

BARN HILL CONSERVATION GROUP
(Registered Charity No.1085476)
Annual report: 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012

We have been kept busy again this year, with a full programme in Fryent Country Park (1 morning lost to snow again) and Roe Green Walled Garden.

The *Walled Garden* received a Green Flag Community Award (formerly Green Pennant) for the 8th consecutive year. We were also judged to be Thriving in the It's Your Neighbourhood awards for the 2nd year running. We held 3 Open Days during the year, and 8 children's events. Some 773 workdays were spent on a range of projects, including the replacement of the rose pergola in the formal area, the refurbishment of the old BHCG bed – now full of colourful roses and bedding plants, and the removal of a substantial amount of clutter from the barn and the back yard. We have also added an attractive birdbath (in the old BHCG bed) and a sundial (on the lawn in front of the large rose bed). Some of these improvements would not have been possible without the generous donations mentioned in the previous annual report.

The *Country Park* was awarded a Green Flag for the 2nd year running. We planted another 202 trees. In September, we once again welcomed a large contingent of Sewa Day volunteers for a hard morning's work in various parts of the park. We have also benefited from working parties of young people organised by London Wildlife Trust under the Earn Your Travel Back Scheme. In addition to the regular cycle of maintenance work (path clearance, cutting down of blackthorn, etc.) we made good progress on two major projects – the improvement of the acid grassland areas and the integration of Mason's Field into the main parkland. We put in some 185 workdays over the year.

Debbie Pledge's *moth trapping* produced 67 new species in 2011, with the cumulative list standing at 222 at the end of December.

Well done, everyone!

John Barrington (Chairman)