

FRIENDS OF LORDSHIP REC TIMELINE 2001-2021

The founding of the Friends of Lordship Rec (FLR)

March 2001 - Friends of Downhills Park AGM agree to help local park users set up separate park groups for Lordship Rec and Belmont Rec.

June 2001 - 50 people who want to rescue the Rec, which is in a terrible state, attend launch meeting of the Friends of Lordship Rec at Broadwater Centre.



Engaging people

July 2001 - Stall at Broadwater Farm carnival to promote discussion about the Rec and to encourage people to get involved.

October 2001 - Autumn Open Day in the hut by the old playground. Distribute FLR questionnaires about ideas for improving the Rec. Deliver 2000 questionnaires door to door. Around 60 replies.

1st Summer Festival

February 2002 - organise public meeting in the Hut with council staff to discuss maintenance and security issues and discuss ideas for a summer festival.

6th June 2002 - 700 attend FLR Summer Festival with animals, picnic, art and craft workshops, stalls, music.

Start on Management Plan for the Rec

June 2002 - arrange FLR/LBH walkabout with a senior parks officer, and agree that there should be a public consultation exercise to work towards a management plan for the Rec.

FLR support the setting up of the Haringey Friends of Parks Forum, a network for all Haringey Friends Groups.

Consultation and Organisation

October 2002 - The Lordship Rec Users' Forum, a meeting for all park user groups and Council officers starts meeting monthly and continues to do so to this day.

An Open Day is held in the Rec with the public launch of the Lordship Rec questionnaire/consultation exercise – supported by Council officers. 3,000 FLR flyers and 4,000 questionnaires are delivered. 400 are returned and the top three requests are Staffing, Toilets and a Café.



Friends meet regularly

2002-3 - A number of FLR and Users Forum members draft a 'Strategy for Lordship Rec' which is agreed in the spring 2003.

In February FLR launch monthly users 'drop-ins' in the playground hut, where users discuss the consultation and help to plan the annual FLR summer festival.

2nd Friend's Festival

June 2003 - FLR organise the Lordship Rec Summer Festival, attended by 1000+ people. Includes a very wide range of activities and highlights and consults over run-down and under-used facilities like the Model Traffic Area and the Lake, as well as distributing FLR pamphlets of the history of the Rec.

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1st Restore the Rec Festival

2008 - A large community festival is held across the Rec to bring to the fore the demand for resources to restore the Rec to the popular park it had once been. FLR support the setting up of new user groups in the Rec.



The woodland

January 2007/2008 - The Friends launch a 'Lordship Woodlands' sub-group in order to manage and improve the conservation woodland area. They organise a bulb-planting day along with BTCV staff. The Friends raise funds to construct a new rustic path through the wood and to install two information boards about trees and wildlife, making it a popular area of the Rec.



Tottenham Flower and Produce Show

September 2006 - FLR and a local community growing charity Back2Earth start the Tottenham Flower and Produce show that has been a very popular, annual event ever since.



Lake improvements

2005 - FLR obtain £25,000 to make improvements to 'green' the Lake, adding vegetation in and around it, and installing picnic tables and bins and creating a dipping platform and information boards. This is carried out with LBH match funding to improve the perimeter path.

June 2006 - Around 1,000 attend a 'Heart of the Park' celebration festival to launch the lake improvements.

The Council employ a member of the Friends to work as a gardener in the Rec.

Active in the Rec Festival

September 2005 - A community festival is held to celebrate the new play facilities in the Rec with football and basketball tournaments and skateboarding and BMX events.



Plans for new Active Play

2004/2005 - LBH applies for £400,000 for an adventure play area, multi-use games area, and skateboard/bmx park. The project is led by the Broadwater Centre Sports Association (later, Sporting & Educational Solutions) and the Haringey Play Association, backed by the Users Forum. A major Active Play Consultation Day is organised in 2004 with the setting up of a special youth group to engage with the project.

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2nd Restore the Rec Festival

2010 - A second large community festival is held to support the bid that the Council was submitting, with the help of the Friends and others, to fund major improvements to the Rec.



FLR host launch meeting of the London Friends of Green Spaces Network in Broadwater Centre.

Major Park Refurbishment

2010-12 - Heritage Lottery Fund plus Council and other funding pays for the transformation and refurbishment of the Rec including bringing the Moselle to the surface in a new channel, creating meadows, a new BMX dirt track, an orchard, re-purposing the former toilet block at the main entrance, resurfacing the model traffic area and paths, replacing the playground, providing more lighting and building the Hub. FLR meets with the Council and the contractors to monitor and input into works. A new management plan commits to community/Council co-management of the park

September 2012 - Re-launch Festival takes place to celebrate our refurbished park which is attended by 8000 people.



Protection in perpetuity for the Rec

2013 - The Council and Fields in Trust, an independent charity working to protect parks and green spaces from development, sign a covenant for protected status for Lordship Rec so it will always stay a public green space. A football tournament is held to celebrate the day.



Lordship Hub Opens as Cafe and Community Building

July 2013 - After some unsuccessful attempts to find someone to run the building, FLR set up the Lordship Hub Co-operative to take on and run the building. The Friends still have a representative on the Hub Board.



We Remember

2014 - A commemorative event is held to remember all the people who were killed in WWI and WWII with a special performance of a play about Walter Tull by local young people.



Downhills Shelter Memorial

2014 - After years of research and campaigning by a passionate local historian and member of Friends, FLR commission and install a memorial sculpture, made by a local artist. It commemorates the tragic loss of life of so many local people due to a wartime bomb strike on the public shelter in Lordship Rec. Families of victims and survivors are brought together and commemoration events are held at the site of the memorial.

Lordship Hub becomes the Heart of the Park

2014-16 - The Hub goes from strength to strength, taking on paid staff, developing volunteering and offering a number of classes and community events. FLR work with others to hold *One World Folk Festival* and *Jazz Fest* in the historic Shell Theatre.

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Happy 20th Anniversary

June 2021 - Friends of Lordship Rec celebrate the 20th anniversary of their launch in June 2001.



Covid and Lordship Litterpickers

2020-21 - Due to Covid lockdown regulations local people flock to the Rec for daily exercise. The need for good public parks is made clear. Due to so many people using the park, litter levels unfortunately rise and so the Friends organise litterpicking sessions, joined by many willing volunteers.

Petition and deputation to the Council re resources for parks

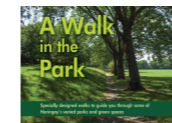
August 2019 - FLR help to organise and gather signatures for a petition on behalf of the Haringey Friends of Parks Forum. The demand is for proper resources and staffing for parks in the Borough since damaging cuts have left the parks service quite decimated.



Moselle management plan agreed

2019 - After many meetings between FLR and the Council, a management plan for the River Moselle is agreed and a contractor is engaged.

FLR sign a partnership agreement with *Trees for Cities*, who provide volunteering opportunities for big corporations. Lordship Rec has welcomed 100s of volunteers through this partnership.



A Walk in the Park

2019 - FLR create a walking book to lead you through almost all the parks and green spaces in Haringey.

National Initiatives

Jan 2018 - The National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces, supported by Friends, hosts the first ever parks all-day strategy meeting of Government departments and national greenspace organisations at the Hub.

Summer 2018 - FLR embark on a 2-year lottery-funded project promoting community empowerment in greenspace throughout the UK.

Lordship Orchard

2018 - two popular events happen in the Rec Orchard - Wassail and Apple Day to celebrate our fruit trees.

FLR support the formation of Friends of Harmony Gardens.



Lake improvements

March 2017 - FLR do further lake planting to expand habitats for wildlife. Existing lake vegetation is extended and two more floating islands are installed.



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