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Volunteer Taster Session at The Deepdene Trail

Come and experience being a 'Friend of Deepdene' on Saturday 4th March 2017

From 09.30am – 3.30pm on Saturday 4th March, The Friends of Deepdene are holding a 'Get Involved' Open Day, where everyone is welcome to come along and experience volunteering with them on The Deepdene Trail.

The day begins at 9.30am with a welcome from The Friends of Deepdene and Alexander Bagnall, The Trail's Project Manager. Volunteers will experience varied gardening tasks throughout the day, a barbeque lunch and plenty of tea breaks.

Attendees must sign-up for this day so The Friends can ensure enough tools and burger buns are on site! Training and safety equipment will be provided for all.

Sue Tombs, volunteer on The Trail since 2012 said, "We work hard but we always have fun too, it's wonderful to be out in the fresh air working on such a fascinating, local project. On our open day we look forward to meeting some new people who are interested in what we do and want to work outdoors improving The Trail."

Leader of the Council, Councillor Vivienne Michael said, "The Deepdene Trail would not have opened without this dedicated group of volunteers who give up their time to conserve and preserve this important landscape.

"We are grateful for their commitment and the hard work they do. Last year, the group were presented with an 'Above and Beyond' Award from Mole Valley District Council for their incredible achievements on The Trail. We will continue our partnership with them to develop the site led by Alexander Bagnall our project manager and assisted by Surrey Wildlife Trust."

If you would like to attend this taster session please let us know in advance on 01306 879273, or by emailing us at TheDeepdenetrail@molevalley.gov.uk .

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Notes:

Schedule for the day

09.30 – All pre booked, volunteers arrive, briefing by Alexander Bagnall & Friends of Deepdene

10.15 – Safety briefing and tasks for the day introduced and begun

11.15 – Coffee break

11.45 – Continue with tasks in small groups, (groups will switch around tasks)

13.00 – Barbeque lunch

14.00 – Continue with gardening tasks (groups will switch around tasks)

15:00 – Coffee, tidy up and feedback

All further details on where to meet, what to bring etc from Gail Mackintosh on 01306 879273 and via Thedeepdenetrail@molevalley.gov.uk .

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