

## Pitts Wood News

We are getting closer to Pitts Wood transferring back to BCC, but are not quite there yet. Communication from BCC has been very limited, but we hope to see some progress over the coming months.

The Academy managed to get a licence from Natural England to relocate the badgers but the guy from Zebra Ecology first went to the wrong school so was late starting the work. Gates have been put down to stop them getting back in but the creatures were too clever. They went to the other end of the bank and have got into another set. Therefore the removal has run out of time and the badgers will now be hibernating and cannot be disturbed. The playground damage can be repaired – we hope – so the children can once again go into the wood for environmental education sessions.

On a more positive note some pupils from Queen Alexandra College have been coming to work in the wood on several Fridays and achieved lots of good conservation. We have also gained another group of volunteers on several Saturdays and had another successful open day in October.

We heard in August that our funding bid to the West Midlands Combined Authority (Community Green Grants) for improvements to the water features in Pitts Wood had been successful (over £24,000). The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country will be carrying out the work.

We have also received the offer of funding towards a replacement shelter from West Midlands Police, and also received donations through a Just Giving page.

We have had our last volunteer day now until next year. Look out for the AGM and open meeting early next year.

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