

FORCE

Friends of the River Crane Environment

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2017-2018

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Agenda



- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting**
- 3. Reports and accounts**
- 4. Appointment of charity trustees**
- 5. Members' proposed resolutions**
- 6. Any other business**

Short break 10 mins

**Colin Cooper CEO South West London Environment
Network**



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Officer Reports



Wildlife 2017-2018



Citizen Crane – fourth year of monitoring. Improvements due to actions by key partners

Developing new water vole habitat – but mink problems

Survey of fish in the tidal Crane

Survey of small mammals and reptiles in Crane Park



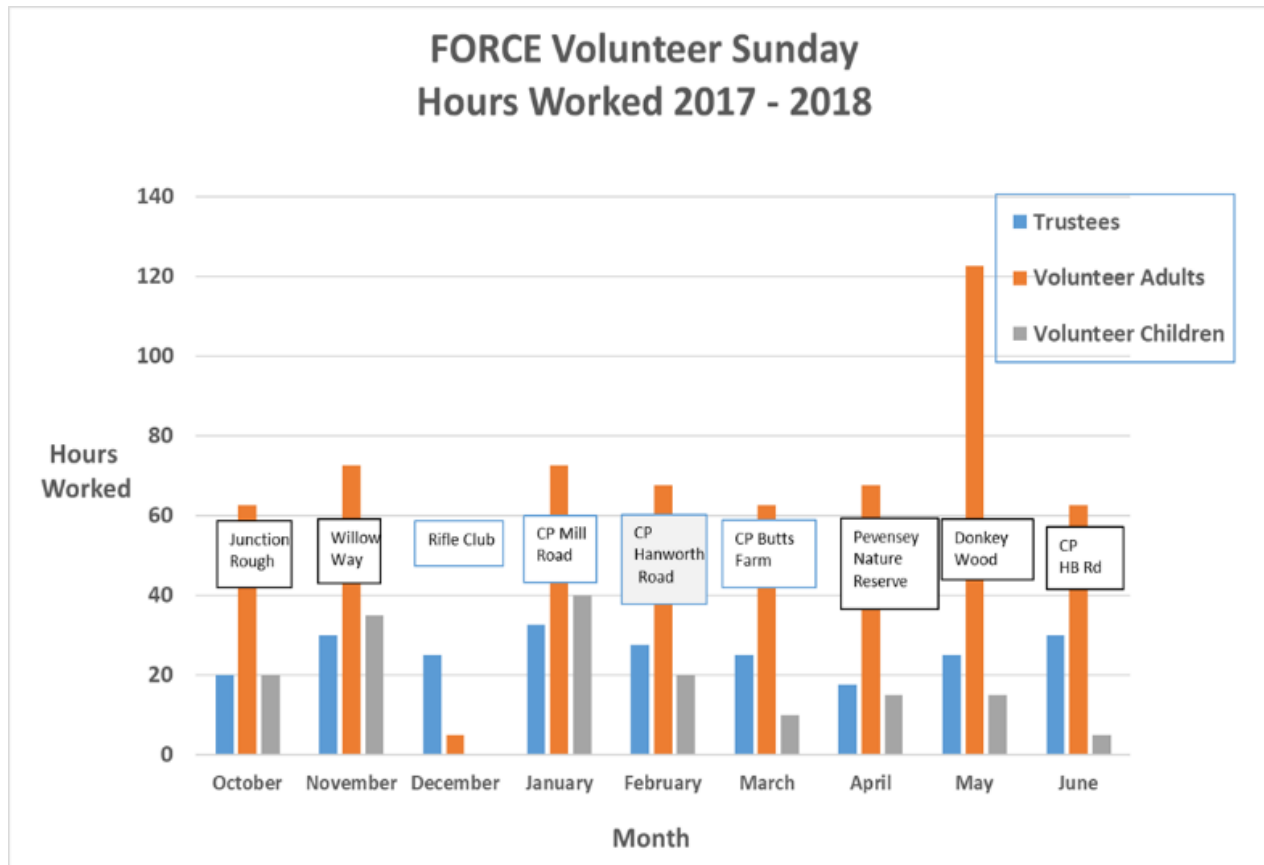
Volunteer Sundays 2017-2018



Key Features

- Over 1,000 hours worked (Up from 750)
- 9 locations visited
- First event at Brazil Mill Wood and Donkey Wood
- Support from Boroughs of Richmond and Hounslow
- Bench repair project

Volunteer Sundays 2017-2018



Community and Education

Walks and Talks 2017-2018



- 20 FREE guided walks and talks
- Attended by 288 people including 60 children
- Most popular were making clay models; birds, bats, butterflies !
- We use a mixture of local experts and trustee knowledge to lead the walks and talks.
- Always looking for new ideas. If you have one let us know!

Community and Education

Community Projects 2017-2018



Highlights of 2017-8 included:

- Funding for the Richmond Green Gym based at Mereway Nature Park and Meadway Orchard. This project reopened in October 2017.
- Funding from Thames Water for a new community engagement project of 16 workshops in partnership with TCV.
- Installation of the interpretation for the Duke's River Project
- Reworking of the Lower River Crane and new maps



Planning 2017-2018



2017-18 was a busy year for FORCE Planning:

- Twickenham Village Plan
- Twickenham Station: redevelopment and footpath
- Richmond Education and Enterprise Campus: mast and reformed CLG
- RFU: turnstiles and DNR path
- Heathrow: Third Runway, Eastern Balancing Reservoirs
- Hounslow Heath Golf Course (Kidspace)
- SEGRO development on the Causeway
- LB Hounslow: W of Borough Local Plan and conservation area appraisals
- Mogden Lane fence and path
- Park Usage Surveys: 5-year Dragonfly Terrace, Marsh Farm Lane baseline



Planning 2017-2018

2018-19 will continue to be challenging:



- Twickenham Station redevelopment and footpath
- Richmond Education and Enterprise Campus redevelopment
- Stoop redevelopment
- Heathrow: Third Runway, surface access
- Hounslow Heath Golf Course (Kidspace)
- SEGRO development on the Causeway
- Feltham Arenas Open Spaces
- Feltham Marshalling Yards
- Park Usage Surveys

Membership 2017-2018



Communications 2017-2018



- 4 newsletters
- Regularly updated website
- Regularly updated Facebook page with over 1400 followers
- Twitter with over 600 followers
- Videos on YouTube



Communications 2017-2018



Website

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Friends of the River Crane Environment (FORCE) website. At the top left is the FORCE logo. To its right is the text 'Friends of the River Crane Environment'. Further right is a search bar with the text 'Search this site' and a 'Go' button. Below the logo and search bar is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Who we are, What we do, Get Involved, Wildlife, Discover, History, Learn, and News. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a 'Volunteer days' section with a photo of a group of people and the text: 'Come and join us, get involved and help improve the Crane. See [Volunteering](#), and our Volunteer Sunday [event dates](#)'. Below this is a 'Friends Of the River Crane Environment, FORCE' section with the text: 'Come and discover the River Crane corridor with the Friends of the River Crane Environment. There is something for everyone. The River Crane forms the West London Green Chain from Harrow to the Thames at Isleworth. The corridor is rich in wildlife, has varied landscapes of meadow, heathland, woodland and scrub and has a unique industrial past. There are places to explore, play, exercise and learn in, plus playgrounds for children to enjoy. Find out more about what there is to discover and [Learn](#). The Friends of the River Crane Environment (FORCE) is a community based voluntary organisation working in the River Crane corridor in the London Boroughs of Richmond and Hounslow. Find out more about [What We Do](#) and how you can [Get Involved](#).' The right column features an 'Upcoming events' section with the text: 'Volunteer Sunday at Twickenham Rough and Twickenham Station Sunday 11 November 2018' and a photo of two people working in a garden.

- Homepage averages around 1000 hits per month
- Over a quarter of a million hits in the year

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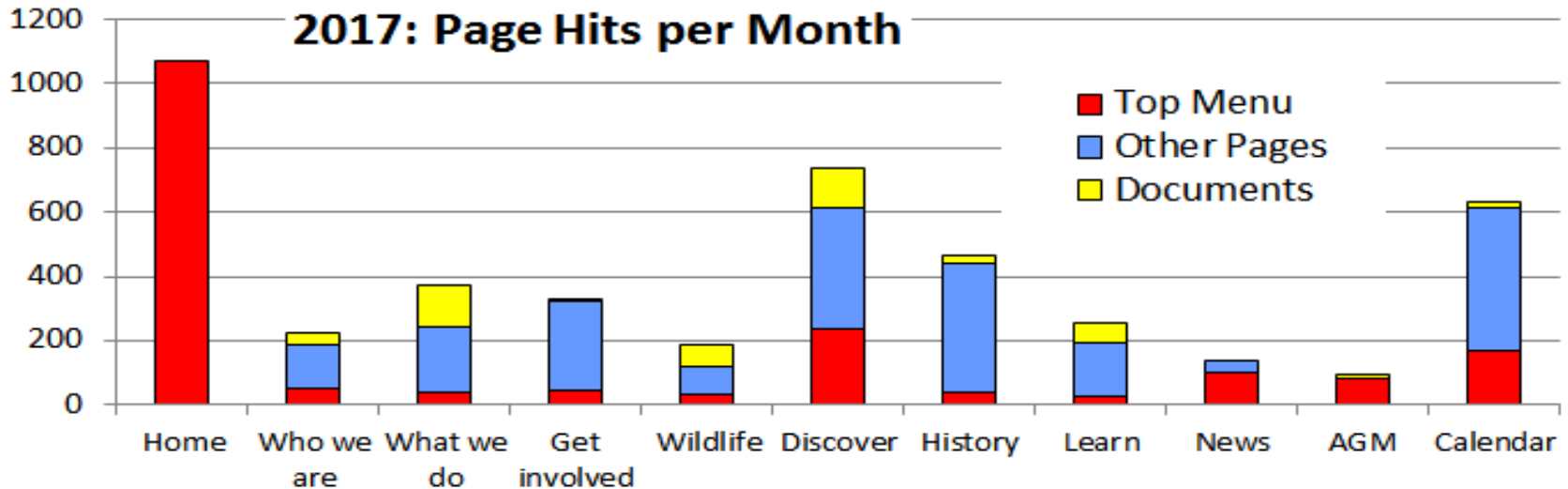
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New Topics on the Website

- New on-line membership and payment facility developed resulting in increased membership
- Facebook and Twitter feeds available under *News* page
- *Discover* now has 6 maps of walks along the Crane and rivers.
- *Events calendar* heavily used to locate Walks & Talks, Volunteer days.
- Regular updates on key activities :
 - Litter picking survey under *Wildlife Reports*
 - Citizen Crane project under *Projects*
 - Planning submissions

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Member Resolutions

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Agenda item 5.1

Non-disclosure agreements

- a)** Before entering into any non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with any commercial organization FORCE management board will inform members about the proposed parties to the agreement and the matters to be covered by such agreement, and will take into account any objections or concerns raised.
- b)** In no circumstances will it be appropriate for an NDA to be entered into by the FORCE Management Board the existence of which is kept secret and non-disclosable to members.

Member Resolutions



Agenda item 5.2

Monthly news sheet

a)

FORCE relies on its membership for funding and support and is committed to communicating openly and informing its members about the work it does. To meet this commitment a short email newsletter not exceeding one page will be prepared after every management meeting setting out issues considered by the board and any response, and detailing progress being made on projects managed or supported by FORCE. From time to time the newsletter will seek the views of members on an issue.

b)

The Management Board may wish to consider whether such news sheet should be sent to all members or sent only on request, and, if the latter, whether a small additional membership fee might be appropriate.