

Friends of Lloyd Park Newsletter

Spring 2026

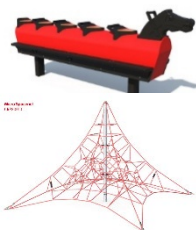
Our grant application to create a Wildflower area was successful!

We have secured a grant to establish a wildflower meadow opposite Coombe Wood School. Planting is scheduled for October, including scarifying the ground and sowing the seeds. We will also be exploring with The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) creating a hedge between the meadow and the tram tracks in late October or early November, provided the soil is suitable.



We need volunteers in August to assist with erecting a Friends of Lloyd Park shed on the Bowling Green tarmac. Additional volunteers will be needed in October to help scatter and tread in the wildflower seeds for the new meadow. If you are able to support either activity, please complete our spring survey by clicking on or scanning the QR Code on the next page.

Playground improvements should be happening soon.



The council are expecting their suppliers to confirm the delivery dates for both the rocking horse and the tall climber replacement for the playground in the near future and are anticipating this will be sometime between the end of March and the end of May.

Bowling Green and the London Tree Ring

Plans are being discussed to create a new tree nursery in the former Bowling Green, working with CPRE London's Tree Ring project (The countryside charity) to nurture young saplings. The conceptual layout below gives an impression of how this space could be transformed. This is an outcome that our members have previously expressed their strong support for.



Click or scan this QR Code for our survey.



Croydon Council support this objective. [The London Tree Ring](#) are providing expertise and growing the saplings and [Grow Wild](#) will be providing the manpower for much of the implementation. We also anticipate [Mrs Burney's Bee Club](#) will introduce several bee hives into the project and use the area to teach people about bees and how to care for them from time to time.

Funding is yet to be organised and we have identified grants that we intend to apply for. Initially this will get this project started, with further funding rounds required to complete the work. We haven't yet concluded how the plan will deal with the existing buildings which are rather delapidated.

All this is still at the planning stage and it would be helpful to know if our members support this approach and how many people might be able to volunteer occasionally to help make this achievable. Please complete our spring survey by clicking on or scanning the QR code next to the conceptual layout above.

Finance Update

Thank you to all of those of you who have contributed their membership donations so far in 2026.

We have almost raised the money we need to support our modest operating costs, but we do need to do better otherwise we will eventually run out of funds. The grant for the wildflower meadow covers about 80% of those costs, which is fair because we applied for the grant anticipating we would contribute ourselves. However, at least for now, this will lead to a faster depletion of our funds.

Our membership donations are voluntary and suggested at £5 per year per household, or e-mail address. Although some that can, do give more. But nevertheless, if money is tight, we would prefer to have you as a member expressing your views about the future of Lloyd Park, even without your donation, which is why we keep the donation as a voluntary contribution.



Membership and other donations can be made to our bank account as follows:

Account Name: FRIENDS OF LLOYD PARK CROYDON

Sort Code: 30-98-90

Account Number: 18472268

Membership

If you are not already a registered member, it is easy to join. Simply email info@friendsoflloydpark.com and let us know. We will add you to our mailing list so that you receive our quarterly newsletter and an invitation to participate in our AGM.