

Friends of Lordship Rec - Minutes 5th July 2026

Present: Dave, Sara, Joan, Alyson, Chuku **Apol's:** Catherine, Caroline, Mike, Lina, Liam, Sally

Orchard report

- The Parents and Children from the children's centre helped out at a session last Sunday. The children enjoyed doing Butterfly Hunt. Next session July 26th.

Harmony Gardens – Busy !

The Spinney and the Woodland – No updates this month.

Litterpicking.

- Our Litterpickers have been extremely busy doing extra sessions to try to cope with the extra summer activity in the park. It's been in a very bad state.
- There is borough wide concern about litter in parks. Volunteers can not compensate for the lack of paid council workers. In the past extra temps were taken on each summer.
- The council have given no indication as to how they plan to deal with it, despite lobbying.

Moselle River Report - The River group recently did a great clear up and it is looking lovely.

Pond Squad – had a good clear up / pruning session recently.

Flower and Produce Festival - The entry form leaflet has been produced. It lists all 102 categories! Also general flyer. Both being distributed. Workshops start soon / flyer to be done. Planning meetings continue.

Playground update - Work will not start before mid September at the earliest.

Front Area – New play area - Consultation is due to take place over the summer. Joan and Dave met up with Council Officer (Simone) to thrash out some of the initial options and issues.

Friends Finances – Joan and Caroline to meet to get on top of our current funding.

Picnic table near the Lake – is still in situ –waiting for removal - it's set in Concrete.

Barbeques – Our 'Use Our Park Responsibly' posters are now up on all gates/noticeboards.

Water bottle filler

- Somebody from Property Services contacted Dave to discuss the delayed installation of the new Changing Spaces unit + storage for the Hub. Delay has been caused by Property Services and Legal Dept. The aim has been to instal our Water Bottle Filler at the same time. We wait with bated breath.
- Joan, coincidentally, met an officer from the Council repairs team who said that he might be able to assist with installing our water bottle filler.

Bat walks – Our next one will be July 10th *Update - it was great - over 35 attended. The bats eventually did too!*

Wild Flower Patch outside the Hub

- Ruth and Alyson are looking for help to keep up with maintenance.
- The seed heads are left on deliberately for self-seeding plants.
- Chuku will pull out the invasive grass.

Maintenance and Repairs - Joan and Dave met with Council reps to discuss the deteriorating situation (due to years of cuts and a recruitment freeze). Trying to make some progress.

Posters on the fence/entrances – Joan has taken down several old posters. Events organisers tend to leave them up. Also generally we remove ones not about the Rec.

One of the entrance signs/map – is down. This has been reported.

Nettles etc underneath benches – needs to be cut. It's impeding use. Reminders needed

National Campaigning

- Dave is raising ideas at Haringey, London and national levels re potential protests over the chronic Government underfunding of Local Authorities and their parks services.
- MP Bambos Charalambous will meet with Joan, in the park, to discuss this issue on July 31st. *Update: Joan and Dave did walkabout with David Lammy MP after he seemed to express concerns. However, no indication the Government aims to address the ever-worsening situation.*

UCL PHD student, Paula is researching Community Resilience and Cohesion. Chuku has responded to her enquiry.

Some of the Summer Events

Sat 11th July – Street Fest at the Shell.

Sat 18th July - Albanian event at the Shell

Sat 25th July – The Hub 13th Birthday Party - At the Hub

25th July – Polish event at then Shell

26th July – Gardeners Question Time - at the Hub

2nd August - Open Shell