

# Friends of South Park Annual Report for 2012

Your committee is pleased to present this report on February 11, 2013 at the AGM as required by our Constitution, and even more pleased to report a successful year. Highlights included:

It was another **successful growing year** for the market garden and the community gardeners, including our first harvest of South Park honey. Many thanks to *Kathy Roll* and *Louise Connell*.

The **annual picnic in the park** was held on May 13, 2012 and again was attended by around 450 people. A raffle and a bake sale raised around GBP 400 for the Friends of South Park and we look forward to another great picnic event in May this year. Many thanks to *Andy Jones*, *Priscilla Ladha*, and the other members of the events team.

South Park was **awarded a Green Flag** this year after a judging process that we were part of in late May. The flag pole was erected in early February and there will be an event with the head of parks from the Council, Cllr Greg Smith, in mid-February.

On July 27, we have a **corporate volunteer day**. A team from an international advertising agency came to help make some dramatic improvements to the Shed, including paint, electric lighting, new flooring and restored doors.

In September, we **tried a pop-up movie screen** in the park with two showings: one aimed at adults and the other at children. While it was a pleasant experience for some, it didn't have the same support as the picnic event so we will likely not pursue this activity again.

On November 2, 2012 **Thomas's School did an in-service day** in the park with one of their classes, which included nature-related activities in the market garden, gardening, and a picnic. Thanks go to *Lisa Irwin* for organizing this event.

A **woodland bulb planting activity** with the neighbouring schools was spearheaded by committee member *Beth Patrick* on Dec 6, 2012. Five types of bulbs were planted by students at Thomas's, the Holy Cross Bilingual School at Marie d'Orliac, and Sullivan. The GBP 4,000 project was sponsored jointly by Quadron and the Hammersmith & Fulham Council.

And in early 2013, we received **fantastic results from our grant applications**, so special thanks to *Lance Pierson and Andrew Kaufman* who put many hours into preparing the applications:

**Cricket nets received a total of GBP 65,000**, including 56,000 from the London Marathon Trust, GBP 6,500 from the Council, and GBP 2,000 from Thomas's.

**The MUGA court received a total of GBP 230,000**, including GBP 120,000 from Sports England, GBP 85,000 from the Council, and GBP 25,000 from Voelva Environmental Trust.

**Special thanks go to the entire committee for the dedication they bring to the park and its care, and to members, who continue to support the Friends of South Park and its important advocacy role. In particular, we'd like to thank Julie Land and Anthony Williams for their eagle eyes and support in all things planning-related.**