

Friends of Brislington Brook

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Brislington Brook flows from the northern slopes of Dundry to meet the River Avon at St. Anne's Park,

This group looks after just a short stretch of the brook from where it crosses Allison Road to where it meets the river Avon. That comprises Nightingale Valley and St Annes Woods. These green spaces are mostly grassland and woods. The Valley cannot be accessed by road so remains a beautiful secluded natural area appreciated by local walkers of all ages. The woods are populated by badgers, foxes, deer and squirrels, with possibly a visiting otter from time to time. There are several species of birds, such as Owls, kingfisher, great tit, chiffchaff, jay, grey wagtail and heron. Saint Anne's Holy Well is situated within the wood, said to be a site of pilgrimage in medieval times, and at one time the 3rd most important pilgrimage site in the country – King Henry VII is among those known to have visited the site on pilgrimage.

Friends of Brislington Brook was set up from the highly successful, Discover Brislington Brook Project. Its members provide working party workdays and ecological events like Owl Prowls and Bat Walks. We also do litter picks and invasive weed control events to control things like Himalayan Balsam and Sycamore. We also maintain the Holy Well and infrastructure of the park areas. We have a core Steering Group of between 10-15 members, and communicate mostly through Facebook. .

