

Walkabouts for your neighbourhood



NORWICH
City Council

In July, residents together with council staff visited West Earlham Woods to find out about any ongoing local issues and how they could be resolved. We spoke with a wide range of residents and would like to thank everyone who was able to give their time and take part.

Individual issues are not captured in this feedback but would have been reported and action taken as appropriate.

Whether you were able to come along or not, we think it is important to give you some feedback about the issues raised as well as what we are doing to try and resolve them – please find a summary on the next page.

There will be a total of 48 walkabouts across the city every year. These are decided locally every three months.

To see the programme of when and where we will be for the next three months visit www.norwich.gov.uk and go to the Walkabouts page of the A to Z.

All residents are welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like more information or have any queries, please contact:

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In addition to these contacts you can also tell us about any concerns, queries and requests you may have about services provided by the council by going to Do It Online on the council's home page on the website: www.norwich.gov.uk/tellusaboutit

Summary of issues and actions raised

Issue or concern raised	Action
<p>You told us that there is too much fly-tipping in the woods</p>	<p>Action to date: Along with the Friends of West Earlham Woods we have organised fly-tipping picks and litter pick with local schools. In addition the Friends group have organised independent litter picks.</p> <p>Information: According to Paul Holley, the council's natural areas officer, these woods are of historic and ecological importance. There are many important species of tree, fungi and wildlife that inhabit the woods. These are old woods and therefore contain trees at a variety of different stages of development. Paul also showed the those who came to the walk how the woods improve biodiversity and wildlife in the area and how the city council helps eg tree management to encourage insects.</p> <p>The council will collect fly-tipped items where it is possible. Most of the fly-tipped items are not easily accessible as they are close to the rear of the woods and well away from paths. The city council can pay for a contractor to do this work, however, there are not enough funds to meet the demands to deal with all the fly-tipping in Norwich, particularly if there are not any reports. One of the problems in the woods is the under-reporting of fly-tipping.</p> <p>Future Action: More litter picks are planned, a fly-tipping pick is scheduled for September by the Army Cadets, support to the Friends group from the city council community engagement officer, plus we would like to hear your ideas about how the woods can be improved. The Friends group are considering activities such as a wild fungi walk, and improvements such as bat boxes, paths, tree audit, and information signs eg tree species. The Friends of West Earlham Woods encourage local residents to get involved and help the group to manage the local woods.</p>