

Lordship Rec Spinney - Report March 2021

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The Spinney is an area to the north east of Lordship Rec. It is situated to the east of the bike track and extends up to Freedom Road. It is between the main entrance from Adams Road by the community centre and the Freedom Road entrance to the Rec.

The area has many trees the oldest of which are the white willows in the south of the Spinney.

Maintenance

TCV-The Conservation Volunteers come to work for us in the Spinney three times a year.

We maintain the Spinney and create habitats to increase the biodiversity.

We keep the two paths weed free and covered in wood chippings. We cut back brambles, nettles, docks and overhead branches. We also keep the bike track free of overhead branches and brambles. Of course there is always litter picking throughout.

Trees - We crown-lift the trees by the public path for security. We coppice trees in the thicket to encourage wildflowers and prevent overcrowding. We have laid a hedge next to the bike track. We remove saplings from the open areas. We cut down two larger trees to create the glade. A very fine Silver Maple tree was cut down by the council as it was unsafe.

Conservation - In 2012 we planted a new hedge and have been maintaining it since with pruning and mulching. We have built and maintain a number of dead hedges throughout the Spinney. We have five small open areas - the glade, the seating area, the paddock, the wetland and the beetle meadow. The wetland is virgin land which is very rare in Haringey. We preserve it by only removing saplings and invasive plants. It has its own special type of grass growing there. The glade, the beetle meadow and the paddock are for as wide a variety of flora and fauna as possible.

Habitat We have created various habitats including three beetle loggeries, several insect hotels, dead hedges and bird and bat boxes in the trees.

The future

- We need to create new seating as the old seating has decayed or been vandalised.
- We need to continue re-seeding the open areas.
- We will continue to create new habitats.
- We hope to get two information boards one at each entrance.
- We would like to thank TCV for the help given us over the years.

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See Map (Over).....

The Spinney

1. Two paths
2. Crown lifting of trees
3. Silver Maple stump
4. Glade
5. Seating area
6. First small beetle loggery
7. Small thicket
8. Bike track
9. Laid hedge
10. Big thicket
11. Paddock
12. Seven silver birch sisters
13. Virgin Wetland
14. Second small beetle loggery
15. Old white willows
16. Long beetle loggery
17. River Moselle
18. Beetle Meadow

