

Minutes of Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods Committee Meeting at 6.30pm

20 April 2026 by Zoom

Present:

Jane Andrews

John Bray

Karen King

Claire Osborn

Kirsty Blackman

Joao Peres

Danielle Wells

1. Welcome & discuss minutes of last meeting

Previous minutes accepted for publication.

2. Updates

- Luke Blanchard (idverde) remains willing to build a bench at the south of the recreation ground, but is currently awaiting parts for the bench.
- Saturday Work Group sessions had been extended for 3 more dates.
- Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze Award volunteers had undertaken vegetation work, litter picking and a circular walk update (the last of which was incomplete).
- Ember Close sewage works are finished, but there is still a misconnection that has been reported several times but to date the origin has not been found.
- Thames Water have cleared the slit trap in the Combined Sewage Overflow.
- The sundial crowd fundraiser has started.
- The Environment Agency have offered to clear the Pavillion of junk
- The Easter Nature Trail Quiz event on Easter Saturday had been well attended and a success, raising £200.
- The ETR Environment Fund bird and bat boxes have been installed and the associated interpretation board designed. Luke has kindly agreed that *idverde* will undertake installation on the Crofton Circular Trail once construction is complete.
- The British Trust for Ornithology survey of Recreation Ground birds is ongoing.
- Bromley Council's Bridleway review is due to occur in the summer.

3. Membership and Finances

Membership up 1 at 115.

Finance: £5891.42 balance, up £319

4. Upcoming events

12 May AGM has speaker talking about waterways, refreshments, 7.30 start

Petts Wood May Fayre stall planned

5. AOB

Next Committee meeting 15th June 2026

Saturday Work Group sessions to resume in Autumn organised by Jane

John Bray

Secretary

Minutes discussed and revisions agreed at the Committee meeting on 15 June 2026