



The South Parker

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Award-winning Gardens!

We are delighted that the Gardens were once again awarded the Green Flag this year and have also just won a silver gilt prize from London in Bloom. We extend our grateful thanks to Tom Kilduff and other members of the gardening team for all their hard work.



Kiosk update and volunteers for Friends' Coffees

The tender process for the kiosk is proceeding but an appointment has yet to be made. We are therefore continuing to run voluntary coffees in the Garden Room from 10am to 12noon most mornings. We would welcome more volunteers so please do get in touch if you would like to run a coffee.



Friends Fireworks – Saturday 7 November 2015 445pm

Tickets for the ever-popular Friends of South Park Gardens fireworks event go on sale on 3rd October 2015. Priority will be given to members of FSPG (paid up as of 26/9/2015). Tickets remaining by 20 October 2015 will be offered to non-members who live in the streets covered by our newsletter distribution. As we are trying to return the event to its origins as a low noise and relatively small event suitable for local families with younger children, ticket sales will be restricted to 1000 and each household will be limited to seven tickets (people). The application form can be found on the events page of www.southparkgardens.org

Hiring out the Garden Room

We are extending our trial period for hiring the Garden room until December. It is a lovely place to hold a meeting or a class! If you would like to book either half (£10 per hour) or the whole room (£18 per hour), the form and further details can be found on our website.

Condition of the paths

You may have noticed that the

paths, only installed six years ago, are deteriorating. We are communicating with the Council on this but it always helps if people write and tell us about their concerns!

Planting

We are working with the gardening team on plans to refresh the bulb planting in the circle in front of the new building and to plant the area to the side of the building at the entrance to the Gardens. If you would like to join a

gardening group and work with us on planting projects please email us!

Charity number(s)

You may have noticed that there are two charity numbers on this newsletter. This is a transitional arrangement while our new status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is formalised. The aims of the charity remain unchanged.

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Litter and litter bins

We continue to be saddened by the considerable quantity of litter that does not reach the bins! Problems were noted for example, when the primary schools gathered in the Gardens on the last day of the school year. Group gatherings also tend to generate a lot of rubbish and are becoming a bigger issue. We therefore especially ask that if you have a 'party' that you take your litter home or if the bin nearest you is full use an alternative one! We are also in discussion with the Council about options to replace the current bins with a closed top model to prevent them being emptied by the foxes and squirrels.

Friends of South Park Gardens AGM

Members please note the date of our next AGM on Wednesday 14 October at 8:00pm in the Trinity Club on Trinity Road.

DON'T FORGET: Join FSPG

If you have not joined us previously and would like to, or have forgotten to renew your membership, you can either log onto our website;

<http://www.southparkgardens.org/join-FSPG.html> , pick up a membership form from the Garden Room or use the one below. Membership only costs £5 per household and your support means we can do so much more to ensure the upkeep of our lovely Gardens for the whole community. Remember members get priority booking for select events, such as the Fireworks.

People who join between now and the end of the year will be a member until 31 December 2016.

JOIN FSPG NOW!



Friends of South Park Gardens Membership application form. £5. Complete and post to 62 Kings Road or join online at www.southparkgardens.org to join online

Adult 1 Name: _____ Adult 2 Name*: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Mobile(s): _____

Email address: 1. _____ 2. _____

Payment method (please circle): Cheque (Friends of South Park Gardens),
~~Paypal~~, Bank transfer (Lloyds 30-99-66, Acct Code: 02699067)

Would you like us to claim Gift Aid on your behalf**? Yes / No

Numbers of children in the household (This information helps us with event planning)

None _____ 0-4 yrs _____ 5-11 yrs _____ 12-16 yrs _____ 17-18 yrs _____

Would you like to be added to our volunteers list? Yes / No

If yes, would you like to volunteer in a specific area? Please circle: All events, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween, Fireworks, newsletter delivery, behind the scenes - website, publicity, committee

* The details of the second adult where relevant are needed to show the number of members.

** Gift Aid. If yes, I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), that I donate to, will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25% of tax on every £1 that I give.

Signature of taxpayer: _____

Date: _____