

Evanton Community Wood

Feed-back from Individuals in Day-Book

2013

- 1.3.13: 'Great progress since community buy-out' (Visitor)
4.3.13 'Delighted with the gorge sign' (Regular user)
18.3.13. Why would anyone take down gorge sign? I like it. (Regular user)
15.5.13 (Evanton Walking Group)
'I can see the difference in the wood – the light is coming in'
'Nice to have the logs at Mag's Wood'
'Paths are much better'

Tony in electric wheelchair got up to Mag's Wood – no problem. Paths much better. (Dee & Tony)

2014

- 15.9 My nieces and nephews were in and out the wigwams – they loved it (f)
12.5 I think it's lovely what you are doing (f)
24.5 It's a joy to come to the wood - (caravan owner, m)
26.5 Family from Northumberland came on recommendation. Loved the seats and pond;
made fire and cooked marshmallows.
3.6 Neighbour came to complain about speed of cars. (Signs put up, schools informed)
6.6 What a pity some people undo the good work you are doing (dog walker)
10.6 Project like this give hope for the future (teacher)
Wonderful! What an inspired piece of work! A really wonderful way of drawing the
community together as well as us outsiders! Thanks for having us. (visitors)
27.6 Great improvements (walker, f)
Path is great (walker, f)
Doing a great job (walker)
6.7 I had lots of fun (child)
We did cycling and bushcraft and it was really enjoyable and I would recommend it (child)
It was brilliant, I learned a lot! (child)
I struggled with the mountainbiking but lighting the fire and toasting marshmallows was epic.
(child)
9.7 I really enjoyed making dens (child)
Thanks for organising the Family Fun day. It was great fun and the kids thoroughly enjoyed
it. (parent)
25.7 Hugo's mum phoned to say that the Citizen Science activity was the best part of his holiday in
Evanton. (mum)
Great job with the paths – in keeping with the wood. (walker, f)
29.7 Evanton walking Group inspected the toilet: 'The new paths are great for wet weather weather
walking. Very sensitively done.' (walk leader)
4.8 Mother: 'We're leaving now'. Child 'Nooooooo!' (mother, child)
18.8 What a great job you have done to the paths and pond. (walker, f)
29.8 Beautiful woodland and a great way to get volunteering hours for DofE. (teen)
Loved it, loved it totally, totally enjoyed myself. Best thing ever! (local)
9.9 Tony (wheelchair user) is over the moon with the path improvements. (local, f)
24.9 What an inspiring place! Well done A and team for explaining the ethos of this

wonderful place. (walk leader)
I loved the place; few woods are so beautiful and the 'house' is so special, inspired. (walker)
A and Chair have done a fantastic job in bringing this project to fruition (walker)

2015

21.12 Lovely job you've done with the cabin (local walker)
You've done just what we hoped for from the start (Bill, local, m)
Great job you've made of the place (John, local, m)

2016

6.1 Fine job you're doing in the wood (Tony, local,m)
15.3 I never had as much fun in the wood (pupil, Tain)
16.3 The paths are great, lovely and dry (Alness W.Gp)
25.3 Fantastic what you are doing here (visiting mum)
The area is great (parent)
7.4 You are doing a great job with all the improvements eg the new play area (Wendy)
13.4 The new play area is fantastic (Liz, Kiltearn Nursery)
19.4 It was fun, we got to build bridges (Pupil, TRA)
It is a great experience, would recommend it to anyone who likes nature and fun (ditto)
21.4 Fantastc play area (Roz, local)
26.5 One of the best school trips I have been on (mum)
31.5 Pond dipping: It was fun and interesting (pupil, TRA)
2.6 You deserve an award! (Lilian, local)
9.6 Best school trip I have been on (pupil, Park PS)
10.6 Fantastic morning. Staff were brilliant with the children and they loved their morning in the woods. Lots of parents are planning to come back. (teacher, Resolis PS)
13.6 Best school trip ever (pupil, Mulbuie PS)
14.6 I leaarnt how to balance on a bike (child)
27.6 We have all had an amazing time in these fantastic woods (MB/SC/SG nursery)
29.6 Impressed by the house, the work, the kindness (German visitors)
30.6 The men were very fun (pupil, Kiltearn PS)
I really liked the pond dipping
Clay modelling was great
Fantastic day out. Great activities – pond dipping, shelter building, bread making, clay modelling. All levels joined in. Everything accessible, safe and engaging. (teacher, Kiltearn)
30.6 The music was awesome (children 3 and 5, Culbokie Nursery)
Playing was so fun (Erin, 5)
It's a wonderland (Sam, 5)
Unique, hands-on experience for children of all ages, a real treasure to have so local to us.
Thank you for an inspiring interaction with the children. Toasting marshmallows was a great kids' treat. (teacher, Culbolie Nursery)
What a thoroughly unexpected, wonderful day out. A huge thank-you to the staff/volunteers for going that extra mile and making a memorable day for all. We will be back. (ditto)
30.7 I love these naturaltools and sharing them with young people! (B.M Eagle)
23.8 Getting used to the surroundings and getting to know the forest better. Also shown how to use the Kelly kettle. (pupil, TRA)
5.11 Loved the woodland. Great place for children to explore. (Adventure Fridays)
Amazing place.
A fab use of the woodland equipment – so much fun.
Had a terrific first time visit.

Brilliant, first time here, will definitely come back. Inspiring!
21.12 Fantastic experience as always. Very helpful volunteers and very well organised. Children really enjoyed the woods, crafts, hot chocolate and marshmallows. (teacher, Kiltearn)

2017

12.4 Great facility, safe, outdoor fun & educational (Childminder Group)
Such a friendly, wonderful time. The kids were so excited. Magical experience.
My 3 boys had a great time. Fun for all ages.
Me and my son had a great time today ... great day out.
My little boy had an excellent time!
Absolutely fantastic day, loved the wooden play area.