

As we move into March and welcome the changing season, we're delighted to share our latest newsletter with you. With longer days ahead and spring beginning to take shape, it's been an exciting and productive time for the Friends, filled with ongoing projects and plans underway for the months ahead.

Please note that we will hold our AGM on 24th March 2026 at 7 pm. Please get in touch with us if you would like to attend.

4th July 2026 - Save the Date Summer Garden Party

Our much-loved Summer Garden Party is returning in July and this year we're delighted to be part of the Carshalton Festival celebrations!

The lawn will be filled with stalls, friendly faces and plenty to browse, from local crafts and gifts to plants and homemade treats. Wander, discover something special and enjoy the community atmosphere. There will be activities for everyone, opportunities to learn more about the work taking place across the site, and time to relax with refreshments and good company. It's always a joyful occasion and a lovely way to celebrate the season together. We hope you'll join us. More details coming soon

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Summer Garden Party - June 2025

Small Pond Refresh

The pond is looking fantastic as we head into spring, with some beautiful flowers already beginning to emerge. A reminder of what our volunteers have been working on over the winter, the area has been tidied, and native plant species introduced to improve cover and habitat for pond wildlife. We're excited to see how this space continues to develop over the coming months



Hop into Easter fun at Sutton Ecology Centre!

Enjoy Easter egg hunts, spring walks, and outdoor adventures. Explore wildlife, discover nature, and celebrate the season with family-friendly fun!

Book egg hunt:
<https://sutton.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=317333>
Book nature walk:
<https://sutton.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=329721>



Would you like to join our team?

We are always excited to have people join our team, there are many ways you can get involved from baking cakes for our events, running a stall, helping to set up, donations to help support our projects and events.

Please feel free to contact us on all of the below channels to find out more.



The Journey of the Pond Dipping Platform

This winter, we waved goodbye to the fenced-off, unsafe dipping platform by the larger pond. Hello springtime, which saw the completion of a new, more sustainable viewing space.

Although we were not successful in securing additional funding for a full replacement, an alternative plan was implemented and managed by the Biodiversity Team.

The old structure was carefully removed and replaced with a new path extension, creating a level and accessible area beside the pond. New fencing has been installed and wildflower seeds sown to support biodiversity and enhance the surrounding habitat

It has been encouraging to see the progress take shape over recent weeks, and we are delighted that the space is now ready for school sessions and for visitors to enjoy. The new viewing area provides a practical, welcoming spot for learning and engagement.

**SUTTON
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EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

BABY ANIMALS EGG HUNT
30 & 31 MARCH



Follow the nature trail and discover fun baby animal facts along the way! Claim your chocolate egg and make an Easter craft to take home.
Suggested Suitability: 3yrs+

MAISY'S NATURE WALK
7 APRIL

Join Maisy and friends for adventures in the Ecology Centre spotting signs of spring. Watch the wiggly tadpoles and plant a seed.
Suggested Suitability: 2-7yrs



All activities are outdoors. You must accompany your child.

Booking essential
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events/location/273](http://libraries.sutton.gov.uk/events/location/273)

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