



# Friends of Finchley Way Open Space

## Newsletter: June 2021

Welcome to the June edition of our newsletter.

Our **Barnet Spacehive crowdfunding** campaign now has 50 backers who between them have pledged £2,446 to our project to raise money for 4 mature trees and a hand pump. Barnet Council is the 50<sup>th</sup> backer and has contributed £1,326, so we are now over half way to our target.

Thanks to all those who have donated. Please spread the word amongst your family, friends and neighbours.

If you have pledged, it would be great if you are able to increase your pledge. Remember, the money will not be collected by Spacehive if we do not reach our target of £4,735. See below for how to donate.

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### New Friends and Volunteers

Our Spacehive campaign has drawn in some new Friends and volunteers, so welcome.

We have regular work parties on Sunday mornings from 10.30 to 12.30. Use the entrance in Finchley Way, N3 1AH.

Please let us know if you will be coming so that we can plan the work to be done each week.



Volunteers working in the Orchard

If you don't feel able to volunteer or to stay the whole time, do come along and find out more about the site.

You can download the volunteer briefing from [Volunteering | FoFWOS](#) on our website.

## The Orchard

We have taken the names for the three areas of the site from old maps. The Orchard is the most hidden part of the site and is sandwiched between the back of Chilvins Court on Nether Street, Penstemon Close and Cedar Court.



Since work parties started again in April, we have focused on making trails through this area.

Thanks to Clear Cut Trees for donating two lots of wood chip for the paths. [clearcuttrees.co.uk](http://clearcuttrees.co.uk)

If you have logs, please get in touch as we can use them for the paths and for seating.

Following the findings of last year's consultation, we are working towards making the Orchard a wildlife area with some informal seating for quiet reflection.



New paths in the Orchard

This has meant removing some of the bramble that had colonised much of the Orchard. We will then plant a more diverse range of flora to encourage a greater variety of wildlife onto the site.

Our Spacehive crowdfunding campaign aims to get this planting started.

More details of our planting plans will be in next month's newsletter.



Clearing the bramble

## Old irrigation system

While clearing part of the Orchard for replanting, volunteers dug up what seems to be a sprinkler from an underground irrigation system.

Unfortunately we don't think it will be possible to reinstate it.



### Supporting wildlife

We humans might shy away from stinging nettles but butterflies love them and we have several clumps in the Orchard and the Copse.



Nettles in the Orchard

Other plants that insects love are borage and cow parsley



Borage on the edge of the Copse/Green Field



Cow parsley in the Green Field

### Summer is coming

Now that summer is here we hope you will come along and enjoy the site. The Green Field is ideal for picnics and for younger children to play.

The Copse and the Orchard are wilder but children love playing there.

Please note that fires and barbeques are not allowed on any of Barnet's open spaces. If you want to have a more formal event that requires erecting gazebos, tables, etc. For terms and conditions contact [Barnet@theeventumbrella.com](mailto:Barnet@theeventumbrella.com)

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME. OTHERWISE VOLUNTEERS HAVE TO COLLECT IT.**

### Crowdfunding campaign

So that visitors can start to see the Orchard taking shape we've launched a crowdfunding project to raise money for 4 mature trees and a removable hand pump. We're asking Friends to pledge to the project.

If the pledges add up to less than our target of £4,742.00, none of the money is collected. So, please don't wait until the end of the campaign to pledge.

**Please help by pledging at [spacehive.com/wildlifewonderland](https://spacehive.com/wildlifewonderland)**

If you want to know more, please get in touch. Contact details at the end.

## Our news

It is with great regret that we have to announce that Alan Douglas has had to resign as a Trustee and Secretary due to ill health. For those of you who know Alan you will know that he was one of the instigators behind founding the charity and the Friends group that preceded it.

His input to the administration and organisation of the charity and his knowledge of flora and fauna will be sorely missed.

Separate from the Board of Trustees (although with overlap) there is a Management Committee that meets regularly to agree work plans and ensure deliverables in line with the strategy and budgets agreed by the Board of Trustees.

Simon Dukes joined the Management Committee a few months ago and Nick Dimant joined it last month.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Suzanne, our Chair, at [fofwos@gmail.com](mailto:fofwos@gmail.com)

## Website

Our website has been refreshed, so have a look at [fofwos.org](http://fofwos.org)

Our Facebook Page can now be accessed from our website.

## YouTube

Our YouTube channel has some entertaining videos. Have a look at [Friend of Finchley Way Open Space - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv10L3t218n1p4T3o1b1m1g)

## Instagram

We are working on our Instagram account, so send in photos you'd like us to post. We love to see how people are using the site.

## Donations

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. [fofwos.org/donate](http://fofwos.org/donate). We now have a donate button on the Home page but this does not appear on the mobile phone version.

We accept donations via [Donate with PayPal Giving Fund](#) and [GoFundMe](#).

We are registered for Gift Aid. You can download the form from the Donate page of our website or contact Karen, our Treasurer, at [fofwos@gmail.com](mailto:fofwos@gmail.com)

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

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

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