

UNDERSTAFFED – UNDERFUNDED

Let's value Haringey's vital parks and green spaces!



MORE STAFF – BETTER MAINTENANCE!

We need good levels of on-site staffing and maintenance budgets

YES to safe and attractive, well-managed and well-protected local open spaces for all residents



All park users are urged to...

- **Speak up for your green space**
- **Join your local park Friends Group**
- **Join in Friends activities & lobbies**

Let's ensure good partnership-working between Friends Groups & Parks Service staff

Value Haringey's green spaces! Our parks and green spaces are a fantastic resource for all the community, for all ages and interests. They need proper funding, facilities, maintenance and on-site staffing.

Park lovers have organised together to make a difference

Over the last 25 years users in over 60 of Haringey's green spaces have set up local Friends Groups to help improve, protect and bring to life their local sites, most of which had fallen into shocking decline due to budget cuts in the 1980s/90s. To rescue our parks we've worked hard - with a great deal of success - to develop a good partnership with the Council's Parks Service officers and workers, site by site and through our own Forum.

Underfunding is a serious threat

All this progress was put under threat following severe Government budget cuts to public services since 2011. That year the Council slashed parks staffing by half. Following protests and pressure from Friends Groups, some of this funding was restored. But annual Government cuts have continued. A new 15 year Haringey Greenspace Strategy was launched in 2023. However, staffing remains low, maintenance problems have continued to mount up, and communications and collaboration with the Parks Service could be greatly improved. Inappropriate development and unacceptable commercialisation is creeping in. The Council recognise they have a civic responsibility to manage our parks properly, and have adopted policies aiming for increased standards and protection for parks. But this takes money! We need adequate resources and staffing for our parks and all our local public services.

LOVE OUR PARKS

MORE STAFF AND BETTER MAINTENANCE!

Support your local Friends of Parks Groups and their activities

More info, including about your local group

www.haringeyfriendsofparks.org.uk