

Haringey Friends of Parks Forum www.haringeyfriendsofparks.org.uk

General Meeting, Saturday 13 November 2021 at Bruce Castle Museum DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Friends: Dave Morris ([Lordship Rec](#)) [Chair], Victoria Midwinter ([Coldfall Wood/Muswell Hill playing fields](#)) [Minutes], Phil Chinn ([Wolves Lane](#)), Quentin Given ([The Paddock](#) and [Bruce Grove Cloud Garden](#)), Gordon Hutchinson ([Alexandra Park](#)), Rachel Sheldon ([Hartington Park](#)), Klaus Kuerner ([Bruce Castle Park](#)), Cathy Meeus ([Parkland Walk](#)) Joyce Rosser ([Rectory Gardens](#) and [Priory Common](#)), Sheila Holloway ([Bluebell Wood](#)), Martin Laheen ([Antwerp Arms Association](#)), Martin Ball ([Down Lane Park](#)) **Council Representatives (in Part 2):** Paul Ely (Strategy), Sahina Choudhury (Operations) and Simon Farrow (Interim Head of Parks and Leisure Services) **Apologies:** Cllr Mike Hakata ([LBH](#)), Annabel Foskett ([LBH](#)), Mat Pendergast ([TCV/Railway Fields](#)), Joan Curtis ([Lordship Rec](#)), Clare Parry ([Downhills](#)), Glenys Law ([CREOS](#) and [SHIFT](#)), John Miles ([Parkside Malvern](#) and [Haringey Rivers Forum](#)), Lucy Roots ([Queens Wood](#)), Joanne Yeung ([Weirhall Road Community Open Space](#)), Kate Swade ([Tower Gardens Park](#)), Ceri Williams ([Chestnuts Park](#)), Hesketh Benoit ([Haringey Basketball Association](#)), Robert Thairu ([Estates Elite Recycling Ltd](#))

Important note: The Forum noted with great sadness the recent passing of Andy Newham, the coordinator of the Gardens Residents Association Community Garden, N4.

1. Minutes of last Meeting 4 September 2021 accepted as true record. **2. Matters Arising:** a. Pamela has not yet posted to the new [Forum News e-mail list](#) for wider circulation. Groups to publicise its existence. b. Following a complaint, groups are reminded of our [e-mail Guidelines](#) circulated again previously. Do not c.c. emails to the list, do not be abusive of other groups or of Council officers and representatives etc.

3. Welcoming new(ish) groups: Welcome to Sheila from Bluebell Wood.

4. Parks and Green Spaces Strategy Update by Paul Ely circulated by Dave on 13 Nov by email to our list, and photocopied for the meeting reps. (See discussion below, and Appendix 1). There is to be a delay in taking the draft strategy to Cabinet until after local elections in May 2022. This means it misses the budget round again.

5. Conservation Action Plans and SINCs See Annabel's report previously circulated by Dave (Appendix 3). MKA Ecology completed all site visits and she is expecting their report on 59 SINC's plus 10 new ones in Dec. Dave contacted them about Lordship Rec being upgraded. Cathy met them on Parkland Walk, and Sheila met them in Bluebell Wood - but they didn't meet Friends groups in most sites including Lordship or Alexandra Park. Also: the ancient woodland expert from the Woodland Trust has been engaged to look into Haringey's ancient woodlands not yet set dates for visits.

6. Green Flag See Appendix 3. New Conservation Action Plans being created for Brunswick Park and others to achieve Green Flag status. Council achieved 22 GFs. 2 non-Council sites. Plus 3 community-run sites.

7. Campaigns to Save Greenspace LB Haringey have pledged to build 1000 new Council homes but we need to protect public green space even or especially on housing estates. Dave had circulated a detailed report compiled by Haringey Defend Council Housing from Council documents, and called for local tenants and residents to lobby to protect green spaces under threat and call for development only on genuine brownfield sites. Several proposed sites seem to threaten to eat into green space eg Dairy Field (White Hart Lane), Acacia Avenue, Ivatt Way, New Road Park and on many estates. **A range of views expressed:** Trees need to be saved and planted for biodiversity and shade. We need more green spaces, not less. Tower blocks with no open spaces will be bad for new residents. Klaus not convinced tree planting can always be sold as carbon capture. One of the proposed sites is old allotments which should be brought back into use as they are in high demand. Need local champions to fight for their green spaces. If spaces are unloved, they need to be loved rather than lost so we need to encourage people to set up local groups. What are LBH doing to fulfil their policy of protecting all designated green spaces (and get more such spaces designated) and to get 'in perpetuity covenants' on them? Cathy pointed out that our lines of communication are with the Parks Dept who are not the decision makers on housing. We need to contact local councillors to champion their green spaces. The target for expanding green spaces is woefully unambitious, and we should be pushing for more in the strategy especially in the areas of deficiency. We **agreed** to support and further circulate the document and its associated concerns, including to all Councillors.

8. London and National Updates London Friends of Green Spaces Network - Latest 'Our Patch' monthly bulletin has been sent to us, please circulate to members. The LFGN is starting a series of 'Showcase' seminars

on Zoom showcasing the work of particular Friends Groups - if you want to participate, contact Dave. Meanwhile every friends group is urged to get their group's info onto the GoParks London Map.

9. Part 1 AOB **Bulbs** for groups. When is Council distributing them?. Selection of local **Walks booklets** – published by the Forum with a grant and now being distributed via community centres etc so please take and deliver (contact Joyce). Lots more info on Haringey Walks pages on council website. **Trees For Cities**, national organisation works with corporate volunteers, have set up **Trees For Streets**, a 10 year programme to plant street trees (based on individual sponsorship) and includes some planting in parks. Some concern that it would need to be well thought through, esp re the parks trees - but seems OK. In Haringey individuals can pay for street trees or for celebration/commemoration trees for £250. In parks Alex Fraser decides where and what tree in consultation with Friends and LBH look after for three years. Residents can offer to water street trees – the big green plastic bags are refilled by residents or council. Alexander Palace manager has decided not to allow any more in that park as too difficult to maintain after the initial period.

PART 2 (with Council reps present)

Item 10. Friends' Groups Reports (Note several reports submitted/circulated in advance and after meeting)

Alexandra Park: Normal activities up and running. Visitors centre open 2 hours on Sundays. Started Walks programme. Park needs time to recover from the massive fireworks display. Wildlife takes a battering but the pair of falcons on the TV tower have returned. We want to put a nesting box on the tower. We have tried to get in touch with Annabel to link up with MKA ecology about SINC status and should be seeing her on Tuesday. **The Paddock:** (As circulated in advance) The consultation on design has finished, the design is being refined. The main works to deal with Japanese Knotweed will start early 2022 before bird nesting, with main works in spring/summer involving some disruption. The subsequent works on paths, hides etc will then follow. The bid for HLF funding for replacement building including classroom etc was not successful but a further bid will be submitted. Meanwhile educational and wildlife survey activities have continued. **Wolves Lane:** The woman who runs our website has posted over 3200 blog posts! We had goldcrests but the trees they lived in have been cut down. There have sadly been several funerals recently of former volunteers and carers. We are due to catch up with Simon on tenancy issues. **Friends of Lordship Rec:** (As circulated in advance) Friends and Hub events and activities have taken off after covid restrictions ended: this has included our annual Tottenham Flower and Produce Show, Hub Co-op open day and AGM, Halloween lantern-making and walk in the dark, 500 attending firework night on our hill watching the Ally Pally display, and special 'Community Thursdays' at the Hub including free cooked food distribution. Someone new is considering launching Park Run weekly sessions, and a relaunch is planned of the Shell Theatre Performing Arts Collective with events throughout 2022 (the 90th anniversary of the Shell Theatre being built). We got our Green Flag award for our management of the Lordship Woodland, and have been working closely with TCV drafting a Conservation Action Plan for the natural areas in the Rec we help manage. Devastated to lose fantastic PPO Jeffrey Lennon who has moved on. **Coldfall Woods and Muswell Hill Playing Fields:** We met with Alex Fraser and Mike Hakata and were told that following an independent engineer's report sadly 14 trees at the edge of the Wood were to be felled because they were causing subsidence. We subsequently contacted AXA prior to issuing a statement and updating our petition. AXA said they were still exploring alternatives and were not demanding the trees come down. We are now waiting for further talks between the Council and AXA to clarify their respective positions. AXA may just be trying to silence us. Haringey's concern is that the 'alternative' referred to is that AXA underpins the house and charges the Council which is not what we want. We intend to publicise what AXA is up to unless we get real proof that they are preserving the trees **and** picking up the costs. Better news - we have had the go ahead for our wildflower meadow so will press on with help from TCV. **Bluebell Wood:** One hectare of Ancient Woodland. Badly trampled, problems with drainage and footpaths. Waiting for ecology report and the Woodland Trust expert to review. The Friends held our first volunteer event clearing the entrance and using brambles for dead hedging. Next one next Saturday with TCV. Sheila is doing plant survey – can see project on iNaturalist, search under Haringey/Bluebell Wood. Requesting help from Simon's team: a) The drain at the end of Winton Ave is at the wrong level so flooding into the Wood. b) We need the key to the notice board. **Parkland Walk:** (As circulated in advance) The Fs of PW has been largely preoccupied with responding to two significant planning issues. The most important is the plans relating to the replacement of the Stanhope Road Bridge, which is an integral part of the PW. The Friends accept and approve the bridge replacement but have serious concerns about the plan to create a high-spec wheelchair accessible ramp at this location. The destruction of green space that this would involve is excessive in a nature reserve. We are very much in favour of improved accessibility, but the FPW maintains that alternative wheelchair accessible entrances could be created at other locations that would not have such a severe impact on the nature reserve and would be more useful for users. The Council has approached this issue in an overly narrow and restrictive way and we maintain that their consultation process was skewed to achieve the answer they wanted. We have also had concerns about the Cranwood development adjacent to the northern section of the Parkland Walk, which we feel will impact on the visual amenity of the entrance and, without adjustments to the plans, could create flooding problems on the Walk. On a more positive note, in the past month we have run several successful events: a bat walk (by Cindy Blaney), a tree walk (by Stephen Middleton) and a children's lantern-making event on our Wildlife Trail just before Halloween. The launch of the crowdfunded 'chewing gum trail' was covered in the Observer. Met with Mike Hakata and pointed out areas of concern. Have asked if land owned by Homes for Haringey backing onto Mount View Rd neighbouring the Walk could

be transferred to the Walk. Waiting for MKA ecology report. **Bruce Castle Park:** Litter picks resuming 14 November 1pm in front of the Castle. Sahina has been very helpful. Subsequently popular tea/coffee and homemade cake inside the Castle. Park walk-through with Chris Patterson has occurred. Report created. Issues of open gates and vehicles inside the park was (re)highlighted. Our historic Oak tree: 3rd Nov, 3am first fire. 4th Nov, met with Chris Patterson and Alex Fraser informed. 6th Nov, second or third fire. Council, councillors and Police informed. 7th Nov next fire. E-mail repeated and tweeted. Response from Police. 11th Nov meeting with CP and AF – options discussed, needs fencing quickly, preferably Council finds money, if not another source was identified. Friends thank the Forum for help and support including retweeting on this symbolic tree. **Priory Common Orchard:** Good news. The planning application for development next to the Orchard has been rejected! Thanks to the many who objected. **Tower Gardens Park:** (As circulated in advance) Into University who use the building in the park ran some activities in the park over half term. The kids did a great litter pick and they planted some herbs we were able to supply as well as some spring bulbs. The friends also did a sprint bulb planting session. We're in the process of trying to find a date to meet Chris Patterson to follow up on a number of things including the repeated flooding to the entrances and the pesticide free pilot, as well as freshening up the play area. **Friends of Hartington Park & Carbuncle Passage:** (As circulated in advance) 1. The Council has been working on installing an Outdoor Gym in Hartington and the Friends group has helped advise on the equipment included. There have been some delays / supply issues but the work is due to start at the end of November. 2. We have held two community volunteering days with TCV, which were well attended and very successful. The aim was to clean up the main entrance to the park at Scotland Green and to deter people from feeding the pigeons and dumping rubbish. The area now includes fruiting hedges, a bat box and an insect hotel! 3. The Friends group and Council colleagues have met with several contractors about improvements to the playground. We've yet to receive a pitch we're happy to take forward and are considering launching a fundraising campaign to top up the funding we currently have for renovations. 4. We have ongoing concerns about the day to day and week to week maintenance of the park, especially now that our allocated officer has left the Council. We would appreciate clarity on who we should now be liaising with on matters such as replacing the bin at the Scotland Green entrance to the park, the cutting of the grass and the sweeping of the playground for example. **Crouch End Open Spaces:** (As circulated in advance) The CREOS Woodland walks continue to see the increase in footfall that began during COVID. The main increase is in dog walkers, possibly partly due to limitations coming in for the number of dogs that can be walked by one person on the neighbouring sites of Hampstead Heath and Highgate Woods. Yesterday a lot of barking made me wary of entering the CREOS meadow. I found that a dog walker with six dogs was trying to stop them barking as an individual dog walker came by. Before I left the meadow she was joined by a friend, another dog walker who had four. A pack of ten dogs is intimidating to all concerned and Haringey will need to update its dog-control laws accordingly. In other news, the CREOS committee is busy preparing for another big path improvement, changing our lowest-lying path from a woodchip to a hoggin surface. We have some funding for this from the what was the Parks Small grants fund but will also need to match it with CREOS funds. We have laid on extra workdays and are keen to find strong and willing volunteers to help. We will also be paying an hourly rate to people prepared to shovel hoggin on a weekday morning in late November to get the job finished! Simultaneously we have a fundraiser to try and raise enough money for a raised boardwalk on the muddiest section of this path. We have had an interesting consultation exercise comparing composite recycled plastic boards with the traditional hardwood railway sleepers normally used. <https://www.givey.com/helpusprotectcreospathsfromfloods> **Bruce Grove Cloud Garden:** No news yet on saving this land behind 7-10 Bruce Grove Gardens. Hoping SINC report will back up their case to preserve it. **Chestnuts Park:** (As circulated in advance) The Friends of Chestnuts Park are still very shocked about the sudden loss of our committee member Andy Newman. Andy and his partner Karen Clark were involved right from the start 20 years ago, and there's almost no improvement or event in that time which hasn't benefited from his practical artistry. Our next community gardening session is tomorrow from 1pm - planting bulbs and the meadow strips which Andy had organised and maintained. We'll break at 2pm to remember Andy, and Karen will join us. Hard to think about how to manage without him, but manage we must. And to renew our efforts to improve the green spaces in our community. Nothing much has changed in the park. All the ongoing problems and issues remain broadly the same. We miss Alistair Smith of course, but have already met with Neil Cole and hope that although his remit is slightly different, we'll establish a fruitful relationship with him. The need to relocate the derelict basketball pitch from the North East corner is most pressing. This will need to tie in with larger plans in coordination with the St Ann's Development/Catalyst for improved space for local community centre facilities, possibly on the St Ann's site, and for improved sports playing spaces, especially for older children either in Chestnuts or St Ann's. It's a challenge to have to work across so many departments and organisations, but we probably can't relocate the pitches without working in partnership. David Theakston is working on a project plan to tie in a potential SUDS project along the West and North side of the park, taking road run off from Blackboy Lane with the much need drainage and levelling work to the main field/kickabout pitch. We're keen to see that happen, but probably not keen on just a SUDS alone. We're very keen to meet with Annabel Foskett to discuss biodiversity plans for the park, in any forum or group or time. We're buying our own bulbs to plant tomorrow. They should have gone in the ground in Sept, and Nov 14th is probably the latest possible date to plant. We've not succeeded in finding out when the parks bulbs will be available. There is almost no gardening carried out by parks staff, and the few remaining areas which they are responsible for are usually overgrown and unkempt. The playgrounds are reaching the stage when replacements and repairs are needed. No regular sweeping takes place, which means that the rubberised surfaces get damaged. We will hold our AGM in December or January. **Queen's Wood:** (As circulated in advance) Two successful events, one on Moths led by Dan Hackett and a guided walk showing the route and possible impact of the Flood Mitigation Scheme. The latter provoked much interest and many questions. Work groups, both with TCV and FQW Volunteers, have continued. A presentation about QW was given to Hornsey Pensioners which was well attended and an interesting discussion

followed. Future event is November 21sta Guided Walk 'Beating the Bounds' showing the medieval boundary banks, where the strawberry fields grew and where the Southwood Common was. **St Ann's Green Spaces:** (As circulated in advance) As we approach our first birthday at the end of the month, Friends of StAGS - alongside Friends of Chestnuts Park - are mourning the loss of a huge tree on our landscape: Andy Newman. He supported us in countless ways throughout the year - from presence and encouragement at our inaugural meeting last November to designing publicity for our current Connect with Nature drop-in adult sessions at St Ann's Hospital site. He was much in mind at our Partnership Group meeting yesterday – the quarterly opportunity for dialogue we facilitate with Hospital management and Greener St Ann's staff group, GLA/Catalyst, London Wildlife Trust, TCV Railway Fields and Friends of Chestnuts Park. Aside from continuing conversations on tree protection, public access to the green spaces and sustainability goals for the new housing development, StAGS also raised whole site, long term proposals for collaboration and funding discussion. Our first priority is ongoing maintenance and conservation management for the whole of St Ann's SINC. This year TCV Railway Fields have successfully managed our volunteering sessions on the Hospital section of the woodland strip. Local people, Hospital staff and corporate teams have together cleared and made an impressive path and glade for service users, staff and visitors. The 3 remaining sessions will include planting new trees along the road perimeter. We need to secure funding now to maintain the work that's been done and, in time, to mirror it along the GLA/Catalyst section. StAGS members also introduced a proposal for an archive project which went down well with all the group members. Working with onsite partners and local community, we plan to mark the connection between green space and health, past and present, by collecting stories and memories of people who've worked onsite or have experience as a service user or relative/carer – culminating in a live performance among the buildings and trees. A few weeks ago, Andy was in his element coming up with ideas for this proposal – he described it as an opportunity, in the year before construction begins, “to say goodbye to the site as we've known it”. He particularly wanted to make sure that a high quality photographic record charts the changes during development. We would like to dedicate the archive project to his memory.

11. Council Responses: Simon Farrow responded. Further communications between the groups and the relevant officers to take place following the meeting. Funding for **The Paddock** has not progressed. Major grants received for **Wolves Lane:** £600k from GLA and £1.9m Lottery funding. Has no idea why the goldcrest trees were taken down. **Coldfall Wood** – removing the trees is the most efficient way of mitigating the damage to the neighbouring house for which LBH is liable. In future there will be increased budget for the management of high risk trees eg Fairfax Rd Plane trees are affecting houses opposite. **Bluebell Wood** - will address the drain issue. (This is the 3rd meeting at which it has been mentioned.) Will provide key. **Parkland Walk** – will pick up issue of Mountview Rd land. Homes for Haringey may go back in-house so could be resolved that way. Mike H mentioned bridge refurbishment. Friends of PW MUST be involved. It's a long term project – bridge works first then other work over 3 or 4 years. Tackling issue of encroachment - houses appropriating public space eg Milton Park. **Bruce Castle Park.** Someone has been arrested over damage to oak. There is funding available for a protective fence and a decision needs to be taken about the best way to deal with cavity in the trunk. **Priory Common** – happy to see the development application turned down. **Tower Gardens** – repairs being done to walls. **Hartington Pk** – Starting outdoor gym again 29 Nov. Sahina will contact Rachel re maintenance issues. **Queens Wood.** Engineers and consultants looking at the flooding issues. Soil expert is to be engaged to look at the Ancient Woodlands. May need to let more daylight in by coppicing. **Cloud Garden.** LBH does want to obtain the land.

12. Rivers Forum See John Miles e-mail circulated 12 November. Haringey Rivers Forum will be holding an online meeting on **Monday, November 29th** 5.30pm for 6-8pm. Open to delegates from all Haringey friends and voluntary groups, professional observers and the general public. Link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87004532288?pwd=OXZORzF3bkw5RmdvUlk5Mld6Z3J6Zz09>

13. Annabel's Nature Conservation Officer report (See Appendix 3 below). See pt 5 above. Simon agreed the MKA report will be shared with the Forum once received. We have requested separate meeting with Annabel for a year. Simon agreed the Forum could set up a meeting and Annabel can attend. Biodiversity Action Plans are to become Nature Recovery Plans.

14. TCV Update They have extended their contract at the Paddock for a year. They can offer training including first aid training. See email circulated 12 November: (Appendix 2 below)

15. Parks and Green Spaces Strategy Email circulated 13 November and photocopied for the meeting (See Appendix 1). Paul Ely explained the update, and added that they have ambitious plans for trees – Urban Forest concept. Vicci Midwinter and Rachel Sheldon agreed and were elected to go on behalf of the Forum to planning meeting for Tree Summit. [Dave to liaise over the Parks Assembly]. Paul is working on formal written protocols on working together in future especially when works are to take place. He was asked if the comments and inputs of the last 6 months have been incorporated in the latest drafts on which we are asked to comment? He said some are, he'll need to speak to the report authors for clarification. The versions circulated to us all in the last 3 months are the latest versions. He confirmed we would see the redrafted documents before they go to Cabinet. Mike H's vision is to rebalance tree cover in the east and west of borough so focusing attention on the east. LBH

partnering with Trees for Streets charity. Much better customer journey now for sponsoring trees. Of 125 so far this year broadly equal east/west. Looking at crowdfunding and Trees for Streets applying for funding for 25 trees in east of borough. People living in west of borough can sponsor a tree in the east.

16. Green Flag Week of 22 Nov further inspections to take place - 50% inspection and 50% mystery shop to verify. 22 on LBH land and 3 others. No formal plan to add more sites. The Forum stressed that Council Policy is that the aspiration is for Green Flag for all sites capable of achieving it. It was noted that Doncaster Road Community Garden was awarded its Green Flag and that Andy Newman will be remembered at an event in the Garden to celebrate.

17. Council Restructure Currently in implementation phase, going live 1 December. There will still be vacancies to fill. Front line Amenity Services, will cover workshop, tree team, nursery, play team but not grounds maintenance. As well as a Parks Section the Green Space Section will cover Homes for Haringey estates only. There will be 19 new staff including an environmental sustainability manager. Bringing landscaping back in-house. More play and maintenance staff. Conservation team expanding. New engagement 'zonal' team. There will be a Tree Officer working with Planning and an apprentice. Forum asked for new structure charts and summary as soon as possible after 1 December. David Theakston's team will continue spotlight meetings. Projects Team will deal with works over £25k. New Parks Zonal Team will be our main contact – consisting of Manager, Officer, Assistant and Apprentice. There will be a new Community Engagement Officer and a Volunteering Officer. They will be working to increase diversity and ensure local Haringey people get jobs.

18. Issues arising from earlier Forum items

Bulbs will be available next week. **Protection of public green space in the light of the housebuilding programme:** The Fields in Trust protection for all Haringey's designated green spaces is to be progressed further. We believe the Parks service and Conservation officer have a role in standing up for undesignated spaces, not just the community. The Forum's view is that if spaces are or have been green they should be designated within the Local Plan. SF responded that Fields in Trust progress has been slow due to Covid. Still committed to doing it. New Zonal Team will take it forward. Parks Service have not been formally consulted on the housing proposals. This might change if Housing comes back in-house. At present designating open space in the Local Plan is dependent on size but the council is talking about having designation for smaller sites. SF to find out how and when we can input into Local Plan. It is the Planning Department which is accountable for delivering the Local Plan but Parks Dept. has influence. The Forum's view is that the amount of green space should increase, not decrease. Martin Laheen asked about **recycling**. SF confirmed it is in the new strategy and that the contents of the new bins with separate recycling sections IS recycled. Robert Thairu made written comments (circulated previously) with focus on the involvement of youth, more diversity and inclusion and proper recycling services sourced in the borough. He asked for more information to be provided about costs of waste disposal and how to improve messaging on recycling. Wants to create green jobs via local businesses.

AOB **Date of next meeting: Saturday 5th February 2022.**

APPENDIX 1 UPDATE FOR FORUM ON HARINGEY PARKS AND GREEN SPACES STRATEGY

We have been reviewing the Parks and Greenspaces Strategy with Cllr Hakata. A key part of the review has been a focus on co-production. As a result, the Council has decided to take the draft Strategy and supporting documents to Cabinet after the local elections in May.

Doing this will:

- Enable us to do more work to scope out advancing the Haringey Urban Forest.
- Undertake in depth focus groups so that the feedback from these groups can be incorporated within the draft Cabinet documents.
- Work with Friends to further develop protocols for our future working relationship and for how the Council will work with the community when works are planned.

We have also decided to hold two events, A Parks Assembly and a Tree Summit, in February and March 2022, to share headline content from the draft final documents and seek feedback and support for its future implementation. We would like the events to maximise community involvement and feel that involving the Friends in the organisation of these events would go a long way towards helping to achieve that. Would the Forum like to identify a volunteer to work with us on the organisation?

Finally, because of the decision to extend the PGSS timetable, we are able to extend the deadline by which Friends can respond to the documents to Friday 14th January.

APPENDIX 2 UPDATE FOR FORUM FROM THE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS (HARINGEY)

We are really sad to see our Education Officer, Holly, move on after 4 years in the role. She will be greatly missed by us, but most importantly by all the Borough's primary school children that she inspired during her time with us. We wish her the best of luck in her new role with Global Generation in Euston. We hope to have news on her replacement soon, but in the meantime, our schools sessions are on hold.

TCV's 'I Dig Trees' tree giveaway is up and running, and open to community groups in Haringey. More information can be found at <https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/i-dig-trees/> If your park or green space is one that hosts TCV activities, and you are considering doing some tree planting, please contact Mat m.pendergast@tcv.org.uk

TCV's partnership with St Ann's Green Spaces is continuing apace - we have a couple of hedge planting days planned in the coming weeks (27th Nov / 4th Dec). If you would like to help out, please enter your details here: <https://us18.list-manage.com/survey?u=240cee6caea7920c5952fb280&id=016f85f209&attribution=false>

We are continuing to host an exciting series of events at the Paddock including Bat and Bird box building, wildlife surveying and guest speaker walk and talks. To join in with the monthly events at The Paddock, please contact Clare: c.street@tcv.org.uk To join in with our weekly wildlife surveying sessions at The Paddock - please contact Anna at anna.pole@tcv.org.uk for further info.

Our volunteer programme is continuing across Haringey's parks and green spaces. Sessions run every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Our November newsletter can be found here: [November 2021 newsletter.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#) If you would like to sign up to practical sessions in November, please click on this link: [Mailchimp Survey \(list-manage.com\)](#) For more information about volunteering contact Mat: m.pendergast@tcv.org.uk Find us on social media: @TCVHaringey

And finally, please don't forget to get in touch if you would like any advice or practical support around running your own volunteer sessions - whether it be help with risk assessments, the loan of tools, or if you generally want to chat through any ideas - we're here to help!

Best wishes from Helena, Mat and the TCV Haringey team.

APPENDIX 3 UPDATE FOR FORUM FROM NATURE CONSERVATION OFFICER

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Nature Conservation Officer Update

Site visits
Regular site visits and meetings with Friends, key stakeholders and TCV continue to take place providing key input into site Conservation Action Plans (CAP). Green Flag award (GFA) actions are being incorporated into new CAPs for Friends Groups of Brunswick Park, Hartington, Springfield Community Park and Tower Gardens with the aim of achieving the GFA status.

Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation (SINC) reports
MKA Ecology completed all site visits in September, evaluating the current condition and status of the 59 London Borough of Haringey's Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs). A further 10 SINC sites were also identified in the study. The reports will describe their current condition and highlight the constraints and opportunities for the site. These can then be translated into new management objectives for the site management plan. The reports will also inform the Local Plan review and the Biodiversity Action Plan and will be published on the Councils website.

Habitat Management Plans
The review will also produce Habitat Management Plans for 5 specific priority SINCs: Parkland Walk, Finsbury Park, Coldfall Wood, Queens Wood and Bluebell Wood.

Ancient Woodland
Haringey Council is proactively co-working with various Partners seeking independent advice and support to guide the Council through the restoration process of its Ancient Woodlands (AW). Information and data gathered will support new woodland management objectives to deliver the Biodiversity, Climate Change and Integrated Water Management plans and to feed directly into local and national strategies.

To learn more about the state of the UK's Woods and Trees 2021 go to:
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/state-of-uk-woods-and-trees/> to read the first report of its kind laying out the facts and trends on the current state of the UK's native woods and trees.

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