



## Newsletter: April 2022

**Please note that the next work party is 24<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm**

Times and dates of the meetings for this year are on the [website](#).

### Moving forward!

The paths have been woodchipped, refreshing the site ready for spring.

FoFWOS has been awarded the funding to replace the fencing around the Green Field by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee. Planning is underway and we hope to get the work done in the next few months.

The Lottery Community Fund has also awarded a grant to buy a storage container.

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### Wood Chipping

Thanks to Clear Cut Trees for yet more wood chips. It was a major task for the 13<sup>th</sup> March to re-chip the paths ready to welcome visitors for spring.

This is a regular task that needs doing a couple of times a year.



Wheeling the chips round the site

We didn't have quite enough, so thanks also to a Hamilton Way neighbour who donated some spare so that we could finish the job.



Spreading the wood chips

## Whips

Thanks to the Woodland Trust for 30 whips which we planted on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

We had planned to plant them as a hedge at the top of the Green Field where the trees have been removed.

Unfortunately, we discovered that this area is mainly brick a few inches down. This is where the old Brent Lodge stood, so the bricks maybe the remnants of the house or the foundations or a mixture. Whatever, it's not possible to plant anything of any size there.

Instead, we dispersed the whips in small clusters and singly through the Copse and the Orchard.



Planting the whips

### Whips:

- Dog rose
- Dogwood
- Hawthorne
- Crab apple
- Hazel

## Emerging bulbs

The results of the mega bulb planting at the end of October are beginning to show.



Anemones and other bulbs coming out

## Moss Hall Nursery School

As the wood chip was being delivered, we met Moss Hall Nursery School on a visit to the site. They come a couple of days a week as part of their Forest School.

They thoroughly enjoy the site and particularly like that it is quite wild but enclosed so that they children run around and explore safely.

It's good to see the site being so well used and appreciated.

## Dates for your diary: Volunteering Days

Don't forget that work parties no longer take place every Sunday. Dates are on the gates and the website.

The next work party is 24<sup>th</sup> April.

For the rest of the spring, summer and early autumn volunteering days will be the second and last Sundays in the month.



24<sup>th</sup> April  
8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May  
12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June  
10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July  
14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August  
11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September  
9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October

## Barnet Green Spaces Network

### Green Manifesto

FoFWOS is a member of Barnet Green Spaces Network, which is a network that enables Friends groups throughout the borough to exchange ideas and support each other.

In preparation for the local Council elections in May a manifesto has been prepared to which it is hoped the parties will commit.

### Barnet Environment Hustings

There will be an online hustings event on the subject of the environment on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

This will give the four main parties who between them achieved 99% of the vote in Barnet (Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrats and Green Party) the opportunity to tell residents about their plans for the environment, if elected. One representative from each party will speak.

The event will take place 7.30-9 pm. on 20<sup>th</sup> April online.

You can register for the event here

### [Barnet Environment Hustings](#)

You can submit questions in advance (closing date for questions is 13<sup>th</sup> April) and contribute via the chat on the night.

More information can be found on the registration page.

Please circulate the link to anyone you think might be interested.

### More on Brent Lodge

Some more photos have been given to the trustees by a neighbour. These give a very clear picture of the house before it was demolished in 1962.



Photo showing the bays of Brent Lodge



Photo showing an entrance to Brent Lodge

## About the charity

### 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 [Donation information](#).

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

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

If you use Amazon please consider switching to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and choose Friends of Finchley Way Open Space as your charity. FoFWOS will receive 0.5% of your purchase price as a charitable donation on specified items.

If you buy bird food, feeders, etc., please use this link to [CJ Wildlife](#) that is also on the FoFWOS 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

Go to the website for back issues of the [newsletter](#) and information about the site.

## Get involved

We welcome new Friends and volunteers. You don't have to volunteer to be a Friend and you don't need to be a Friend to volunteer.

### 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](mailto:fofwos@gmail.com) or use the Contact form on the website [Contact Us](#)

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The phone is only monitored on Sunday mornings when there is a work party but leave a message and we will respond.

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

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