

# Would you like to help plant a beautiful flowering meadow ?

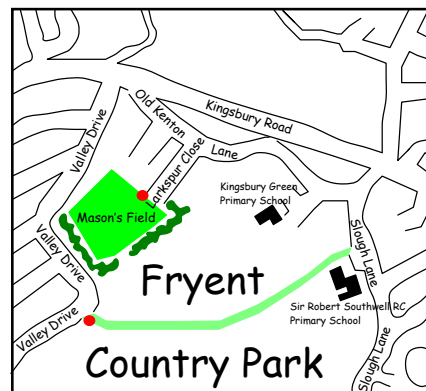


Cuckoo Flower

Photo by David McClements

## We need conservation volunteers..

We are planting over a thousand wild flowers on Sunday morning the 27th of October from 10 am to 12.30 pm. Come along and help transform Mason's Field. Entrance to the field via Larkspur Close or Valley Drive .....coffee and biscuits will be provided !



Supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Brent Council and Barn Hill Conservation Group.

For more information on this community initiative please turn over.

## Mason's Field Update

As a result of steady work over the last few years, in September of this year Mason's Field was finally granted status as a nature reserve. This protects wildlife habitats. Professional environmentalists and volunteer conservationists from the community, have in partnership, worked hard to help achieve this status.....

**Meadow Restoration** : This year saw the harvesting of hay. This is part of a process which will promote healthy plant growth. This in turn will encourage a greater diversity of plants, insects, butterflies, birds and small mammals.

**Local volunteers** have sown a variety of wild grasses and flowers. This process is continuing.

**A study day** on the ecology of the meadow was provided by experts for the local community in September.

**Heritage Restoration** : Work continues by volunteers to free-up Green Lane from the clutches of blackberry and blackthorn. This ancient trackway is at least 500 years old and may well go back to Saxon times !

**Orchard Creation** : More young fruit trees have been planted and this fledgling orchard is being carefully managed by local volunteers throughout the year.

**Wetland Creation** : Traditionally meadows have boggy areas and we will create a small one which will encourage the growth of wetland plants and attract frogs and dragonflies.

**Habitat Construction** : Six bird and five bat boxes have already been installed and more are on the way.

**Site Improvements** ; A new gate and entrance has been installed at Larkspur Close with the addition of noticeboards and interpretative panels.

A ramp was excavated making access into Fryent Country Park much easier and integrating Mason's field into the larger nature reserve.

**Rubbish and eyesore clearance** :Volunteers have collected 78 bags of rubbish and an assortment of larger items which have been removed by Brent council.

**Be part of this community initiative and help transform Mason's Field into a stunning wildflower meadow by joining us on Sunday the 27th October anytime between 10 am - 12.30 pm. Entrance to the Field from Larkspur Close or Valley Drive.**

If you would like to be more involved in conservation in your local area please contact Barn Hill Conservation Group on 0208 206 0492 or visit us at Roe Green Walled Garden in Roe Green Park. We are open, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 am - 2.30 pm.

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