



Become a
Friend today
and help us
Make a real
difference to
Brook Green

free
to join

www.friendsofbrookgreen.org

We have an amazing community – small, friendly, safe and very close to central London. Everyone who knows it says Brook Green has a unique village feel and at the heart of it is the Green, offering so much, to so many. From toddlers to teenagers, office workers to dog walkers, tennis stars to nature lovers – it has a little something for everyone and not surprisingly is extremely popular. Did you know that at only one eighth of the size of Ravenscourt Park or Bishops Park, Brook Green is the third most visited park in Hammersmith & Fulham?



Who are we?

The Friends of Brook Green is a registered charity (no. 1135762) set up and run by local volunteers as an independent community group recognised by Hammersmith & Fulham Council.

We recently merged with the Brook Green Association (BGA) to create a stronger organisation that better represents the community's interests in preserving, protecting and improving the Green for the enjoyment of residents and users alike.

As a voluntary group we believe that by taking greater ownership of the decisions influencing our environment, we can improve not just the Green, but also the quality of life of those who live locally and use its facilities.

**The more friends we have
the more we can achieve.**

www.friendsofbrookgreen.org

The Green needs our help

The Green is struggling to cope with the intensity of demands users place on it. H&F Council doesn't have the money or resources to maintain it, let alone to improve it.

As a result the Green is showing signs of decline everywhere:

- The toilets are broken and have been for over 12 months
- The playground is being patched up time and again
- Tree roots are damaging the tennis courts
- Fences are broken and vandalised
- Grass areas have been deteriorating
- The 'kick-about' grass area had to be closed for 18 months to recover

Unless we supplement the H&F Council's resources and take greater responsibility for it ourselves, we are not going to get the Green our community wants and deserves!

Brook Green Day
Saturday 15th
September 2012
Fun family fair
with music, food,
rides and more

The Friends are making a difference

As a small team of active volunteers, we are working hard on a broad range of areas that affect our quality of life.

Achievements since 2010

- Establishing a consensus for how we would like the Green to be
- Reopening the 'kick-about' grass area with a bigger maintenance grant
- Silver Park Award for falling crime levels
- Organising events like Brook Green Day fair
- Holding the Council to account and influencing how funding is spent
- £300,000 of donations and commitments secured already to upgrade the Green

Improvements planned 2012/13

- Renewal and expansion of the playground
- New pavilion with toilets, kiosk and tennis office – funding permitting
- Deliver new 'club quality' tennis courts operated and maintained by the Friends – funding permitting
- Install better fencing, lighting and security
- Improve drainage and reseeded of grass areas
- Reclaim the tarmac areas south of the tennis courts as a green area

A funding gap of £60,000 remains

These improvements planned for the Green will cost £485,000. We are working hard to secure additional funding to close this gap. However, we still need to raise at least £60,000 from the community to deliver these valuable improvements in 2012/13.

Now we need your help

1. Become a Friend today

Free to join

It's free and all we need is your name and email address. We email you a monthly newsletter with all the latest news and events happening in and around Brook Green.

www.friendsofbrookgreen.org

Why not join us on Facebook too.

www.facebook.com/friendsofbrookgreen

2. Make a donation

We are appealing to the whole community who use the Green. Please make a contribution towards protecting and improving it, as we need to raise at least £60,000 to reach our target.

www.friendsofbrookgreen.org/donate

3. Get involved

Want to share your ideas or have your say? Help with fundraising? Become a volunteer on Brook Green Day? Or maybe you can help in another way? Email us, we'd love to hear from you:

hello@friendsofbrookgreen.org