



**Friends of
North Sheen
Recreation Ground**



North Sheen Recreation Ground 2016 Annual General Meeting and Future Vision

8th September 2016



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Activities for children
WW1 local history exhibition
Dog Show
Free Entry - all welcome!



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North Sheen Recreation Ground 2016 Annual General Meeting and Future Vision

- Introduction and welcome
- Overall Vision for the future of NSRG
- 2016 Reports and Future Vision
 - Events
 - Playgrounds
 - Sports
 - Environment
 - Dog Walking
 - Communications
 - Friends Organisation
- Any other business

Rapid feedback as we go,
please!

*Report / Vision document will
be on website – feedback on
the Vision possible via email
until end Sept 2016; we will
then discuss and agree our
Vision with Richmond Council*



North Sheen Recreation Ground 2016 Annual General Meeting and Future Vision

*Volunteers are needed to help
create our Vision for the Rec –
even if only for a couple of
hours on a single specific task.
Please think about how you
could help and sign up for a
flexible couple of hours!*



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Our Vision for North Sheen Recreation Ground

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Overall Vision



Multi-use =

answering the varying needs of different user groups, e.g. children, teenagers, adults, footballers, players of basketball /table tennis dog-walkers and café-goers; no single user group dominating usage to the detriment of others; using feedback from Rec user survey

Local =

appealing to users in the local vicinity; users arriving on foot; not seeking users from further afield (apart from sports fixtures)

**To be an excellent
multi-use local park we
are all proud of,
playing a positive role
for local users and the
environment**

Environment =

positive, visible role for flowers and trees, enhancing the Rec's stress-busting qualities and supporting habitats for bees, butterflies and birds

Excellent =

as good, if not better than the best multi-use local parks (evaluated by Richmond Council user satisfaction surveys)

Playing a positive role =

being an uplifting place to visit – improving the quality of local users' lives; being good neighbours to those who live near the Rec

We are all proud of =

we all enjoy visiting the Rec and want to keep it as good as it can be



2016: Events



Queen's 90th birthday picnic



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QUEEN QUIZ

1. Where was Queen Elizabeth II born?
 - a) At her grandfather's house in Mayfair, L
 - b) Buckingham Palace
 - c) Windsor Castle
2. What word did Winston Churchill use to describe Elizabeth aged two?
 - a) A nightmare
 - b) A character
 - c) A darling

Events Champion: Anna Gilbert

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Invite you to join us for an
Easter Treasure Hunt
At North Sheen Recreation Ground
Monday 28th March 11am

- 🔥 Free entry
- 🗺️ Treasure Maps can be collected outside the café from 11am
- 👥 There is a maximum 40 participants
Get there on time so that you don't miss out!
- 👨👩 Parent/Carer supervision required at all times

A prize treat will be presented for completed maps

Thank you to our generous sponsors, Sutcliffe Play



Katy, Anna and Sue at
Easter Egg Hunt in new
playgrounds



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Vison: Events



Major Event =

- Event with over 50 attendees going through Richmond Events process
- Broad appeal to all age / interest groups
- Example: FWW Commemoration Family Day
- Avoiding competing (timing etc) with other local events
- Co-ordinating with any Richmond Council events e.g. Mini-Fest
- Obtaining relevant sponsorship

Events to act as a focus for our activities, local awareness and Friend recruitment – 1 major event every 2 years; minor event 1 per year

Idea for 2017 Event: Rec Tree-Fest

- Celebrating the stories behind the trees in the Rec
- Family Activities related to trees, wood, wildlife e.g. building birdboxes
- Launch guided tree walks

Minor Event =

- Event with under 50 attendees
- More focused appeal with particular groups
- Example: Easter Egg Hunt in playgrounds
- Obtaining relevant sponsorship

All Events

- Free entry / voluntary contributions only (unless exceptional need to charge for specific activity)
- Promote all Friends activities in sport, playgrounds, environment, etc
- Recruit new Friends

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2016: Playgrounds

Consultation



North Sheen Rec Play Areas – Playground Review

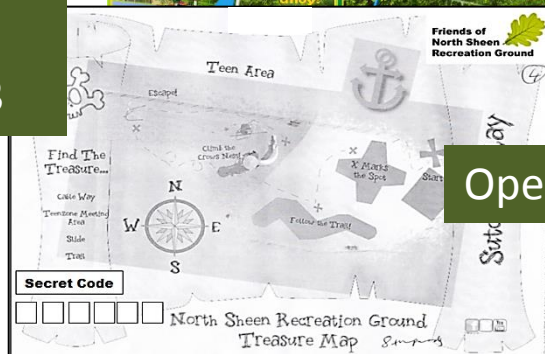
We are keen to hear the views of both children and parents on how we can ensure that the North Sheen Rec Play Areas meet local needs. Please return your completed questionnaire by **29 November 2014**. All the information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence in line with the guidelines of the Data Protection Act 2010 and will not be used to identify you personally. It will only be used for the purposes of this survey.



Playgrounds official opening

Richmond Council
Budget:
£86,783

Plan



Opening Event: Easter Egg Hunt



Drinking Fountain
(obtained by
Friends Group
free of charge)



NSRG Juniors water play



NSRG Juniors all-ability roundabout



NSRG Seniors tunnel chute



Excellent new
café opened in
July 2016 – much
appreciated



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Vision: Playgrounds



Junior Playground

Including:

- equipment for under-3s
- equipment for disabled children
- paddling pool - lining to be renewed in next financial year (?timing to be finalised) – capable of being used for 3+ months without gaps of more than 1 day

Encouraging:

- Imaginative play
- Agility
- Co-operation
- Activity

Encouraging play for all children that is active, fun, safe, inclusive, social ; with paddling pool

Playground ancillaries

- Include benches for parents
- Increased number of rubbish bins in Junior playground
- Fenced off with gates
- No dogs, no smoking
- Drinking fountain (sited on Pavilion wall)

Senior Playground

More challenging equipment including:

- Zip wire
- Climbing wall
- Tunnel slide
- Balance log trail
- Spidernet
- Swings

Café

- Good quality fresh food
- Friendly staff
- Open 7 days a week
- Co-operating with Friends Group



Vision: Sports / Fitness



Sport Champion: volunteer wanted!

Sports activities - current

- Table tennis (bats / balls available in café)
- Basketball hoop
- Football via Kew Park Rangers
- Informal ball games / other sport usage

Encouraging informal / free-to-access sport and fitness activities including outdoor gym

Sports activities - planned Outdoor Gym – 2017

- 95% grant from London Marathon Trust
- Sited in Senior playground (fenced off)
- On grass with matting
- 45 potential users from Friends members
- Subject to successful consultation and grant application
- Will need on-going activation plan and volunteers to encourage usage



Get Active!

Outdoor Gym at the Rec

- ▶ Free to use
- ▶ Available 365
- ▶ Help to get started
- ▶ Targeting people with low fitness / activity

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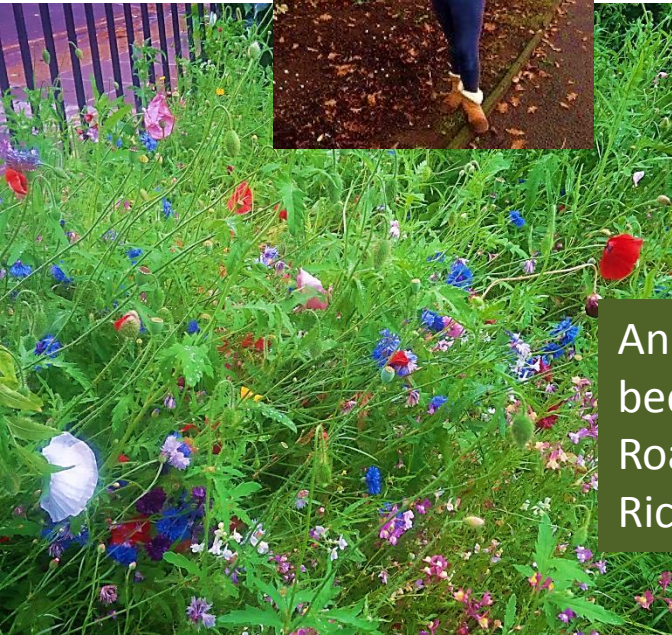


2016: Environment

Environment Champion: Peter Hart



Bulbs were obtained free from the Metropolitan Public Gardens Assn / Taylors Bulbs of Holbeach and were planted by Friends volunteers – MANY THANKS!



Annual wildflower bed sown on North Road border by Richmond Council



FWW memorial wildflower bed sown by Richmond Council



2016: Environment



From 98 trees in the Rec, 12 trees were removed in 2015 / 16:

- 1 died of old age (Crab apple #38)
- 3 removed due to disease (Hornbeams #67 + #68 and Cherry #25)
- 6 died due to trimmer and / or dog damage to bark
- 2 hollies in North Rd border removed to make way for flowers

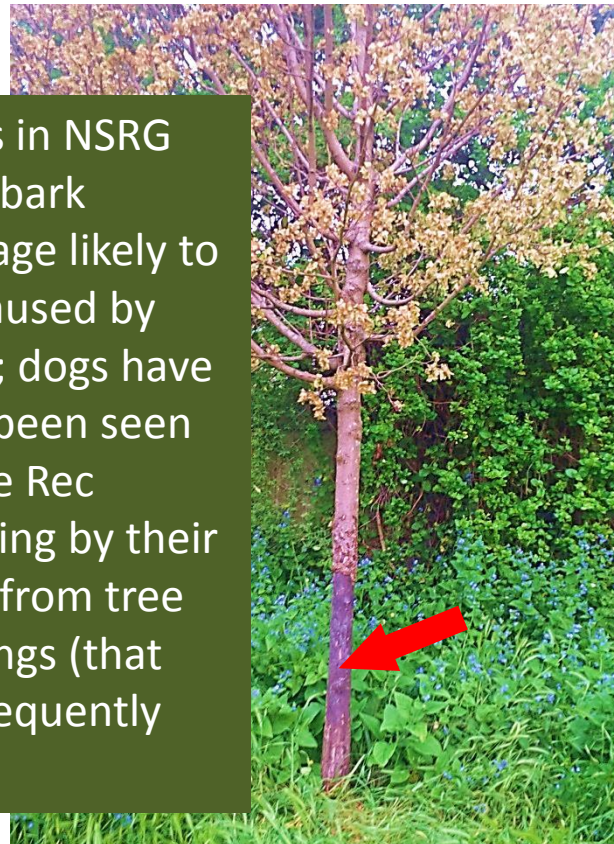


Tree in NSRG with
bracket fungus

Old Crab apple in
NSRG that died



Trees in NSRG
with bark
damage likely to
be caused by
dogs; dogs have
also been seen
in the Rec
hanging by their
jaws from tree
saplings (that
subsequently
died)



Tree in NSRG with
signs of trimmer
damage





2016: Environment



Tree Inspection July 2016: TOTAL: 98

20 Holly
9 Acer platanoides (Norway Maple / Sycamore)
5 Acer campestre (Field Maple / Sycamore)
2 Acer negundo (Ash Leaf Maple)
13 Prunus (Cherry)
9 Lime
7 Sorbus (Rowan)
7 Ash (including 1 Weeping Ash)
5 Oak (including 1 Turkey Oak)
4 Horse Chestnut (including 2 Indian Horse Chestnut)
4 Hornbeam
2 Crab Apple
2 Silver Birch
2 Laburnam
1 each of Lilac, Yew, Acacia, Sweet Chestnut, Elder, Hawthorn

**Tree Inspection
with Richmond
Council 's
Arboriculture
Manager ,
Craig Ruddick ,
Peter and Sue**



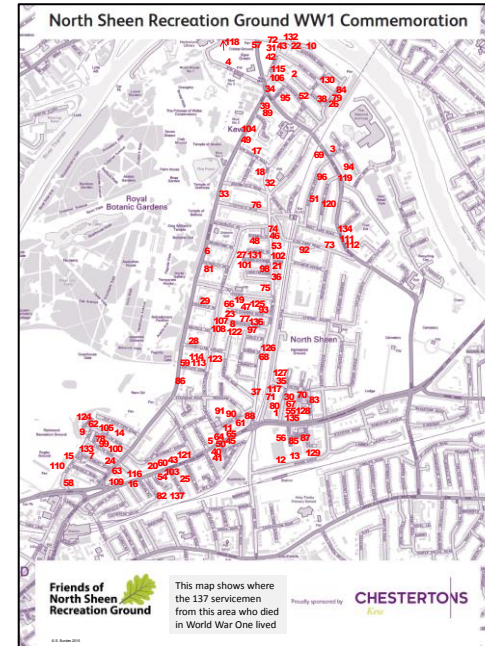
**Peter fixes an
Ash Dieback
reference
number to one
of the Rec's Ash
trees – part of a
national
campaign to
fight Ash
Dieback disease**



2016: Environment



WW1 Remembrance bench – obtained by Friends Group with Civic Pride grant



Map showing where the 137 WW1 servicemen who died in WW1 lived – on display in the Pavilion and on Friends' website





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Vision: Environment



Trees

- Sustaining the current tree population: 98 @ July16
- Ensuring diversity and wildlife habitats
- Mainly located on Rec edges

Improved paths to reduce puddles

Positive, visible role for flowers and trees, supporting butterflies, bees, birds and other wildlife; promoting this via education

Tree Planting Plans for Autumn 16: (to be agreed)

- Fruiting trees for N.W. Corner
- 2-3 Sorbus for Marksbury entry
- New trees to have cage protection from strimmers/ dogs

Wildlife

- Record butterfly, bee, bird and other wildlife species
- Install bird nesting boxes
- Encourage habitats

Flowers

- Have a definite positive effect on how uplifting the Rec is for users
- Encourage engagement with our environment
- Provide food for bees, birds, butterflies, etc

Flower Planting Plans Autumn 16 (*timing TBC*)

- Perennial flowers by North Rd entrance
- *Flowering shrubs by Darell Rd entrance*
- *Flowering shrubs by Marksbury Ave entrance*
- Bulbs by Dancer Rd entrance, S.E. corner and daffodils in grass margins (to be planted by Friends)
- Keep FWW memorial poppy flowerbed

Education for local school children + other user groups

- Themed walks on trees /wildlife; all trees labelled
- Leaflets / info available via café + website



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Vision: Dog Walking



Dog Walkers Champion: Pam Ibrahima

Responsible dog-walkers

Complying with Richmond Council's "Responsible Dog Ownership" leaflet:

- Picking up after their dog
- Complying with dog-free areas (i.e. the playgrounds)
- Increasing awareness of this leaflet with activities / display



Encouraging responsible dog-walkers to enjoy the Rec in harmony with other Rec users

responsible **DOG OWNERSHIP**



The Rec Dog Club



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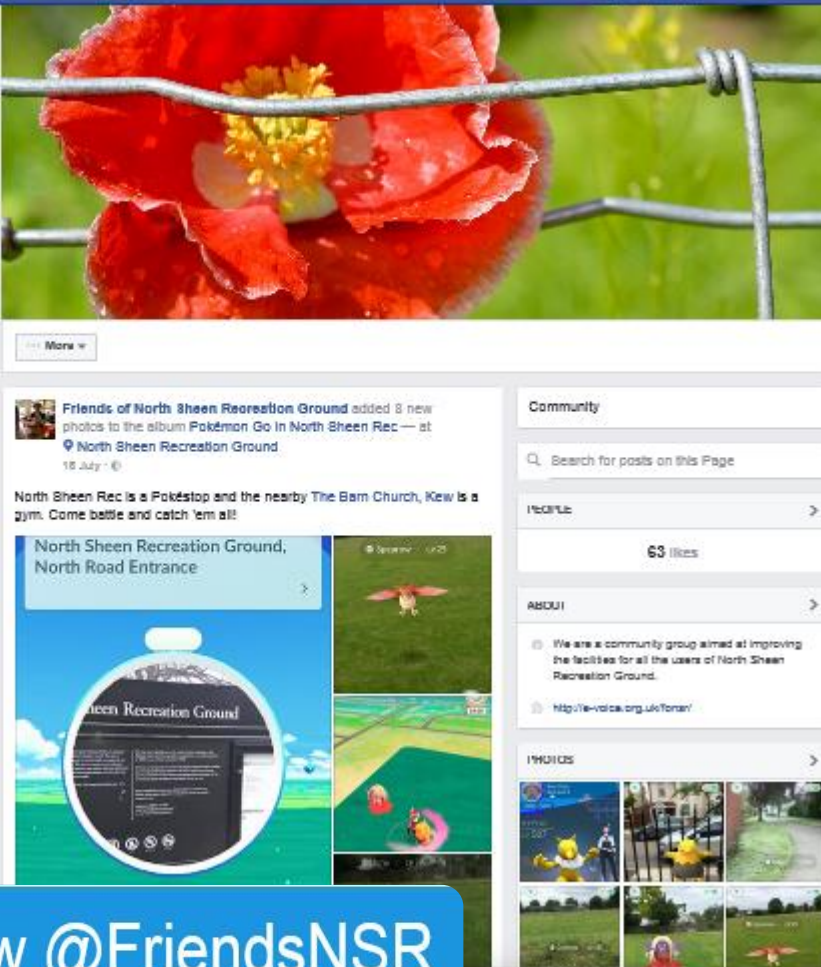
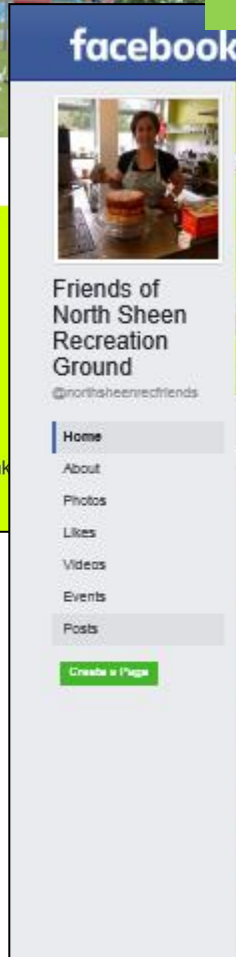
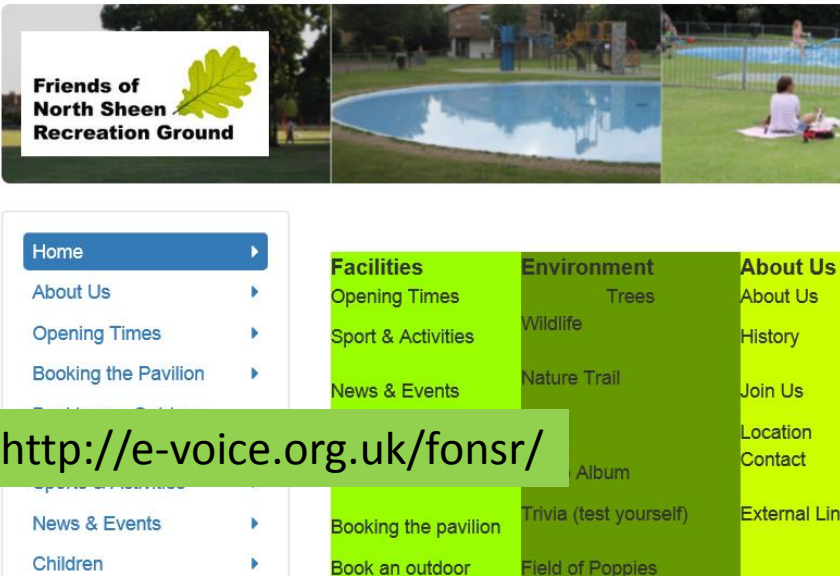
Enjoy the Rec

- Form a Rec dog-owners club
- Run a Rec dog-show (in conjunction with Friends' event in Summer 2017)
- Start / link with existing activities for dog-owners, as required e.g. puppy-training classes
- Always have water available for dogs to drink – thanks to the café for doing this!





Communications Champion: Ruth Gledhill



"I did want to thank you for keeping the newsletters coming and for keeping abreast on what is going on. It makes a big difference to feel that someone is keeping an eye on things and I'm sure that it encourages others to take part."



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Vision: Communications



Transparency of operation

- Constitution and minutes published on Friends' website
- Friends' details only used for Friends organisation purposes

Transparency of operation via inclusive communications with Friends and other local organisations

Inclusive Communications

- Website
- Email
- Facebook Page
- Twitter account
- Notices on the Rec gates
- Friends' noticeboard in café and in Rec
- Local magazines
- Target is primarily local users living in immediate vicinity of the Rec

Other local organisations - finding out what they want from the Rec / how we could work together

- Darell School
- Other schools as appropriate
- Café (NB café lease is managed by Richmond Council)
- Kew Park Rangers
- Kew Gardens
- Kew Society / Kew TW9
- SWLEN / other local parks
- Other organisations + sponsors

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South Street
COFFEE & ICE CREAM SHOP



Kew
ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

THE
KEW
SOCIETY
We Care about Kew



KEW TW9



South West London
Environment Network





2016: Friends Organisation



Katy + Sue recruiting for new members at the Barn Church Fete in July

Chair: Sue Burden
Treasurer: Anna Gilbert
Secretary: Katy Robins
Membership Champion: Michael Fletcher

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Friends in 2014

"Unfortunately I can't come on Thursday but I wanted to congratulate you and the group for getting things done in the Rec"

92

Friends in 2016



2016: Friends Organisation



Income and Expenditure 2015-2016

FONSR Income and expenditure 2015-2016

Opening Balance 1/9/15 £3329.99

INCOME

Date	£	Details
		Chestertons payment for
05/10/2015	£ 160.00	advertising boards
		Income from Barn
11/08/2016	£ 16.00	Church Fair

£ 176.00 TOTAL INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Date	£	Details
		Payment to Martin Durman, Gardener, for planting daffs at north end of Rec
08/12/2015	£ 40.00	Streetmaster
17/02/2016	£ 1,150.20	Commemorative Bench
		Reinburse Sue Burden for materials for WW1 Map and
05/05/2016	£ 103.47	FONSR Noticeboard

£ 1,293.67 TOTAL EXPENDITURE

account balance as at statement date 19/8/16 is £2213.32 2213.32

Refund due to Civic Pride LBRUT 1793.32 1793.32

Uncommitted funds as at 29/8/16 419.99



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Vision: Friends Organisation



Organisation

- With a published constitution that details Friends':
 - Objectives + Scope
 - Committee elections
 - Conditions of membership

Catalyst

- Not actually running the Rec (that is the responsibility of Richmond Council), but seeking to represent users' views on future developments and improvements

Inclusive organisation
that acts as a catalyst
working with Richmond
Council to achieve our
Vision for the Rec

Working together with Richmond Council

- Aiming to improve communications with Richmond Council
- Suggesting and participating in plans for future improvements

Inclusive

- Free membership
- All Rec users can become a member, subject to Friends Constitution
- Expanding membership; particularly more active members willing to join in events etc
- Working with sub-groups – a Champion in each area reporting back to the Committee

Friends' Vision

- Based on survey of users' views (as conducted in 2013 – to be repeated approx every 3 years)



Many thanks for your participation

**The 2016 Report / Vision will be circulated
and posted on the Friends Website:
<http://e-voice.org.uk/fonsr>**

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