



# Friends of Mill Hill Park

Residents committed to making a difference

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### All change here!

It's not just the seasons that are changing in Mill Hill Park! Barnet Council is having to make severe cut backs in many departments. In Mill Hill, the library will be volunteer manned from April 2017 and within Mill Hill Park, the Bowls Club will have to be self-financing. Luckily, the Club has enough members to support itself (impossible for some smaller clubs in Barnet) but it does mean they will only be using one green. We are anxious to be involved in decisions regarding the redundant green, and have written to Cllr Richard Cornelius to that end.

We are having our AGM on Saturday April 1st in the Bowls Club at 10.00am for a 10.30am start. Please do come and make your ideas and views known about this, and any other areas or problems that concern you. We have asked for information about the closure of the Crazy Golf, but as yet have had no reply. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

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### Upcoming Events in the Park

We had a "Meet and Join" table by the Cafe on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at which a number of keen park-going residents took up membership of the Friends of Mill Hill Park. The next opportunity to 'Meet and Join' is on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 near the Cafe from 10.30am. Please come and introduce yourselves, it's another chance to put across your point of view.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017, the Friends will also hold one of our litter picking sessions. The Council provides us with all the gear, litter pickers, sacks etc. No bending is required! Again help will be much appreciated. This is such a useful exercise as it reminds Park users of the need to bin their rubbish or take it home.



### The Skateboard Park

We are continuing with our application for Lottery Funding for the Skateboard Park. We hope to be able to report on this further by the autumn. There is only one other Skateboard Park in the Borough at Friary Park. We believe that we are much better placed, with bus routes close by, and the skateboard park would serve a need for 12 to 15 year olds that is currently missing in the neighbourhood.







### Repairs in the Park

We were very pleased to be informed that at last the fence bordering Wise Lane is going to be replaced. We alerted the Council early last year of the problem of several large holes after a dog ran through, causing a traffic accident. We hope the work will be completed in time for the summer.

### More benches!

An application to the Hendon Area Committee has been submitted requesting for funding for more benches in the Park. Several park users have mentioned to us that there is a need for more seats especially at the top on the long path bordering Parkside. More information will be disseminated about this at our AGM.

### Sign up to our newsletter!

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### Annual Park Audit

As usual we will be carrying out our annual Park Audit and will report back to the Borough any problems that need attention. Please feel free to do the same, either reporting straight to the Council or to us, contact details below.

The Park is being kept clean and tidy for the most part. Obviously, it is more difficult during the warmer weather when there are more people enjoying the facilities. We are pleased to see work has been done on the trees, the willows have been heavily coppiced, but some of the fallen branches have still not been removed. The toilets are always a problem. We are assured they are cleaned daily. It is up to the public to leave them as they would like to find them.

### Come and meet us!

We are hoping to have a table near the cafe on **Saturday 22 April 2017 from 10.30am** to make ourselves and our aims known to more people and to encourage new members. Do come along and bring any friends who might be keen on keeping our Park such a delightful and busy open space, catering for so many varied interests for all ages.

### REMINDER... AGM...

- **Friends of Mill Hill Park AGM**  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 at 10.00am  
at Mill Hill Park Bowls Club  
*Free tea, coffee, biscuits provided!*