



Committee Report

2017 / 2018





Your Committee

Larry Herbert (Chair) - Friend of Keston Common

John Ince (Vice-chair) - Friend of Hoblingwell

John Cutting (Treasurer) - Friend of Kelsey Park

Darren Russell - Friend of Hoblingwell

Keith Rodwell - Friend of Winsford Gardens

Kari Silvester - Friend of Bromley Town Parks

Vivien Smith - Friend of Scadbury Park



Highlights (1)

- ✦ 46 Friends Groups
- ✦ 600 Active Members
- ✦ 5000 Members/Followers
- ✦ 45,000 Task Hours
- ✦ £160,000 Income Raised





Highlights (2)

- * Member meetings
- * Annual Conference
- * Support & advice to member groups
- * Assisting new Friends Groups develop
- * Ran training courses
- * Friends statistics and payment processing
- * On-going social media presence





Highlights (3)

- * On-going working relationship with *idverde*
- * Participation with the Stakeholder Panel
- * Contribution to the Biodiversity partnership
- * Assistance with Group's insurance renewal
- * Liaison with local and national scene
- * Promotion of volunteering opportunities
- * Revised Constitution



Partnerships (1)

With *idverde*:

- * Quarterly meetings
 - Green Flag support
 - Fault reporting
 - Training programme
 - Events processing
 - Central Store / library services
 - Health & Safety matters
 - GDPR



Partnerships (2)

With the Council:

- ★ Stakeholder Panel
- ★ Liaison with Environmental Services
 - Planning department
 - Tree team
- ★ Liaison with other volunteer groups
 - Street / Tree / Snow Friends
 - Allotments / Sports
- ★ Keeping abreast of developments
- ★ Change of emphasis (now low key)

Links With Other Parties

- ★ Bromley Biodiversity Partnership
 - Quarterly meetings
 - Endangered species posters
- ★ London Forum Network
 - Regular meetings
 - London National Park City
- ★ Local Colleges (volunteering opportunities)
- ★ Princes' Trust (youth volunteering)
- ★ Community Links Bromley
 - Training opportunities
 - Volunteer opportunities



The Year Ahead

- * Work with the parks management contractor and develop a good working relationship
- * Continue to help Friends Groups and support new ones
- * React to changes in Council policy/management
- * Continue to actively engage with Stakeholder Panel
- * Continue to liaise with other parties
- * Develop a training programme for 2019
- * Host six meetings / events
- * Manage our budget on a on-going basis

Training 2019

1. Leading a Work Group
2. First Aid
3. Safeguarding
4. Fundraising
5. Dead Hedge Laying
6. Live Hedge Laying
7. Small Pond Maintenance
8. Improving Biodiversity in Amenity Places
9. Reptile Surveying
10. Butterfly Surveying
11. Invasive Species Identification and Control
12. Facebook Communications / Instagram & Twitter





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