## 12:30 EVERY TUESDAY - COSMESTON COUNTRY PARK



Cosmeston Country Park has always been a Phoenix Heroes favourite. It is easy to see why once you experience all it has to offer. Cosmeston hosts a variety of habitats covering over 100 hectares of land & water, some areas designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest protecting the rare & diverse plant & animal species. Surrounded by nature in a peaceful setting. Also, the team of Park Rangers are encouraging & supportive of everything we do & they *'get'* what we're about.

We engage in various projects here that include, amongst others, maintenance work at the replica medieval village & path clearing around the Reception & Café Areas.

Our current project involves cutting back & clearing an overgrown area to the left of the café. Normally, any cuttings would be disposed of by burning or put through a wood 'chipper' – both of which have a negative impact on the environment.

We are using this 'waste' to build a wildlife friendly habitat known as a Dead Hedge. This eco-friendly structure is especially good for small mammals & birds – because it gives them somewhere to shelter that is protected from predators & from the wind & rain. The hedge will also form a natural barrier to protect members of the public from any safety issues with the small gulley that runs behind. We estimate our Dead Hedge project will be completed towards the end of March.



We are usually on site for 2.5 – 3 hours & always finish with a cuppa and biscuits. How to get there? See 'Participant Lift' & 'Cosmeston Public Transport' fliers.





