

Busy, Busy, Busy...

Following several years of little change and activity a number of new developments and improvements are in the offing at Cardinham.

General Improvements

The children's play has been treated to a new wood chip surface and replacement barbecues have been installed in the picnic area ready for a (hopefully) glorious summer. We also hope that you have had the chance to sample the delicious home cooking on offer at Woods Café. New at Woods Café is an ice cream shack serving the creamiest, most delicious Callestick Cornish Ice Cream made with pure wholesome milk, cream and the finest fruits - go on treat yourself!

Off Road Cycling

1 South West is an exciting regional project developing off-road cycling throughout South West England.



Developments are not aimed at 'extreme' cycling and it is hoped that many more families and friends will be encouraged to get out and have a cycling adventure across the region.

The 1 South West project will work with Forestry Commission and the National Trust to develop off road cycling trails and facilities in woods at Lanhydrock and Cardinham. We are aware of increasing demand for cycling in woodlands in Cornwall and, as with all recreational activities, cycling requires active management. Purpose built cycle trails will ensure that existing users continue to enjoy the woods. Funding from this project will also enable us to improve other site facilities such as parking and toilets to benefit all of Cardinham's visitors. Consultation on detail of cycling developments will start this summer.

See www.1sw.org.uk for project details. This project is being invested in by the Rural Development Programme for England.



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Go Ape!

We have recently been approached by Go Ape! about the potential for Cardinham Woods to host a new Go Ape! course. Go Ape! run a series of high rope adventure courses in woodlands around the country, the nearest being at Haldon Forest Park near Exeter. The Go Ape! design team recently visited Cardinham and have drawn up plans for an exciting course, including zip wires, based around the Lower Margate area of Cardinham. Plans are still at an early stage but we will keep you up to date with progress via these quarterly newsletters.



Example Zip Slide

The course is set up high in the trees and so only uses the air space, allowing unrestricted access to the forest floor for all other visitors.

The percentage of income from Go Ape! that will be paid to the Forestry Commission will be reinvested in to Cardinham and will help pay towards the site maintenance costs.

If you want a preview of what may be coming, then take a day trip to Haldon Forest Park, where Go Ape! has been running for over two years. Visit

www.forestry.gov.uk/haldonforestpark

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