NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019 The Friends of

Woodcock Park





WE ARE THE CUSTODIANS OF THE PARK

Over the past few years, the friends of Woodcock Park have been successful in securing many improvements in our Park. We have fought successfully for the removal of dead and ageing trees and shrubs and the planting of replacements and most importantly the cleaning of Wealdstone Brook which not too long ago, was a danger to health.

This is all against a background of a local authority which, due to budgetry considerations, is resistant to spending money on parks.

We have much to do _but we are on our way



We Love the **New Play Area**

After we warned the Council about the poor quality and

dangers of the previous play area, A brand new expanded playground of much better materials. was officially opened in October 2018, by the Deputy Mayor of Brent Council, to a greeting by choirs from Mount. Stewart and **Uxenden Schools**

We Love the New Shrubs and flowers





DUCKS RETURN TO WEALDSTONE BROOK



A sure sign that the health of the Wealdstone Brook is returning to something like acceptable is that ducks have re appeared in the brook after five years. At one time there were fishes there, but the abuse by flytippers as well as sewage misconnections, killed off any water plants and marine life that was there. We have had the help and support of Thames Water who gave us the plants and cleared the banks, as well as advice from water specialists and a series of experts advising us how to bring the brook back to a decent non smelling public benefit. Ducks and other water birds are returning but the brook is not yet suitable for fish for a number of

reasons. We need to make the water safe to return fishes and we need Water Margin plants

We have had visits from the London Wildlife Trust to advise us. This is not helped by selfish individuals who are still dumping rubbish in the water.



THE CREATION OF "MEADOW LAND"

Regarding a "meadow area" we are still talking to Brent Council, trying to get it to use the Soggy ground on the Woodgrange side of the park to create a Water Meadow, which will help stablise the ground.

THE END OF SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

THE AGM OF THE FRIENDS OF WOODCOCK PARK The AGM of the Friends of Woodcock Park will be held on Tuesday, 23 April. at 8.00 pm at. The Harrow District Masonic Centre. **Northwick Circle.** (Non Members Welcome)

The area by the synagogue at the end of Shaftesbury Avenue has been cleared and replanted. Compared with the previous tangle and mess, this is a great improvement. When the grass grows back, this is how it will look.



BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF WOODCOCK PARK

	Name & Address,
	Tel No. and Email address(Not obligatory)
	FAMILY MEMBERSHIP ONLY £7.00 PER YEAR
•	To all current members - Is your membership up-to-date? All correspondence to:-



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Cheques to be made to 'friends of Woodcock Park

FRIENDS OF **WOODCOCK PARK**

"Our aim is to conserve, enhance and promote Woodcock Park for the benefit of all people, wildlife and flora and fauna. We want to greatly increase the safetu of all park users from small children to the elderly and disabled and encourage the local community to take an interest in the protection, upkeep and enjoyment of the park."