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The management of the park would like to extend its thanks to Sam Cremona's Wardija Olive Mill for offering to hold a fundraising event in aid of the afforestation project at II-Majjistral Nature and History Park and to all participants who joined in. The olive press at Wardija was visited in October and after an on site tour and explanation the participants could taste the freshly pressed Wardija Extra Virgin Olive oil and learn more about its health qualities and the uniqueness of Maltese olives. The olive mill can be contacted on 21582294.

A word of thanks also goes to the French tour operator CLUB 3000 at Paradise Bay Hotel who last May started a programme of guided walks with the park and with the Manikata Farmers Cooperative from which an eco-contribution was collected from each participant and was donated for the planting of olive trees.

All proceeds will be going for the continued restoration and upkeep of what used to be a major eyesore housing a longstanding illegal rubbish dump beneath Manikata and what is now a small woodland in the making with indigenous trees and shrubs including Olives, Sandaracs, Oak, Lentisk and Carob. Anyone wishing to volunteer some time for practical work at the park is asked to contact the Project coordinator on <u>info@majjistral.org</u> or Tel: 21521291. The park also holds regular guided walks for the public and for schools which can be booked on <u>walks@majjistral.org</u>.



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Sam Cremona explaining the uniqueness of Maltese indigenous varieties of olives.