

# Children have an 'egg'cellent time on Easter trail



**MORE** than 100 children and their parents braved the cold weather and high winds to attend the first Easter event hosted by the Friends of Mareham Pastures in Sleaford.

Children followed an Easter trail around the local nature reserve collecting clues before reporting to the finishing point and collecting their Easter surprise.

Every child who attended received their choice of a small chocolate egg, a chocolate bunny or an Easter lollipop. Children also had the opportunity to enter the Young Supporters group prize draw to win one of six large Easter eggs.

The Young Supporters group, aimed at primary school children, has just been launched and members will receive a free quarterly newsletter with jokes, puzzles, interesting facts, information about Mareham Pastures and a prize competition.

The Friends Group also raised £15 from raffling a luxury Lindt Easter egg. The money raised will be used to provide prizes for the first newsletter competition.

The first newsletter is scheduled to be published in June. Membership of the Young Supporters group is free of charge and open to all children in the Sleaford area.

Anyone interested in becoming a Young Reporter should either write to Zoe Watson, secretary of the Friends of Mareham Pastures, 43 Milton Way, Sleaford NG34 7GE, or email their name, address and age to [info@marehampastures.co.uk](mailto:info@marehampastures.co.uk)

Zoe said: "All the children appeared to have really enjoyed them-

...collecting a surprise at the end

selves despite the awful weather.

"If it wasn't for the generosity of local businesses in Sleaford this event would not have been possible, so a big thank-you goes out to Aldi, Boyes, Lincolnshire Cooperative Society, Somerfield and Tesco, who between them donated all the goodies and prizes for the event."

Forthcoming events at Mareham Pastures include a dawn bird walk, on Thursday May 11;



meet at Sleaford Cricket Club car park at 4am for a leisurely very early morning walk around Mareham Pastures with an expert guide.

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday June 1, 7.30pm at the Solo Club, Sleaford. Any-

one interested is welcome to attend.

On Saturday July 15 there is a summer open day from 1pm to 3pm, an opportunity for clubs and groups in the Sleaford area to demonstrate and share what they do.

The aim of this event is to make local children and young people aware of what activities and groups are available to them in the Sleaford area.

For more information visit [www.marehampastures.co.uk](http://www.marehampastures.co.uk)



**Top:** **GALE FORCE:** Children search for clues despite gale force winds. (NA)

**Above and right:** **EASTER SURPRISE:** I've got an egg ... and I've got a lolly! (NA)

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