

Friends of Finchley Way Open Space

Newsletter: January 2020

An update on what's been happening:



December 2019 Walk round

Friends - We now have over 50 Friends on our mailing list. If your family, friends and neighbours want to get involved, they just need to email the group at fofwos@gmail.com



Green Field entrance from The Drive

Meetings - Thanks to the Finchley Lawn Tennis Club our first formal meeting was held on 17 December in their clubhouse. 12 local residents and Roger Chapman, Chair of the Barnet Green Spaces Network, attended. The Friends elected a Committee and they are:

Chair: Suzanne King

Secretary: Alan Douglas

Treasurer: Nicky Devlin

Other roles:

Events' organiser: Laurence Lewis

Fundraising: Richard Bartholomew

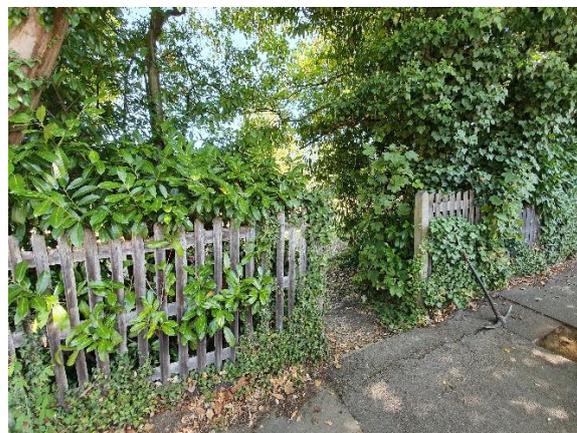
Web-site design: Samuel Levy

Practical work organiser: Arlette Garcia

We still need someone to lead on marketing and publicity, if you're interested please get in touch.

The Committee will hold its first meeting on 27 January.

Matt Gunyon, the Greenspaces Services manager and Martin Thompson (the Green Spaces Team member responsible for the Finchley and Golders Green constituency) sent their apologies. Our local ward councillors, Ross Houston and Danny Rich also sent their apologies.



Green Field entrance from Finchley Way

Contact with LB Barnet - Alan and Suzanne will be meeting the LBB Green Spaces Team on 15 January to discuss setting up an "Adopt a place" agreement. Until we have this agreement it's not possible to do any serious work on the site.

Barnet Green Spaces Network - The next meeting will be held later in January and Suzanne and Alan will attend. This will be an opportunity to talk to Matt Gunyon and to get contacts to support the work of the Committee.



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Publicity - The Finchley Society have published our press release in the latest edition of their Newsletter. The Finchley Horticultural Society are going to publish in their next newsletter.

We have distributed 1,000 leaflets in the streets around the site and along Nether Street and the streets to the south of Lovers Walk. If you would like some leaflets to distribute in your street or to friends and family, please let us know.

If you would like to contribute information, photos or articles to the newsletter, please email fofwos@gmail.com

Website - One of the Friends has volunteered to set-up our own website. We hope to go live soon.

Facebook page - We now have 20 friends signed up to our Facebook page. If you'd like to join and contribute please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1385689341590473/>



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Filming - Finchley Film Makers are helping with our publicity campaign by filming our activities. We plan to use the film in our fund-raising efforts. So far they have filmed one of the walk rounds and the first public meeting.

Photographs - This edition of our newsletter is illustrated with photographs showing the entrances to the site. We plan to show photographs each month to record progress of works and a "through the seasons diary".

If you would like to contribute, please send in your pictures (smartphones are great for this) and we will publish them. In particular we would like to have a "children and young persons" section.

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