



WILD About Comics Comes Roaring Back...

As Birmingham Comics Festival Opens with a Big Bang!

WILD About Comics returns to the **Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park** on Saturday 2nd April to get this year's **Birmingham Comics Festival** off to a glorious start.

A roaring success since it debuted last April, **WILD About Comics** was initially aimed at kids but has become a popular twice-yearly event for the whole family as they join in the treasure hunt for free comics and make their way to Nature's Classroom where they get to meet cartoonists from **The Beano** and elsewhere sketching away, and then get to take part in drawing competitions and a whole lot of other fun activities.

WILD About Comics is delighted that Laura Howell (cartoonist for **The Beano** and **Toxic**) and Graham Higgins (**Discworld** graphic novelist and **2000AD** artist) will be joining caricaturist Mikey Ball, adventure artists Roland Bird and Joe Ward and quite possibly a few more surprise cartoonists for a great day out.

There will also be some real-life superheroes flying in – They may resemble the likes of Hawk Girl and Black Canary from the new **Legends of Tomorrow TV** series but it's because of the charitable work they do as the International Charity Cosplayers that they will be there to entertain everyone.

WILD About Comics also has an educational aspect to it, showing how comics can help kids learn to read, aid with memory retention, assist in fostering good social skills and other areas of learning. This is achieved by visual presentations and chatting with the adults present. It's not a hard sell, because it doesn't need to be; it is simply an extension of the day's experiences and food for thought whereby families can go off and develop their interest in the comics medium together at their own leisure. To help achieve that, **WILD About Comics** is sponsored by the charity Rainforest Concern and Nostalgia & Comics who kindly donate the comics given away.

Come to the **Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park** on Saturday 2nd April and join in **The Birmingham Comics Festival** celebrations where the fun begins with **WILD About Comics**!



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Here's what the media said...

"A new celebration of comics landed with a 'Pow!' in Birmingham," Matt Lloyd, **The Sunday Mercury** newspaper.

"A fun, thrilling, all-encompassing event," Olly MacNamee, **Bleedingcool.com**

"A glorious success," Ed Fortune, **Starburst** magazine.

"A really well put on, really well organised and fun show," Richard Bruton, **Forbidden Planet**.

While those exhibiting commented...

"Without a doubt, the best 'first time' comic convention we'd ever been to... The way the organisers treated the guests and exhibitors could not have been better," Dave West, **Accent UK**.

And the guests declared...

"I was really impressed by the whole affair," Phil Winslade.

"A great crowd and awesome," Steve Pugh.

"A fun time was had by all!" Laura Howell.

And because we know those visiting enjoyed it so much... The Birmingham Comics Festival Returns this April... Beginning with **WILD About Comics** on Saturday 2nd April!



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