



Figure 1 Wisley Pumpkin Display

Autumn Letter to Friends of Mill Hill Park

Dear Friends

We write to you as we are beginning the second lock down and we wish you and your families the very best in the coming weeks. The Open Space offered through Mill Hill Park as a local get-to place has never been more important.

FMHP continue to liaise with Barnet Council on your behalf and to support better conditions in the park for all. We are delighted to have seen the planting of new trees, more bins and more seating within the park in the past year. We are in discussion to secure improvements in the play area for layout and resurfacing.

This year we have not had opportunity for a face to face AGM but will schedule one going forward as soon as it is safe to do so, likewise we will hold our Quiz and learning about trees sessions at the earliest opportunity.

A key purpose in writing is to inform you of changes to the committee that we hope you will feel able to sanction despite the remote operations at present.

Philippa Welch has resigned from the Chair role but will continue to be active as a committee member. Philippa has been a huge asset in liaising with the Council and building up local and community relationships necessary to promote the best interest of local park users we hope we will be able to thank her publicly in the future. We are delighted to be in a strong position still as a committee and welcome two new committee members, both local residents and everyday users of the park. The list of committee members is as follows:

1. Chair: Roger Morris
2. Secretary: Cathrine Clarke
3. Treasurer: Ann Robinson



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4. Membership Secretary: Madeleine Warren
5. 'Chelle Paice
6. Peter Keeley
7. Elise Lewis
8. Philippa Welch
9. Liz Reid
10. Frank Orman
11. Alan Clark
12. Cllr John Hart
13. Cllr Val Duschinsky

Contact: Cathrine Clarke if you have comment on the committee notes or any objections.
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With your agreement we are the constituted Committee that will be meeting using virtual Zoom meetings in the coming months and acting in community interest to promote best conditions in the park and its use during lockdown and beyond.

We are keen to attract new members to the Friends of Mill Hill Park so please do make your friends and neighbours aware of our work, the minimal annual fee (administrative only) is £5 per family. Please see the attached form and the details of how to register as a member.

We welcome our new Chair of FMHP, Professor Roger Morris

I was thinking of getting involved with local Mill Hill issues again when I retired this July, and was surprised to find that 'Chelle Paice had read my thoughts and suggested I take over from Philippa Welch as Chair of the Friends of Mill Hill Park. My redoubtable mother advised "Never join a Committee you don't Chair", so I accepted. We have lived in Mill Hill since 1978, where I was a scientist at the MRC Institute on the Ridgeway (a privileged position – looking through our Institute's windows was the only place to appreciate the beauty of Mill Hill without having one's view spoiled by the Institute). Our 3 sons went to local schools, and I was a Parent Governor of Mill Hill County High School for 2 terms in the 80's-90's, and Chair of the PTA. I moved in 1995 to King's College London, and have spent the last 25 years heavily involved in central London. I look forward now to being involved in what is already a major social centre for Mill Hill and surrounding suburbs, becoming even more so in this current era of lockdowns, and the larger long-term issues posed by global warming.



In the meantime, enjoy the Park and contact us anytime with suggestions.

Cathrine Clarke
Secretary, Friends of Mill Hill Park