

# BARN HILL CONSERVATION GROUP

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## 'Keeping in Touch'

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Please Note - our new web site address is [www.bhcg.btck.co.uk](http://www.bhcg.btck.co.uk). Also for Fryent Country Park, see [www.brent.gov.uk/parks](http://www.brent.gov.uk/parks)

Good news for Fryent Country Park and Roe Green Walled Garden. Both have been awarded the Green Flag. They had to show they were welcoming, clean and well maintained, were run in a sustainable manner showing biodiversity and community involvement. The judges remarks were very praiseworthy. Regarding the garden they said 'this garden is an excellent example and an asset to the borough and the community'

The newt club for children has continued to meet throughout the summer months and the children have planted vegetables and sunflowers, made collages and used grasses from Fryent Country Park to decorate the top of a coffee table made by Geoff.

On a brilliant Saturday in June we took part in the London Garden Squares Open day when we welcomed many visitors from different parts of London, who were impressed by the garden and the delicious refreshments made and served by Vrinda and her team. The plant stall was very popular and our thanks to Maureen for growing and supplying most of the plants.

The children of the newt club ran and managed the toy tent. Thanks to all who helped.

*Kim*



An August day at Roe Green Walled Garden

### **Fryent Country Park**

Our Sunday projects at the Park have continued with our loyal Sunday team. We have managed the glades, meadows and paths of the Park, checked our newly planted trees, and constructed dead hedges to create habitats. During July the organic hay was harvested from the meadows and made a very rural scene with the Wembley stadium arch as a background. The surveys have continued on birds, frogs, hay meadows, butterflies and moths. A new species – the grass vetchling was identified in the hay meadows. A Silver Washed Fritillary - a new butterfly for the Park - was also identified.

Our special thanks to our dedicated recorders and to Simon and Michael for organizing the tool collection (and the tea) each week.

*Kim*

### **A New Volunteer**

The Roe Green Walled garden is, for me, a spot of inspiration in the middle of busy Kingsbury. It is a place of work and learning, rest and relaxation, somewhere that the whole family can enjoy. It's also a lot of fun.

When I first came to visit the garden I was told by one of the members of the Group "If you are a bit eccentric, you are in the right place." It took me back a bit, but I now know what they meant - and I feel like I fit right in! People here are totally focused on environmental issues and recycling. They give up a fair share of their time to keep the garden in order.

Our garden is organic and it is difficult to keep it up during the growing season. We desperately need more volunteers, especially for weeding and keeping the garden tidy. Although it seems dull, weeding can actually be fun I find it rather addictive.

*Anju*

### **Moth Trap at the Walled Garden**

We have purchased a Moth Trap with help from the Lottery Fund, and it will be used for demonstrations and educational purposes. It was used one evening in August to demonstrate the way moths are identified. While we were there three hedgehogs were observed walking across the lawn, and a bat was seen. We are planning to demonstrate the Moth Trap at our next Open Day in September.

We have continued the moth count at Fryent Country Park – our moth count has now reached 200 different species.

*Bernard*

### **Visitors to the Garden**

On a sunny day in August a group of visitors were invited to the Garden from the Wembley Arts Society. 13 artists came in total armed with their sketch pads, paint boxes, pencils and brushes and they each selected their individual vantage points. They had a very successful day and were surprised to discover such an interesting and varied garden. If any budding artist is interested in joining their Society, they meet on Fridays 10.00 – 12.00 at the Church of the Ascension, The Avenue, Wembley.

*Mireille*

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We are open at Roe Green Walled Garden Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2pm. Sundays we are out in Fryent Country Park from 10 am to 12.30 pm carrying out conservation project work. Our new programme of projects will start again in September. Please see the web site below for details, or telephone the Garden. Feel free to join us in our conservation projects at Fryent Country Park or Roe Green Walled Garden. Training and Refreshments are provided. A free Green Gym at your disposal!

We are now collecting old pottery garden pots and would appreciate any you no longer want. We also collect scrap metal such as copper, brass, aluminium, including aluminium cans

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

September Open Day at Roe Green Walled Garden: Saturday 17 September 11am to 4pm  
Come and see the garden in late summer. We will have delicious refreshments, books and toys, household goods and plants for sale

Date for Newt Club for children 5-12 yrs approx: Saturday 10 September starting at 12.30 pm

Contact numbers: Garden 0208 206 0492 (answerphone if we are unable to answer)  
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