



Friends of Mill Hill Park

Residents committed to making a difference

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A note from the Chair

What an amazing summer, at times almost too hot. Our Park with its beautiful trees provided shade essential to our enjoyment of the season, and has been appreciated by so many.

Large numbers of people using the park presents challenges, with litter being the main one. Barnet Council promised more bins, so far they are installed at the Flower Lane end of the park and not where they are most needed.

We have been greatly helped by residents who do a monthly litter pick- our thanks to them. Our own litter pick in May was a wash-out with much rain though our stalwart members filled six sacks of litter and a further litter pick will take place early autumn.



New benches



We are pleased to report that the grant awarded for new benches for the park has meant the addition of six benches dotted around the park and in central walkways to aid our enjoyment. Thanks to Peter Keeley on the committee who liaised with the council to obtain the benches.

Memorial Tree Planting



Several members of the Committee were present at a tree planting ceremony, in memory of Wayne Casey former Liberal Councillor, which was attended by his wife and family, the Mayor, Councillors, and friends. Wayne supported the Friends of Mill Hill Park and was incredibly helpful in putting our views forward to the Council. The Red Oak is on the pathway from Daws Lane to the playground, and has managed to survive the drought with the timely intervention of Cllr John Hart who alerted the Parks Department to the need for watering



General Data Protection Regulation (2018)

Friends of Mill Hill Park have been working on the new GDPR duties to ensure full compliance and enclose with this newsletter our **Privacy Notice**. Please let us know if there are any changes you would like us to make in the Data that we hold.

Meeting council representatives

Friends of Mill Hill Park and the Bowl's Club met with senior council representatives from the council to clarify space allocation and planning for the park and put forward our problems including pressing matters for the Bowls Club facilities. Immediate action was promised on the key areas identified, however to date there is no significant change. Friends of Mill Hill Park will continue to liaise to ensure optimal use of the park and engagement in developments.



Mill Hill Park has so many different aspects. Walk through early on a Sunday morning and value the peace and quiet. Go through the wildflower meadow in June and enjoy all the varieties of flowers and grasses. At weekends we see all the sports facilities put to good use, providing such necessary outlets for the young to expend their energy, and for children to try out new activities in the playground.

An article in The Times in May informed us that parks save the NHS more than £111 million a year, with regular users being healthier and making fewer visits to the doctor. The Duke of Cambridge, President of Fields in Trust, a charity protecting parks and open spaces, said "*Parks quite simply make us happier*". We agree with that statement and look forward to continuing our work with members to promote a variety of facilities in the park and ensure its continuing maintenance as a central community asset.



Invite your neighbours to join Friends of Mill Hill Park to make a difference to the local environment.



Quiz Alert

Date: Thursday October 25th 2018
Time: 2.45 pm for 3.00 pm start.

Following the successful tea Quiz held last year Friends of Mill Hill Park are holding another soon.

The Bowl's Club has kindly agreed to let us use their meeting room. We will have space for 8 tables of 6 people. Chelle and Jim Paice will be our Quizmasters, tea, sandwiches and homemade cakes will be served. This is a good opportunity to invite your friends. To book your place, please contact Philippa Welch

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Come and meet us!

Look out for open dates when Friends of Mill Hill Park committee is in the park to listen to your views and to support new initiatives. We advertise on the **Notice Board by the Café** so look out for new notices. Or contact us via:
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