

# Nature lovers walk in and



THE Friends of Clayfield Copse had prepared for this at the weekend - a walk in the woods around the copse to take in the bluebells proved a popular adventure.

The group was guided by Catherine, resident and local historian. The group, who took the time to share her expertise including how to identify the difference between English Bluebells and the invading Spanish variety.

Friend Anne Latta said: "It was lovely because the sun came out. I think we may have had about 30 people there, a good crowd considering the weather over the previous days."

"We had a tour, walking right around the woods and also saw saxons and yellow wildflowers. The wild pair was just magnificent and it was absolutely beautiful."

To the wild flowers area there were crocuses and long eaves in the pond, and lots were visiting woodland.

"There were lots of families and little children. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves."

The Friends of Clayfield Copse group meets on the first Monday of each month to carry out conservation work on the Copse. The next gathering is on May 4 at 10am, at the car park off Clayfield Park Road. There is also a guided chess walk on Sunday, May 18, at 10am, and story telling for all ages on Thursday, May 22, between 2 and 4pm.

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On their way: Walkers making their way to the bluebell wood. 081026a

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It's the little things:  
Catherine Latta,  
The Copse,  
identifying the difference between the English and the Spanish Bluebell. 081026a

# out those dusty bluebells



Absorbing: Photographer Lawrence Ward finds bluebells makes a good backdrop for a picture and better. The Copse giving her audience a taste of the botanical expertise. 081026a.1



Sparkling bluebells: Eva Thomas, with Daisy O'Shea, Thomas Collier and three-year-old Jack Collier. 081026a

