



## Newsletter: August 2020

# News Flash

### Funding

The most exciting news is that following an application process, we have been awarded £5,000 in a one-off award from Edward Harvist Charity by Barnet Council.

### Work parties

We are able to start working on the site again and work parties are planned for:

Saturday 15 August 2.30 to 4.30pm

Tuesday 18 August 6.30 to 8.30pm

Sunday 23 August 10.30am to 12.30pm



The Copse - needs some TLC

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### Help

We urgently need the help of someone trained in conveyancing to help with reading various documents regarding ownership and boundary issues. If you can help, please contact Suzanne and Alan at [FOFWOS@gmail.com](mailto:FOFWOS@gmail.com)

### The Site

The site is owned by Barnet Council and is free to enjoy. The main entrance is in Finchley Way, London, N3 1AH.

## Friends

There are now nearly 80 Friends of Finchley Way Open Space. It's free to join. Let's try to get up to 100. Talk to your friends, family and neighbours and ask if they would like to join.



A tangle of cut down ivy in The Orchard

## Work parties

We have three work sessions organised as listed on the front page. By the end we hope to have re-routed the path in the Copse away from the brick wall, uncovered a large fallen tree trunk for reuse and cut more 'windows' to open-up the site along Finchley Way and Hamilton Way and removed the inevitable litter.

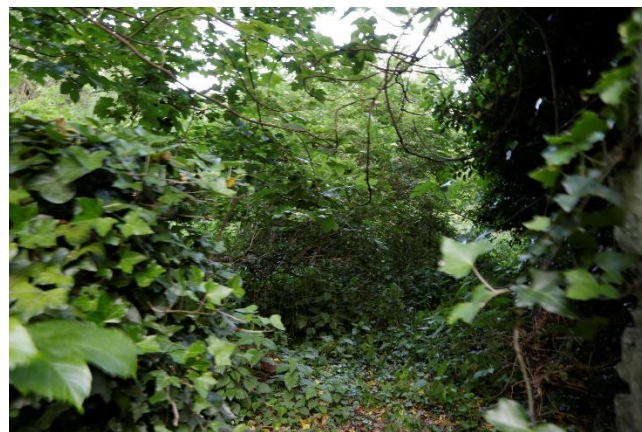
The Good Gym has been in touch and some members will be joining us for our sessions.

Following Government guidance on coronavirus protections we can only have 10 people per leader, so please let us know if you're going to come by emailing [FOFWOS@gmail.com](mailto:FOFWOS@gmail.com)

## Other ways to get involved

If you can't or don't fancy the physical work there are other ways you can get involved. For example, you could take photos, help with organisation and paperwork, give tours of the site or help with the website or the newsletter.

Come along to a work session to introduce yourself or contact Suzanne and Alan via [FOFWOS@gmail.com](mailto:FOFWOS@gmail.com)



The Orchard also needs some TLC

## The Grant

The grant is to pay for a public consultation on the plans developed by the Friends' Committee, an ecology survey and initial clearance of some of the overgrown areas, plus seating and a plaque telling the history of the site on the Green Field.

While the plan has been developed based on initial ideas from local residents, a more formal consultation will be launched in the coming weeks.

The grant is conditional on agreeing a plan for the funding with Barnet Council. The Committee has submitted an outline plan - see below. This plan is based on early consultation with local residents. Following agreement with Barnet, the Committee will consult more widely.

An ecology survey will be carried out in the overgrown areas as soon as possible. This will identify flora and fauna that should be retained and what might be cleared, although the Friends' Committee and Barnet Council's Green Spaces Team will make the final decisions, based on the results of the consultation.





A fine lime tree in the Green Field

## Fund raising

Although the grant is a great start it was less than we applied for. We're therefore asking Friends to donate £5 or £10 to boost the fund and help us achieve even more. Specifically we need to set up our new website for the consultation and to allow everybody access to documents, maps and photographs.

You can donate either by contacting us at [FOFWOS@gmail.com](mailto:FOFWOS@gmail.com) or by bank transfer to Sort Code: 01-06-28, Account Name: Friends of Finchley Way open Space, Account number: 44189184. Thanks!

While we organise spending the Edward Harvist Charity grant, other active fundraising has been halted. We plan to start looking for funding for other specific projects once the consultation results have been analysed in the autumn.

## The Consultation

We will soon be going out for public consultation on the plan. This will involve distributing leaflets to surrounding streets, local community organisations, schools, nursery schools

and religious organisations. There will be an on-line questionnaire with hard copies available for those who prefer.

The questionnaire will be available on our new website which will be launched soon. Please complete the questionnaire or email your thoughts to [FOFWOS@gmail.com](mailto:FOFWOS@gmail.com) or contribute via the Facebook open to all FOFWOS members at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1385689341590473/>

Local Councillors and the police have visited the site and are very supportive of the project to bring this site back into public use. The police offered useful suggestions in how to keep the site safe and secure.

## Animals and plants

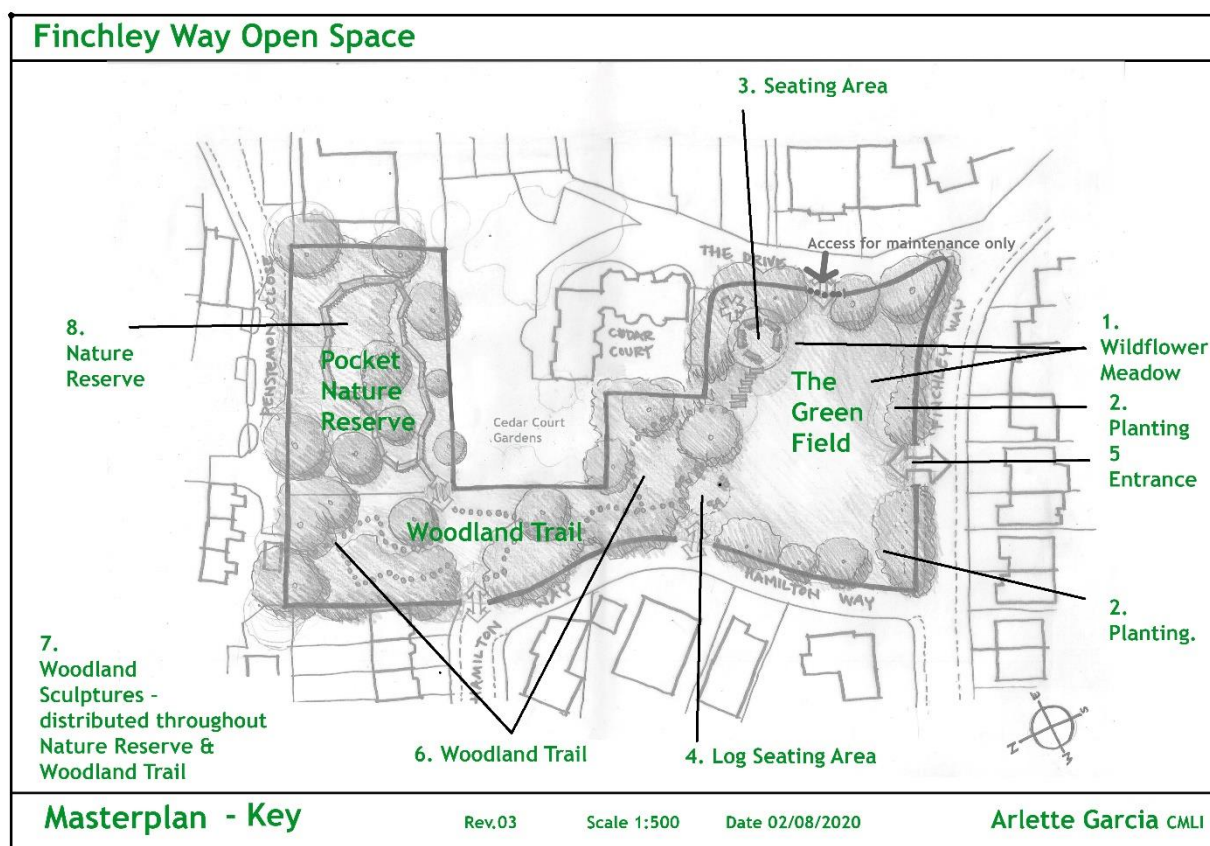
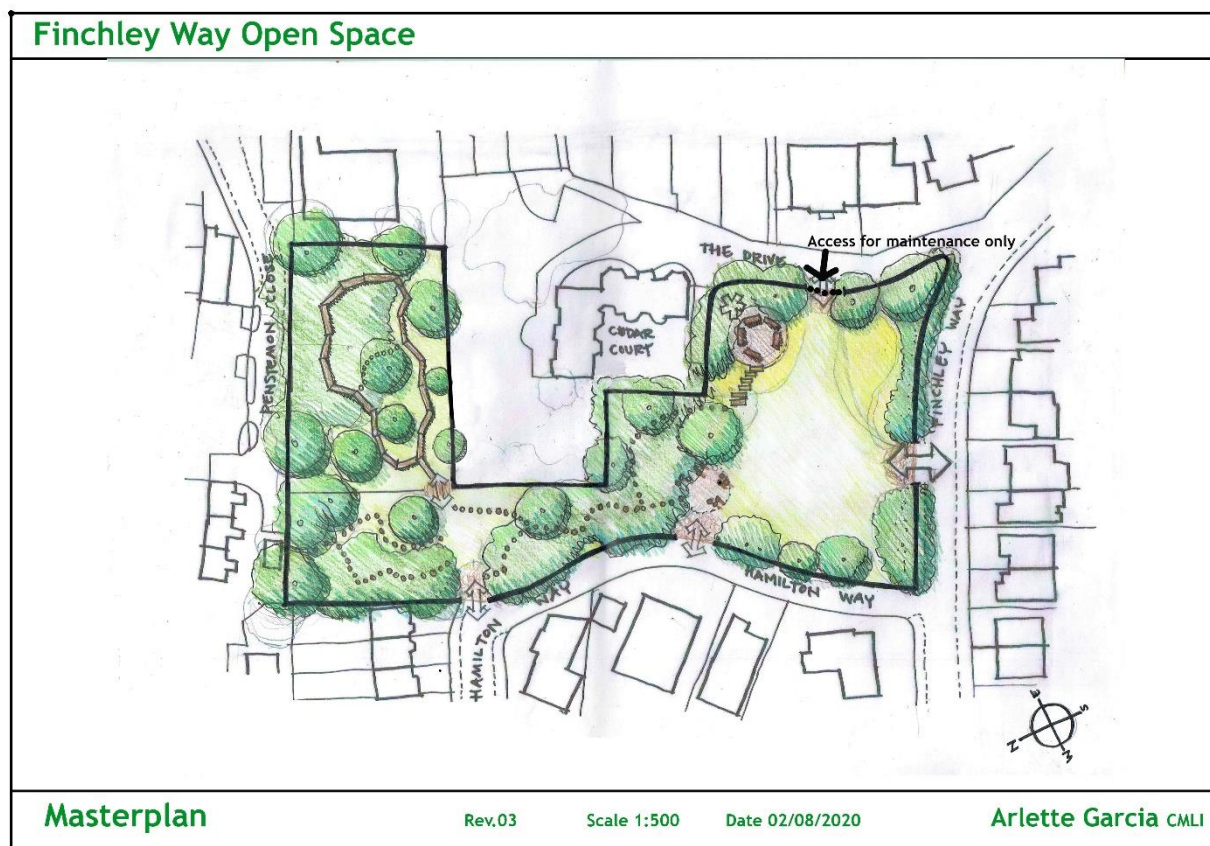
The Japanese knotweed in the Orchard area has been treated by Barnet. Please do not disturb this area as we do not want it to spread. It will require another treatment before it is professionally removed.

## Competition

There's no competition this month just a reminder.



## The Plan



More details on the plan will be on the shortly to be launched FoFWOS website.  
Look out for announcement.





**Thank you for your support**

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