

The South Parker



Friends of South Park Gardens

Local people working to restore, protect and improve South Park Gardens

(Registered Charity no.1097483)

April 2014

Gardeners' compound planning application decision

Planning permission was granted on 27 March for the building as proposed with the following conditions (shortened version – full details on Merton website: www.merton.gov.uk/planning - use ref 13/P2246):

- Opening hours – kiosk and community space to operate within park opening hours only.
- No cooking to take place on the premises.
- No (children's or adults') parties or playgroups.
- No music or amplified sound on premises.
- Replacement tree planting to be submitted before works start.
- Tree protection and landscaping to be confirmed and implemented.
- Details of materials/ sedum roof to be submitted and approved prior to building works
- Litter plan to be approved.
- Refuse/recycling area to be approved prior to first use of kiosk.

A timetable for the construction will now be drawn up and work will start on site once a contractor has been appointed and a timetable for construction has been agreed. We will give you more information when we know it.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 13 April at 3pm

Come along on Sunday 13 April at 3pm to take part in the Friends of South Park Gardens' annual Easter Egg Hunt. Come and find chicks, eggs, bunnies and flowers and exchange them for a bag of chocolate eggs. There will be a quiz/treasure hunt for older children and, of course, the Easter Bunny will be there! Tickets are £2 per entry voucher; first come; first served.

Annual Picnic in the Park/The Big Lunch Sunday 8th June.

We are pleased that this year's event which incorporates 'The Big Lunch', will be free! All welcome! There will be a bouncy castle, races, tug of war and the traditional

tea and cakes at 4pm. Please bring food to share and cake donations.

Holy Trinity School's Summer

Fair returns! Sat 28 June at 12noon to 4pm. Contact the school for more info. All welcome.
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Friends of South Park Gardens AGM Wednesday 30 April at 8pm Followed by Volunteers' Thank You Party – Trinity Club

This is open to all current members. The meeting will be followed by thank you drinks for everyone who has volunteered in the Gardens. The party is open to everyone who has helped FSPG in 2013/14.

Details see over.

Friends of South Park Gardens' AGM – Agenda items include:

- Annual report and accounts
Chairman's report
- Membership report
Report on Events
- Election of Officers
- Plans for the gardeners' compound
- Litter management strategy
- Maintenance plans
- FSPG investment/financial strategy
- Future events (without the CPW)

Please come and support the Friends, and have your say.

Replacement tree and railings

Following the storm a few weeks ago, which felled a mature tree in the corner of the Gardens, replacement railings have been ordered.

A replacement tree will be planted in the autumn, which is a more optimum planting season for trees. If you have any views on the type of tree you would like to see there, please contact us and let us know. We are also seeking advice from the tree officer at LB Merton.

The Friends are also in discussion with the gardening team about more new and replacement shrubs for the Gardens

Litter Management

Lids have been ordered for 2 of the existing bins to see if they will prove to be effective as a deterrent to foxes and squirrels. We are also looking at other ways with the Council of resolving the litter problems and strategies for keeping the Gardens tidy.

A recent sunny weekend highlighted the ongoing litter issues. Could we please ask for your help? If the bins are full, please could you take your litter home with you? We have also noticed that more rubbish is being left on or by benches. Please can we ask people to put this in the bins or take it home. **Thank you.**

Feedback Form

Please use this space to let us have any feedback about the Gardens.

Your contact details: Name.....Tel No:.....

Address/email:.....

Contact us via www.southparkgardens.org