

### Friends of Pratts Bottom Common

This group was established under the leadership of Mel Turtell several years ago with the principal aims of protecting our historic village green , our other green spaces and Fox Wood and keeping the heart of our village as free from litter as possible.

On the first Saturday of most months, a group of volunteers meets at the pub car park at about 10.30am and then sets off on litter patrol. Why not join us? We are negotiating with idverde (Bromley's sub-contractors who maintain the parks and gardens) for the free loan of litter picking tools.

In addition several others who take regular constitutionals around the village centre and surrounding lanes have taken to arming themselves with litter picking tools and gloves so that they can play their part in tackling the rubbish left by others.

Our top priority is, of course, to ensure that the Green is prepared for the two big events which draw our community together and raise lots of money for charity in the process – the Fete in May and 'Carols on the Green' in December.

The village fete committee, led by Lesley Jones, meets regularly throughout the year and lots of people put in the effort to ensure that the Summer Fete is a success (whatever the weather!). The same group, working closely with the Church, ensures that the carol singing on Advent Sunday, together with the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree, prepares us all properly for the festive season.

Interested in joining in? Just contact us.

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