

'There are a lot of rumours flying around about the future maintenance of the Gardens. It is true that there will be a different approach due to financial pressures and the current arrangements will change later this year. However Merton Council anticipates that a similar amount of person hours will be expended in the Gardens (over the course of a year) and that the standard of care will remain high.'

Doug Napier, Leisure and Greenspaces Manager

The Friends will ensure that the Council sticks to its commitment to keep the Gardens looking good throughout the year, recognising that less gardening work is required during the winter months than in the summer

South Park Gardens retains its Green Flag Award.

We are delighted to report that South Park Gardens has retained its Green Flag status for another year. The Gardens achieved an improved score on many key areas including community involvement and sustainability. Thanks are due to our gardeners John and Robin for providing such a lovely display of flowers this year.



Coffee kiosk

The kiosk will be open for a few more afternoons and weekends but will soon be shut for the winter. We look forward to its return in the spring next year. ★ ★

Fireworks and Bonfire Party Saturday 5 November

We will again be using wristbands this year to ensure quick and safe entry and exit of attendees into the Gardens. The gates will be closed from 4pm on Saturday 5 November to help us set up, but preparations will be going on most of the day. Please take extra care and keep children away from the fenced off areas.

Christmas sale

The Friends will be selling a range of Christmas cards, wrapping paper and Christmas gifts in the Gardens on Saturday 26 November from 11am to 2pm. Do come and support us.

Check out the website: www.southparkgardens.org





Dog Watch

If you own a dog, why not sign up to Dog Watch? This scheme has been set up by the Police, Merton Priory Homes and Merton Council. It is similar to the Neighbourhood watch Scheme. Dog walkers can report useful information to make their local area cleaner and safer. Members will receive dog waste bags and regular updates.



To sign up or find out more email Mertondogwatch@met.police.uk

Art in the park

A great day was had by all participants on Saturday 17 September. Lots of lovely children's crafts were produced plus watercolours, drawings and digital photographs. Some of the results can be found on the website at www.southparkgardens.org and on Facebook.



This is a small selection of some of the lovely artwork produced by children at the Art in the Park event.

STOP PRESS ... STOP PRESS ...

South Park Gardens wins a Silver Gilt Award from the London in Bloom competition. Congratulations to John Macey and Robin Willson for their hard work on the flower and shrub beds.

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Gooseberry Bush café

The Gooseberry Bush café on Kingston Road (next to Cherry Pie Music) is open from 9am to 5pm and serves fabulous food and drinks and sells wonderful cards and gifts. It is very child and baby-friendly with a buggy park, children's menu and high chairs. Upstairs is a fitness studio and treatment rooms for ante and post natal care, baby massage. The cakes are pretty good too!

I would like to join the Friends (please tick)

I can help with events: (please tick)

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