

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2018/2019

Friends of Bishop's Park are looking into various projects including for the Moat Garden. Suggestions so far have been:-

- Dog agility area
- Human exercise equipment
- An outside classroom

If you do have any further suggestions, please let us know, email Rowena and

Melanie: chair.bishparkfriends@gmail.com



There is a lovely app called [TiCL](#) designed by a local Putney GP, as an app for interesting things locally. However, it's being used by people interested in trees and a number of tree walks have been organised by an arborist who walked round Bishop's Park and put in the most interesting trees. Click on the link above for an overview of the app and download the app (see links below) and type in Bishop's Park. You will find a Tree Walk for Bishop's Park and a separate one for Fulham Palace. There are descriptions of the trees, the app also indicates with arrows which way to go, leading you to each tree named.

We are in the process on updating this walk with the help of the Council gardeners, any other suggestions, as ever, welcome. Or even errors in attribution of names of trees also welcome.

[Apple download](#)

[Android download](#)



DRINKING FOUNTAINS

Mayor of London's initiative to install more water drinking fountains in parks.

We are considering applying for funding for an extra drinking fountain in the park.

If anyone has been through the process already please do let us know via email thank you Rowena and Melanie chair.bishparkfriends@gmail.com



New Projects - Crowd Funding - Space Hive

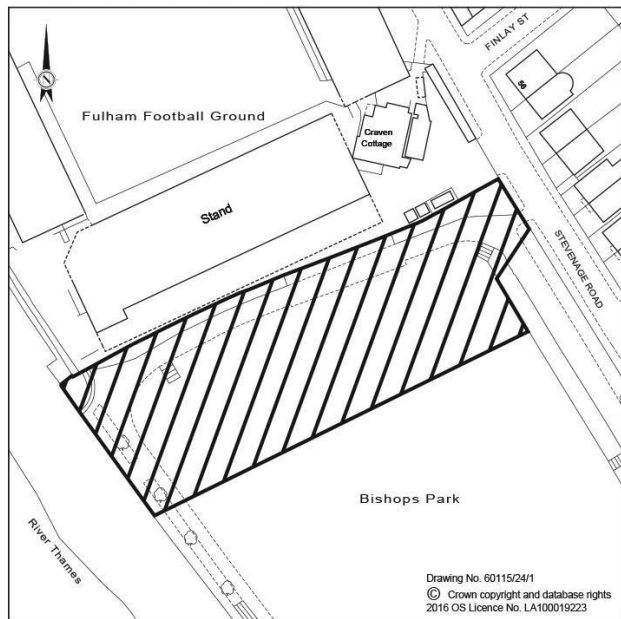
[Space Hive](#) is a new website for crowd funding. The council are prepared to add funds to monies raised by the community for various projects.



FULHAM FOOTBALL CLUB - BUILDING WORKS

Fulham Football Club are looking to start works on the stadium from around the end of March. A section of Fielders Meadow will be hived off by the contractors for the next two years (or possibly longer).

We are trying to ensure that a tap is installed to replace the one at the stadium end for dogs and filling water bottles. It is going to be a busier space with so many people, dogs and activities sharing the space.



Section of Fielder's Meadow being leased by FFC

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

If you want to do something for the park and are interested in getting your hands dirty please join us. We are going to organise regular session's mid-week beginning mid-March 2019.

If you are interested in volunteering please email Rowena and Melanie:

chair.bishparkfriends@gmail.com

We will collate a list and get back to you in the new year with dates and times.

First Gardening Session

4th March – Monday – 9.30am

Meet outside the Community Rooms (opp the café in the park, near the wc's)

Please give Melanie your mobile number so that you can receive Whatsapp updates if weather conditions are adverse!



SURVEY RESULTS

36 people out of a membership of 65 answered.

Total of people in households: Total: 87

- 9 x 1 person households
- 11 x 2 people households
- 6 x 3 people
- 6 x 4 people
- 3 x 5 people
- 0 x 6 people
- 1 x more than 6

How often do you use the park

- Once a week – 8
 - Twice a week – 3
 - Three times a week – 2
 - Four times a week – 5
 - Five times a week – 6
 - Six times a week – 4
 - Everyday - 8
- = 36

How do you use the park – tick all that apply

Walk the dog	11
Children play area	8
Sport	3
Exercise	19
Relaxation	26
Fun Run	4
Farmers Market	14
Cycling to work	8
Walking through	24

Main concerns:

Cyclists going to fast	19
State of the park	14
Dogs	7
Lighting along the river	12
State of river railings	5
Drainage	11
Anti-social behaviour	10

There were some excellent comments a number mentioning the issues with cyclist going too fast and cycling along the river path.

Dogs and dog anti-social behaviour were mentioned. More bins, addition of CCTV, the grass, lighting on the river walk, and wheelchair parking beside a bench if their partner is sitting.

We will try to address all the issues in due course.



DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The council is going to be installing defibrillators in parks throughout the borough this coming year. As part of the installation there will be some free training. Training takes about 3 hours.

Dates and times to be confirmed.

If you are interested in having training on these lifesaving machines please let us know.

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RAISING FUNDS FOR THE PARK

Friends of Bishop's Park are looking to fund the edging round the rose beds. Once we get a firm idea of costs we will let you know.



PLOGOLUTION

Join the [Plogolution!](#)

Plogolution - jogging while collecting rubbish. We are considering organizing one in the New Year. Have a look at the website and see if you are interested.



GARDENING TIPS

Ian the head gardener has given us the following top tips

1. Ensure all leaves are off the lawn.
2. Put in the last of the bulbs. To keep the squirrels away put chilli powder on the soil.
3. Don't do any pruning; it's too late wait for the spring.



SPRING CLEAN 22 March to 23 April 2019

KEEP BRITAIN TIDY

Are organising a massive British clear up between 22 March and 23 April.

To get involved sign up and receive regular updates and information.

<http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
to you all.**

**From the Committee at The Friends of
Bishop's Park.**