 4th March.

The Park Run is still going from strength to strength and last Saturday was the 100th run at Milton Creek, a big thank you to all those that come along and help on the day. On April 29th we will be doing our bit again, along with everyone else, by taking part in the 4th Colour Me Purple 5k run, raising funds for the Wisdom Hospice, so let see if we can build on what we have done over the last 3 years.

This year has seen the addition of two new log carvings, a large Bee themed seat near the Play Area and a smaller seat in the form of a crushed can as a tribute to Chris Ewell known locally as "the can man".

During the year we have won several awards:-

The Friends of Milton Creek were winners of the 2017 Volunteer Swale Awards for their Volunteering Contribution to the Environment.

The Park received a Gold Award from South and South East in Bloom, this is the 4th year running that we have won gold and it has also been chosen as the overall winner in the Country Park category for a second time.

The Friends of Milton Creek have received a Certificate of Excellence – Special Award for Community Service, for all their hard work in the Country Park, making it such a valuable resource for the people of Sittingbourne and Milton Regis and contributing to Sittingbourne achieving its first ever In Bloom Gold Award.

The Tuesday Green Team have received a Certificate of appreciation "for making a difference in your community" from Stronger Kent Communities SKC.

Kris our park ranger has brought this park to where it should be so let give him all the support that we can. Kris organises a weekly volunteer task every Tuesday meeting at 10am at Green Porch Close. You can find out about other events throughout the year from the Friends of Milton Creek Country Park facebook page, the Milton Creek web site, by subscribing to our mailchimp newsletter or on the park notice boards.

Vice Chairman Sue Gent.