

Friends of Colliers Wood Parks and Green Spaces

Agenda

7:30pm Tuesday 4 May 2021



1. Chair role
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising
4. Volunteer activity March & April (see next page)
5. Litter picking
6. Volunteer recruitment
7. Watering/Water Butts
8. Signage and Social Media
9. Funding
10. Merton Council/idverde
11. Merton Climate Action Group/Greening Merton
12. Any other business
13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6 July 2021

A HUGE thank you to all volunteers across March and April...

Thank you to everyone who has given their time and have helped in some way; planting, watering, litter picking, building etc to make Colliers Wood a great community and a prettier place to live:

Margaret, Zoe, Bryony, Helen, Tom, Susan, Molly, Michael, Norberto, Stella, Kyle, Phil, Alex G, Daniella, Emily, Molly, Gary, Karen, Clare, Tom B, Tom K, Antonia, Louise, Joyce, Mark, Lesley, Linda, Rita, Fiona, Katy, Keith, Ruth, Kath, Oona, Daniela and family, Alexandra Franco and family, Children and teachers from Funky Owls and not forgetting any other locals who just quietly just get on helping the community with planting or watering.

Plus all the tree base planting volunteer residents of Cavendish, Colwood and Clarendon Roads with special thanks to Richard and Cola of eddisonwhite for their generous donations.

Special huge thank you in particular to Norberto and Stella for building the book swap cupboard and the new mud kitchen.

[A list of all volunteer activity is on the next page....](#)

Volunteer Activity March & April

DAFFODILLS:

More than 1,000 bulbs planted at the end of 2020 were in bloom through-out Colliers Wood.

HIGH STREET PLANTERS:

Christchurch Road outside Venus, the tube and eddisonwhite - 2 have had daffodils removed and replaced with perennial flowering plants. Tall tub planted outside the tube. eddisonwhite planters to follow as overgrown shrubs need to be split and cut back.

Opposite tube station adjacent to CJames/Charles Holden/Traffic Lights - 2 have been refreshed with perennial flowering plants and shrubs cut right back. 1 planter to still be done as overgrown leggy shrub needs to be removed and replaced.

Long bed outside nursery/Johmard, opposite community centre - Daffodils beheaded and mixture of plants added Forget me not, Sedum, plus others. Wild flower and Alyssum seeds sown.

WANDLE PARK:

Baltic Close entrance adjacent to wall - Eucalyptus donated and planted. Also natural wooded area created from cut down trees and piles of wood (left in a garden on the High Street) and twigs which will create homes for some wildlife habitats and a place for children to practice their balance skills.

BALTIC CLOSE:

7 Charles Holden beds - cut back old growth, moved plants and refreshed beds with new plants. Jasmine cut back and tied up to encourage growth up and around the metal arches.

RECREATION GROUND:

Fig tree donated and planted

Railings between football pitch and rest of the Rec adjacent to the path - *A Celebration of World Earth Day* with 2-4 year old toddlers from Funky Owls Nursery. Mixed selection of pink flowering plants Petunia, Calibrachoa, Verbena and Sweet Peas

Memorial garden - Hawthorn tree planted on the central bed with a selection of other hardy shrubs and added compost. Bunting also added. Built up to prevent small children playing on there and breaking plants, although Singlegate have responded to email saying they will speak to the children.

Park Pantry/Mud Kitchen - This was installed Mon 5 May near the table tennis.

Planters at Cavendish road and Singlegate entrances

The 4 planters have been adopted, plants sown and Susan, Zoe and Helen will maintain and water.

OTHER LOCAL AREA INITIATIVES:

Singleton Close Green at junction Robinson and Singleton Close – An initiative suggested by Abby. Flyer door dropped to recruit local volunteers for ongoing watering but little response so far.

Cut-through between Myrna Close and Devonshire Rd - Now a beautiful little walk-through with lots of planted shrubs and flowers plus a growing collection of painted stones, windmills and a hand carved wooden mushroom for the fairies. A book swap cupboard has been built, large bush cut back with decorative stones added at the base and handmade Easter eggs hung from trees.

Acre Road - Planters full of daffodils.

LITTER:

Fortnightly litter picking team meet every other Tuesday at 9am - Recent litter picking along Wandle near Sainsbury's, Myrna Close Nature reserve and Wandle Park. Now being weighed and reported back to Veolia.

WATERING:

All planting mentioned above has been watered by army of volunteers.