

President: Rt.Hon. the Lord Randall of Uxbridge Kt.PC.

To all members of the Friends of the Colne Valley Park

4th February 2026

Dear Friend

Invitation to Annual Friends Meeting on 23rd March.



I warmly invite you to join us at the Annual Friends Meeting to be held in the Garibaldi Room at Iver Village Hall, High Street, SL0 9NX on Monday 23rd March. Arrive from 5:45pm for a 6pm prompt start. We intend to finish by 7:00pm.

The meeting will update on the work of the Colne Valley Regional Park (CVRP) over the last year and will give you the opportunity to vote for the Friends Representative to serve as a Colne Valley Regional Park Trustee. Debbie Valman is the current Representative and she has indicated that she is willing to continue in that role for 2026-27, subject to agreement of Friends members.

Debbie worked for Groundwork for 14+ years and has recently taken (well-earned) retirement. Most of her time at Groundwork was spent in leaving a legacy of projects that have enhanced the Park and she would like to continue to add to that legacy. This includes acting as the CVRP Trust representative on the 'Colne Connections' project board – a project that she wrote the funding application for when she worked at Groundwork! Debbie has lived in Ickenham all her life and comes from local 'stock' – approximately 100 years ago her grandfather worked in the gravel quarries that have since become the attractive lakes that make up the core of the Colne Valley Regional Park.

We are looking for a Friends Representative with a commitment to the CVRP, a broad range of skills and experience and to ensure we are representative of the communities that live around the Park. If you feel you can offer something to help with the governance of the Trust please do consider another nomination. To put yourself forward please contact sue.seagroatt@groundwork.org.uk before 2nd March.

The agenda for the Friends Meeting is overleaf. Please reply to Sue (using the email address above or postal address below) before 15th March to indicate your attendance, so we can judge the catering numbers.

I look forward to seeing you on 23rd March.

Kind regards,

Hugh Stokes, Chairman

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**ANNUAL FRIENDS MEETING
At Garibaldi Room, Iver Village Hall, High Street, SL0 9NX**

**23rd March 2026,
Arrival from 5:45 for a 6:00pm prompt start**

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introduction.

Hugh Stokes, Chairman

2. Membership Secretary's report.

Paul Graham, Membership secretary

3. Local Groups: Iver & District Countryside Association.

Including the IDCA AGM.

Paul Graham, Membership secretary

4. Friends Representative for 2026-27. Voting on nominations received.

Hugh Stokes

5. Managing Agent's Report. Stewart Pomeroy, Colne Valley Managing Agent.

Find out about:

- Our campaign to restore the Colne Valley to become one of the best green corridors round any city in the country
- How your local MP is actively helping
- What the government said about the Colne Valley in 2025
- How we are going to encourage/help them to follow these words with action in 2026

Plus:

- Our 'landscape recovery' programme of litter picks etc
- Our work towards securing £Millions of pounds to improve the environment and engage people with 'the countryside on their doorstep'

6. Any questions from Friends.

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