

## Friends of Lordship Rec: Monthly meeting 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Attending:** Joan Curtis, Sally Haywill, George K, Dave Morris, Nina Prieto, Adrienne, Jan, Colin, Colin C, Gabriel   **Apologies:** Catherine Collingborn, Caroline Jepson, Chuku

**Minutes of May General Meeting:** OK.

### Friends Project Updates

**Lake:** The new dipping platform will be installed by Haringey TCV in June. Joan has circulated the artwork for the interpretation board and is incorporating various amendments suggested. The lack of rain is lowering the water levels so we are trying to do overnight top-ups from the Hub pump room as often as possible.

**River:** Volunteers help clear vegetation blocking the channel each month – next one is 17<sup>th</sup> June. We are awaiting a contractors' proposal for some engineered changes in the Silt Pond which would increase the water flow and provide more habitat. Haringey TCV have produced a map and some proposals re the future maintenance and management of the self-seeded willows – we have responded with some proposed amendments.

We and Haringey Rivers Forum organised a successful Rivers event on 28<sup>th</sup> May – 18 joined a Moselle River walk from Tottenham High Road, through the cemetery, ending at the Rec, Around 50-60 then watched films and talks and discussion at the Hub.

**Orchard:** The volunteer group meets Thursdays (may change to Sundays) – lots of watering needed. The meadows/grassland areas in the main field will need to be cut in late Summer/early Autumn. Some of the Orchard volunteers have planted up the small circle at the entrance from Higham Road with pollinating plants.

**Orchard hosting Bioblitz Event on 9th/10th June.** Friday 9th June will be for local schools, Belmont and Willows (120 kids expected) - and on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, 10-4pm, there will be hourly timed sessions for everyone, especially families with children. Sally and Mike have organised 6-7 experts to be on hand to identify species found and enthuse young people. Our Bioblitz will concentrate on the Orchard and areas close by. A great publicity flyer has been created. Need more helpers – contact [shaywill@fastmail.co.uk](mailto:shaywill@fastmail.co.uk)

**Woodland:** Woodland working group monthly work sessions continue as always. Woodchipping of path completed. Broken fence and leaning tree reported to Parks Officers. Next work session on 10<sup>th</sup> June. A local school class had a session in the woods at half term. Aurora planning future forest school sessions - and another person Grainne interested in doing such sessions is liaising with Catherine (and may consider other sites).

**Tottenham Flower and Produce Show: Saturday Sept 9th.** Our annual event is approaching fast. Joan and Paulette called a planning meeting which half a dozen attended.

The level of funding available is still uncertain as still waiting to hear from the application to the National Lottery.

**Noticeboards.** Nina keeping them up to date as always. We have reported the one with a broken door to a Parks Officer. We noted that the Council's anti-graffiti work seems to leave a cloudy surface on the windows.

**Park maintenance and repairs.** We and Council officers did our regular 'Spotlight' walk around the park on 24th May. Went through the table of rolling repairs, which Dave updated in time for the Green Flag judge's visit 2 days later.

**Green Flag visit.** A Green Flag Judge walked around the Rec with members of the Friends and Council officers. He was (of course!) very impressed with the Rec and all the incredible community involvement and activity.

**Fundraising for Water bottle filler installation.** Adrienne reported that the crowdfunder appeal has raised £720 so far. She has been able to get an additional £500 grant from the installation company, Freefill. With previous grants we now have enough to get the unit. Adrienne and Joan are liaising over purchasing the unit. Adrienne will liaise over its installation later in the summer, which will depend on availability of Council contractors.

### **Updates From Other Organisations (with our support)**

**Open Shell Event on Saturday 10th June in Shell Theatre and Skate Park:** Organised by the Shell Performing Arts Collective. Have done great flyer. Will run from 2pm to 9 pm, including Have-a-Go skating sessions, food, yoga flow, and a sound system. Before the 10th June aiming to repaint the walls of the Shell which have been graffitied.

**Cloud Appreciation Day - 16th September.** Tottenham Clouds are having a planning meeting about what activities they (supported by us) will put on in the Rec on 16th September and we will hear in due course. It is likely to include promotion of the Hub's Luke Howard weather station.

**Harmony Gardens.** Ticking over nicely. Wheelytots now holding a walking group on Fridays followed by free food there.

**Parkrun** 150-200 attend every Saturday. They have 40 volunteers but could do with more. Planning a kids run every Sunday, to start this summer some time.

**Windrush 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events** Janice is coordinating this Hub event, supported by Joan. Film show on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2pm. Talk and exhibition + caribbean food in café, on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1-5pm

**Blockorama** Steel pan event in main field on Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June, 12-8pm - coordinated by Pan Nation and Shell Performing Arts Collective.

**People Need Parks Festival, Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June.** in and around the main field, 1-6pm.. sports, music, food etc etc. Lots for young people. Be good to have a stall there.

### **Other organisational matters**

**Funding:** Dave to contact the Council about approaching the Lottery Heritage Fund to see if any 10 year top-up/snagging funding would be available to ensure longevity of some of the 2012 structural features such as the Hub, Lake, Moselle channel, paths etc.

**Friends Tools.** We need to do a new inventory and have agreed to buy anything else we need.

**Friends Storage:** Our lockup is full. Joan, Dave and Lily cleared stuff from the storage area in the back of the Shell. Football items were donated to Broadwater United FC.

**Calendar (to help with planning).** Joan is drafting

**Promoting inclusivity and diversity** We agreed we need to attract and work with a wider range of local people, especially younger people and people from a more diverse ethnic background. Ideas from the meeting included – seek out young people to help with our social media, contact potential partner organisations to help organise/promote our specific events, promote our online questionnaire more, via our email list, asking people if they'd like to help organise things (Dave to do).

### **Any Other Business**

**Volunteering Week – Dave's Haringey video.** This was filmed in the Rec for Haringey Council and the Haringey Friends of Parks Forum to promote Friends Groups during national Volunteers Week – 2 mins. So far watched by 2,000 viewers!

**Boule game** is being played near the Broadwater Farm Community Centre – they could consider using the Rec.

**The annual Open Gardens weekend, and also Open House weekend** – Hub and Harmony Gardens could sign up and get into the programmes. Probably need to do so by each spring.

**Tree care in the Rec.** We discussed that we have planted and care for around 200 trees in the last 10 years. We note that the Parks Service tree team is very small, and the general grounds staff are also understaffed so don't have time to focus on tree care.

**Date of next meeting:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2pm