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Park Maintenance

For the past year maintenance for South Park has been run by Andy Thorn. He has transformed the relationship between FOSP and the council regarding maintenance of the park and completed almost all of the requests for maintenance from last year.

Many thanks also to Andrew Kaufmann from Quadron who has facilitated the successful application for grants in 2013.

The Super Sewer

The next public meeting for public comments regarding the Super Sewer is to be held at Hurlingham and Chelsea School, starting 7:00pm on Thursday 30th January.

If you wish to make a public complaint about the Super Sewer please arrive at 6:30 to put your name down.

Parks Police

Apparently we are some of the better behaved park users in the borough. The Parks Police number is 0208 753 5999.



Plans for 2014

Toilets!

We are always looking for ways to improve the provision of toilets in the park. There is a possibility currently under investigation that a toilet in the building directly adjacent to the tennis courts could be put back into use. As always progress is slow as there are many public health and safety issues surrounding toilets in the park. A major factor is vandalism and drug use resulting from private spaces in a public park.

Wild Flowers and Bees

Due to the success of the bee hive in the community garden we have been seeking funding for further bee hives and the creation of a wild flower garden. The area earmarked is the South East corner where the paddling pool used to be.

Development of this area is in line with the master plan developed for South Park several years ago but will hopefully include some fruit trees, making a small orchard. This fits very well with the history of the park.



Public Events in 2013

We organised two public events last year, both of which were successful beyond our expectations.

The Summer Picnic enjoyed increased attendance over the previous years and we felt that the combination of music and entertainment for children worked well.

In November we collaborated with Haus Properties and Pagliaccios as well as other shops in Wandsworth Bridge Road to create a Halloween trail, this was an great success.

Tree Felling

A tree was felled in the North West corner as an emergency measure following storms in October.

The logs have remained on site as they will be used in the wild flower garden.

An oak tree has been donated which will replace it. The new tree is 10 years old and will hopefully be there for generations to come.



North West Corner

A huge effort has already been made regarding the renovation of the cottage in the North West corner. It used to be a park keepers house and has now been unused for over 10 years.

There are many legal hurdles to overcome but we do have the will of councillors and council officers to make it happen. As the plans stand at the moment this would introduce a space for community use in the park as well as regenerating the surrounding area.

Multi Games Area

The multi games area or MUGA as it's known in park maintenance terms is due to be renovated. This is the floodlit area in the South East corner. Thomas's school along with grants and money from the council have enabled this important work.

We have requested that the fences could be placed inside the line of trees next to the path from the park entrance. This would provide a wider and more elegant pathway at the Hugon Road entrance. We have yet to find out if this will be possible due to the groundworks involved.

Membership Subscriptions

You may have noticed we have not requested membership subscriptions for a while. Due to an arrangement with Haus we have been able to raise money by placing boards advertising our events outside the homes of FOSP members.

Thank you to members for having boards and to Jamie and the staff at Haus Properties for making this possible.