



Friends of South Park Successfully Launches in January 2009

More than 70 people, including the Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham, attended the first annual general meeting at Thomas's School in Hugon Road on 27th January.

There was such a keen interest in joining the 'Friends' committee that it was necessary to put nominations to a vote. The Constitution and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Friends and the Council were adopted and copies of both will be made available on the Friends of South Park website, currently under construction.

Your membership details and subscription to Friends of South Park

Everyone who signed the attendance form at the January meeting is registered as a Friend, but we do ask you to submit an annual subscription of £5.00 per year.

Although our operating costs will be relatively small, the Friends of South Park has to be financially self-sufficient because we do not receive any monetary support from the Council. Modest funds will be needed to cover administrative expenses, the production and distribution of newsletters, the web site and other costs incurred in support of our objectives for South Park. You can send your subscription to:

Friends of South Park Secretary
20 Beltran Road
Fulham,
London SW6 3AJ

If you were unable to attend the Friends of South Park meeting in January, please email info@friendsofsouthpark.org.uk requesting a membership form or simply email your name, address, contact information and your preferred means of communication (email or post).

We are also pleased to report that the last PRARA newsletter included the membership form and we already have new members! Help us grow by encouraging your friends and neighbors to join Friends of South Park.

Results from the Help a London Park Vote

The results of this competition were announced on 3rd March. Although South Park secured more than 3,000 votes, we were third. This makes it even more important that the 'Friends' becomes a robust neighborhood organization, particularly as the 10-year vision for the park is developed during the next months. To do this we need as many members as possible, so please encourage your friends and neighbours to join. Please contact the secretary on info@friendsofsouthpark.org.uk to receive application forms.



Critical updates on how the 10-year Master Plan for South Park will be developed by the end of June-and how you can become involved.

- Churchman Landscape Architects have been appointed to prepare the long awaited master plan for the regeneration and restoration of the park.
- The consultation process is being fast tracked and will rely on two closed focus group sessions on consecutive Saturdays in May to be followed by a public presentation in the park of three options. A dedicated newsletter with details, dates and ways you can be involved in the process will go out soon!

South Park News You Can Use

Summer sports for schools: The one-off polo event in Hurlingham Park is preventing schools using their usual facilities for summer sports. There will therefore be a temporary relocation to South Park, mainly over the period May to July, with both sports pitches marked out as necessary.

The sports involved are cricket, softball, rounders and running. A temporary running track will be created on the Clancarty Road pitch which will be location of approximately 10 sports days during June and July. The usual adult summer cricket pitches will not be affected. The usual adult summer cricket pitches will not be affected. Portaloos are being brought in which will be a welcome addition while we wait for the permanent toilets to be rebuilt.

Discussions have been held with the Council on maintaining and improving the current facilities and improving them. Walkabouts with Council staff pointing out areas which need urgent attention have been undertaken.

While many defects regarding the playground, paths, drainage and safety issues have been identified we welcome any comments you have on this. Please send emails to David Lamping at David@lampings.com with your observations.

Send us your ideas, concerns and musings. Friends of South Park committee members will always be pleased to have your suggestions for the park or be briefed on your current concerns, so email us your thoughts at: info@friendsofsouthpark.org.uk.

A reminder that if you experience any trouble or see any vandalism or un-social behaviour please contact the Parks Constabulary immediately on 020 8740 3417. This number is operational from 6am to midnight every day.

In cases of extreme emergency call the Metropolitan Police on 999.