



# Friends of Mill Hill Park

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### Autumn is here...

Autumn is on the horizon once more after a Summer with plenty of sunshine and the Park's facilities being put to full use.

We look forward to having even more of the neighbourhood join the Friends of Mill Hill Park. Please visit our website: [friendsofmillhillpark.org](http://friendsofmillhillpark.org) and sign up for membership (£3/year/individual or £5/year/family) to start receiving our newsletter, the essential digest of what is happening in your local park.

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### The Last Six Months

Sadly our application for Lottery funding for a skateboard park was refused. We do think that one should be provided in this part of Barnet, and can only hope that the Council will install one at Copthall, where plans are already in place for a replacement swimming pool. We attended a workshop meeting chaired by John Sheaff, consultant to Barnet Council, on a master plan for Copthall and adjacent open spaces. We were able to put forward suggestions for future amenities for the Park.

New green metal fencing has been installed along the border with Wise Lane. The Friends of Mill Hill Park brought the state of the fencing to the Council's attention after a dog went through the gaps and caused a traffic accident. We are very pleased that the problem has now been resolved.

Our application for a grant for more benches in the Park was accepted in May. They are now on order and we hope they will arrive in time for winter. This will mean placing 7 more benches around the park that will be welcomed. Thanks to Peter Keeley for noticing a gradual diminution of benches through disrepair.

The annual Park Audit was conducted and Rob Wiltshire, the Park and Open Spaces Officer, was contacted with the results. The Council Projects and Community Support Officer continue to provide us with our litter - picking equipment.

John Smith, our former chairman, has helped identify some of our rarer trees in the Park, many of which are in the area near to the exit to the Rise. John has also provided us with a very comprehensive list of all the other trees. Copies are available, upon request: [pm.welch@icloud.com](mailto:pm.welch@icloud.com)

There has been some vandalism this summer. There was a break in again in the Cricket Pavilion and some branches were torn off the young trees near it. These were cleared relatively quickly.





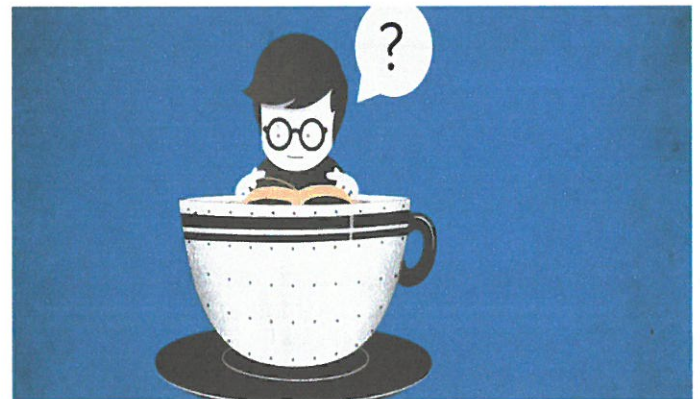


### Future Events

On Saturday, 30 September 2017 at 2.00pm, outside the Park Café, the Friends of Mill Hill Park will be recruiting new members to join our organisation. We are also on standby to hear your views or to hear of any problems you may have experienced. Additionally, we will be holding another Litter-pick at the same time. This is a most satisfying occupation and really helps the environment. Volunteers are gladly welcomed.



Please give us your views on the use of the space in the park, as there are areas that could be better optimised, for example we are looking to regenerate the Crazy Golf area and can only do so with your support as we liaise effectively with the Council. There are other spaces in the park also needing attention such as the old 'Park Keepers Hut'. FMHP hope to influence the choices that will be made for these spaces so that they may be put to better use for users of the park.



### Tea Quiz

Thursday, 12 October 2017 at 2.30 for a 3.00 pm start. We are holding a Quiz to fund the expenses of our website and improvement activities in Mill Hill Park. The Bowls Club has kindly allowed us to use their Clubhouse (next to the Cafe) and it will be run by Chelle and Jim Paice who are well known to quiz enthusiasts. We will be providing tea, sandwiches and homemade cakes. The cost will be £8.00 per person. We can accommodate 8 tables of 6 people, so please book early as space is limited.

Please phone Philippa on:

020 8959 2958 to register your place.



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