

The Friends of Danby Wood



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Danby Wood is owned by Norwich City Council and covers an area of 4.5 hectares it was given local nature reserve status in 1984. From 1797 until the 1930's it was a working chalk/lime quarry.

After closure the site was taken over by nature and colonised by trees, plants and wildlife.

Friends of Danby Wood was formed by Eaton Rise Residents Association in June 2016. The aim of our group is to follow the work plan set out by Norwich City Council to create better access to various areas by maintaining footpaths, clearing glades and creating steps, improve biodiversity with planting of trees and flowers to attract birds, bats, bees, bugs, butterflies and moths, encourage visitors to the site to learn about its social history, fauna and flora with a new interpretation board, improve the size and surface of the car park.

We have in the region of 40 volunteers of all abilities ranging in age from 11-84 years. There is usually in the region of 20 -32 volunteers out on any workday with jobs for all to do from litter picking, cutting back ivy, glade clearance, step building, planting trees and bulbs. Sometimes we have a bonfire but we

always have a welcome break with hot drinks and homemade cake and a chance to catch up with other volunteers.

We wish to encourage children to visit and use the wood, especially schools with planting bulbs and running family events.

Danby Wood can be found by car off of A140 Ipswich Rd on Marston Lane where there is a small car park, or by foot / cycle from Danby Close on Eaton Rise across Danby Park. Alternatively coming from Eaton village by foot or cycle along Marston Lane adjacent to the marshes.

