



Newsletter: Autumn 2024

We need some new trustees, including a Secretary and a new Chair, to join existing trustees. Otherwise, the charity may have to close and the site will not be regularly maintained. Interested? See page 3 for more information.

The next work session is Sunday 24th November 2024, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. No experience needed.

The dates of future volunteering sessions are on the gates and on the website.

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Wildflowers

The wildflowers were a great success but they are over for this year.

Volunteers have cut them down and after a period of laying for the seeds to fall out, the wildflower areas have been cleared.



Clearing the wildflowers

We look forward to seeing the new display in spring 2025.

New planting

Thanks to funding from Barnet Council's East Area Committee, the area cleared by volunteers has been planted-up by contractors and an extra bench created.



Newly planted area

We plan to add a few more plants but it's important to leave room for the plants to grow.



The trustees designed and supervised the work.

To soften the look here will be planting on top of the gabions furthest away in the photo as well as the extra seating.



Seating round the newly planted area



Volunteers cutting back to clear the paths



Volunteers taking stock

Tree board

In the same funding round, we secured funding for a new information board for trees on the site.



New information board

Tree labels

One of each type of tree will have a label on it so visitors can match the descriptions with the actual tree. These are also funded by Barnet Council.

Some trees from a previous funding round already have names on them.

Keeping in touch

The annual consultation is still open until 30th November 2024. To take part [click here](#). You only need to fill this in once.

Now that we are into the maintenance stage of the project, newsletters will be more occasional when we have something to say.

But don't forget us. Keep visiting the site and let us know what you think.

New trustees

This is a great opportunity to contribute to our local community and to enhance and protect our local environment and wildlife.

What is Friends of Finchley Way Open Space?

Friends of Finchley Way Open Space was formed by local residents in December 2019. In December 2020 it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The charity's vision is to create an area that encourages and supports a variety of wildlife, while also enabling local people to learn more about the flora and fauna and to enjoy the site.

What are we looking for?

We are currently looking for several more trustees, including a Secretary and a new Chair.

The Board of Trustees works as a team and to some extent roles are flexible. No one needs to know about everything and not everyone has the same amount of time to give. A variety of skills is needed, including helping with the admin, writing the newsletter, taking photos, working with the Council, project planning

and a knowledge of plants and the environment.

What's in it for me?

It's a great way to meet people and to get to know your neighbours, to perfect or learn new skills and it will enhance your CV, if that's relevant to you.

What's the commitment?

Trustees meet four times a year and serve for three years, with the possibility of re-election for a further three years, before having to step down for at least a year.

Being a trustee means that you have a legal responsibility for the charity, so you should also have a look at [charity-trustee-whats-involved](#)

How do I find out more?

If you would like to find out more, please contact the current Chair and Treasurer fofwos@gmail.com and have a look at the website fofwos.org There's a lot of information on the Open Space, the Friends and the current trustees.

How else can I help?

Spread the word to you friends and family who might be interested.

We are always keen for new Friends to join. There is no charge and it helps with funding applications to show a high level of community support. So, if you are not already a Friend and don't feel ready to commit to being a trustee, please join the Friends by emailing fofwos@gmail.com We only need an email address.

More information on how to be involved and how to donate is on the next page.

About the charity

Get involved

We welcome new Friends. Membership is free and ensures that you receive the quarterly newsletter.

Or come along and volunteer at a work session on the second or last Sunday in the month. Less often in the winter.

You don't have to volunteer to be a Friend and you don't need to be a Friend to volunteer.

Donating

Donations support the purchase of plants, equipment, facilities for the site and to fund work that cannot be undertaken by volunteers. All the administration is done by volunteers.

All the ways to donate are on our website here [Donation information](#).

Donations can be made direct by bank transfer to:

Sort Code: 01-06-28
Account Name: Friends of Finchley Way Open Space
Account number: 44189184

FoFWOS is registered for Gift Aid. The form can be filled in online [here](#) or we can send you a copy by email contact our Treasurer fofwos@gmail.com .

FoFWOS also accepts donations via [PayPal](#), [Benevity](#) and [CAF](#)

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Check out our website for back issues of the [newsletter](#).

Thank you for your continued support. We hope to see you soon.

Contributors - Suzanne King, Karen Goodman, Alan Douglas, Arlette Garcia.

If you buy bird food, feeders, etc., please use this link to [CJ Wildlife](#) which is also on the FoFWOS website. It will generate some commission for FoFWOS on every sale.

Facebook

There is an open Facebook [page](#) and a closed [group](#).

YouTube

The YouTube channel has some entertaining videos. Have a look [YouTube](#)

Instagram

Follow us @fofwos20

Contact details

If you would like to get involved, please contact Suzanne, our Chair, at fofwos@gmail.com or use the Contact form on the website [Contact Us](#)

OR come along to a work party meeting - second and last Sundays in the month March-November, less often in the winter. The dates are posted on the gates and on the website.

We are always pleased to hear from Friends.

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