

Splash of summer colour



Lupins add a spectrum of colour to the country park.

Welcome to our sixteenth edition of Wagtail, the newsletter and events calendar for Dams to Darnley Country Park. Inside you will find:

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The next edition of Wagtail will be out in autumn 2012.

A fling through spring

BACK IN CHILLY FEBRUARY lots of new bird homes were constructed as part of our 'National Nest Box Week' event. Everyone was able to take their bird box home and we have already had reports of new residents moving in!

Luckily the clouds cleared just in time for our Glasgow University led star gazing

night. We saw lots of stars and planets including Mars, Venus, Saturn and Jupiter.

Participants became detectives and investigated our mock wildlife crime scene in March. Pictures were taken, evidence was gathered and finger prints were analysed with the help of Strathclyde Police.

Our 'egg-travaganza' event was very busy. We decorated eggs and then made nests to hold them.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to all our spring cleaners. All sorts of litter was picked along the paths and hedgerows.

We were again very lucky on our photography walk as the sun was shining over the country park landscape. Lots of birds appeared for the cameras. We got good shots of woodpecker, sand piper and reed bunting.



Hand painted easter eggs.

Scottish Water pipeline



Scottish Water pipeline works.

SCOTTISH WATER IS currently undertaking a £2.5 million project to rationalise its water assets in East Renfrewshire. This project includes refurbishments to the Gorbals waterworks at Corselet Road, the decommissioning of the water treatment works at Neilston and laying a new 6.8km pipeline through the country park and across farmland between both sites.

Work is progressing well with over 2.5km laid. Scottish Water's contractor, Barhale, will continue working throughout the summer. Within the country park the route will mainly run along the southern side

of the railway line. The area will be fenced off for security and safety. Scottish Water has been working closely with its own environment team and SEPA to address potential impacts on wildlife.

A section of pipeline is also required to be laid on Corselet Road. Scottish Water will be working with the country park to minimise disruption along this section of the route and to keep the public informed.

If you would like further information please contact Caroline Taylor at Scottish Water on 0845 601 8855 or email project.communications@scottishwater.co.uk