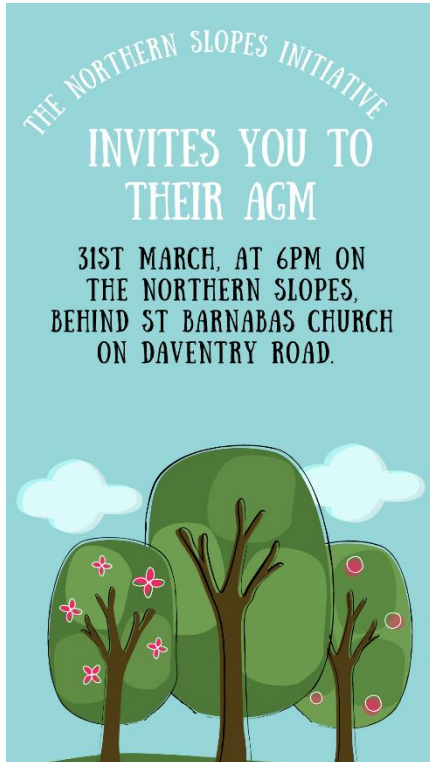




Northern Slopes Initiative **APRIL 2022**



NSI AGM

You are invited to the NSI Annual General Meeting happening on the Slopes. Come along and find out about plans for the slopes: new paths and a festival! Have your say and find out how to get involved.

The plan is to meet on the slopes, behind St Barnabas Church on Daventry Road. There is a hard surfaced viewing point (what 3 words: neck.twins.feast) which is accessible. Tea and biscuits will be available, and we will have the back-up plan of the new Park building if the weather is unkind. Please RSVP and mention any dietary requirements - so we have enough of the right type of biscuits.

Email: enquiries@northern-slopes-initiative.co.uk



The Slopes are outstanding!

The Slopes have been awarded an 'Outstanding' by Britain in Bloom. This award recognizes the efforts of volunteers in keeping the Slopes looking beautiful and improving them for wildlife.

We also continue to be grateful to Good Gym volunteers for their work on Saturday mornings each month. If you'd

like to help keep the Slopes outstanding, consider joining one of our two friendly groups (Wednesday and Thursday mornings) helping out on the slopes. Email:

enquiries@northern-slopes-initiative.co.uk



Kingswear Road Housing Development - update

A decision has been taken permitting a housing development on Kingswear Road. NSI do not feel that the planning process was followed correctly and have written to the Mayor and local Councillors; their answers will determine our next steps. See Facebook for regular updates. Please respond to our posts; your views will help determine our next steps!



Trees on the Slopes

Though not a native, we have a few apple trees, growing on the Slopes. Originally from Central Asia (Kazakhstan) *Malus sieversii*. The Romans found it growing in Syria, where it had spread, in the form of *Malus domestica* (Orchard Apple). The Romans introduced it to Great

Britain. They had grafted selected forms, that were 'tasty', onto strong rootstocks, which is still done today. Our native, (European) apple, is *Malus sylvestris* (Crab Apple) and Celtic people, made cider from it.

Apples are in the family *Rosaceae*. The wood can be used for smoking food to impart flavour, like Smoked Applewood Cheese. The wood burns hot, with little smoke and gives off a pleasant smell. It has many uses including: fine furniture, musical instruments, carving, and turning. Jim Smith Filwood Tree Champion



Maps for the Slopes

The Northern Slopes have colourful new maps to help explore the site and find wildflower areas. They are included at the end of this newsletter and are also available to download from the NSI website and can be shared with family and friends.

<https://www.northern-slopes-initiative.co.uk/new-maps-for-the-slopes/>

Joining the NSI

The Northern Slopes Initiative (NSI) is a group of volunteers seeking to maintain, conserve and enhance the Slopes. If you would like to be more involved in caring for the Slopes or have ideas about the Slopes you'd like to share, get in touch by:

Email: enquiries@northern-slopes-initiative.co.uk

Website: www.northern-slopes-initiative.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/17712682577

Instagram: www.instagram.com/northernslopesbristol/

Tags are: @northernslopesbristol - #northernslopes.

Coronavirus:

Please keep an eye on Government and Bristol City Council advice –

www.gov.uk/coronavirus and www.bristol.gov.uk/crime-emergencies/coronavirus-covid-19-what-you-need-to-know

We hope that you, your family and friends are keeping safe.



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