



Headstone Manor Park

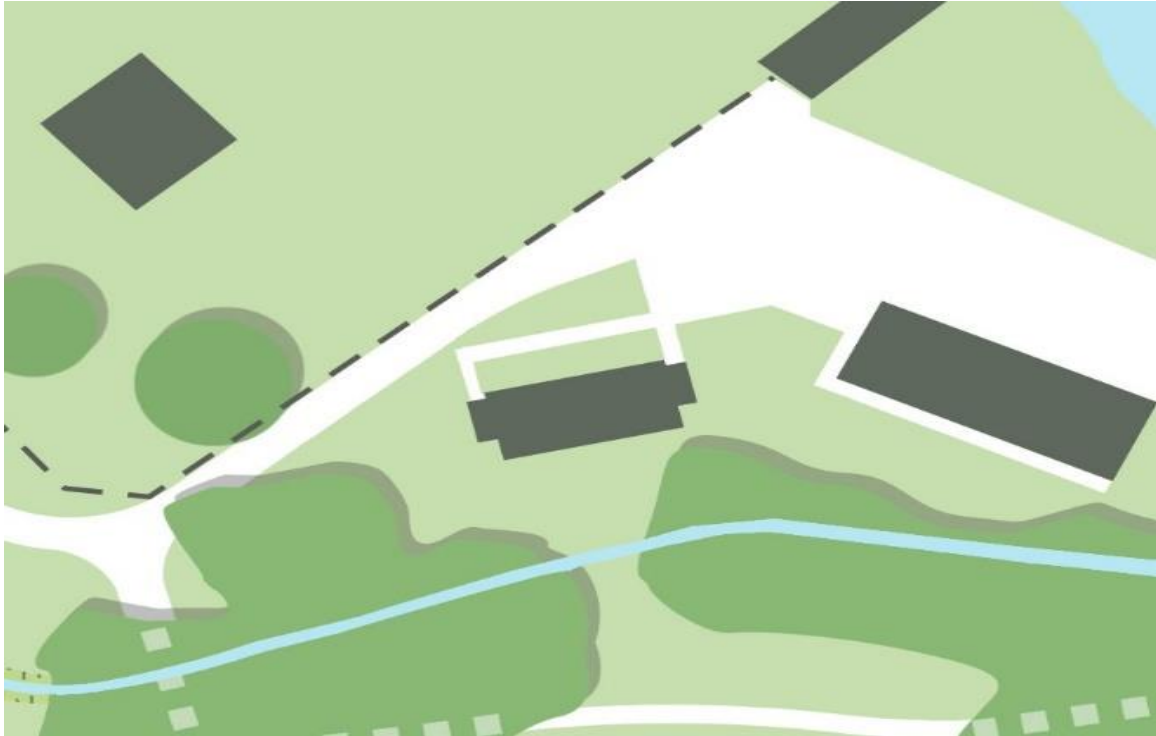
REWILDING / NATURALISATION

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This document has been produced as a supplementary document to be read in conjunction with the Management & Maintenance Plan works to be undertaken by the Friends of Headstone Manor Park

Area – 1 (Maureen Smith Wildflower Garden)

Public Toilet Block and Parcel of Land from the Public Toilet Block to the Footbridge leading to Bessborough Cricket Club Pavilion. (See Map Below)



Proposals

1. Water Harvesting - Installation of a 210 Litre Water Butt on the end of the Public Toilet Block (Ladies) to harvest rainwater for watering the new Wildflower beds.
2. Log edging to the boundary of the space. This has been constructed utilising site won materials from trees felled as part of ongoing park management.

These features will encourage Moss, Lichen & Fungi to grow as well as providing a natural habitat for insects such as Stag Beetles, Wood Louse, Millipede, Slugs, and Earwigs. As well as providing a natural barrier between the footpath and the bank of the Yeading Brook.

3. Four Wildflower areas have been created utilising site won Logs to form distinct areas within the space. Each area has been sown with the following from Boston Seeds along with supplementary wildflower bulbs from Boston Seeds.

Seed Mix

Bees and Butterfly Wildflower Seed BSBP 100% (100 g)

Dual Purpose Wildflower Seed BSXP 100% (100 g)

Restore & Enrich Wildflower Seed BSRE 100% (100 g)

Cornfield Annual Wildflower Seed BS9P 100% (250 g)

Countryside Delight Flower Mixture AB8, GS8 (250 g)

Wild Bird Wildflower Seed BS14P 100% (100 g)

Diamond Jubilee Annual Wildflower Seed BSDP 100% (100 g)

Traditional Wildflower Seed BS1P 100% (100 g)

Wildflower Bulbs

BS Snowdrop (Common) Bulbs (*Galanthus nivalis*) (250 Bulbs)

BS Winter Aconites Bulbs (*Eranthis hyemalis*) (250 Bulbs)

BS Wild Daffodil Bulbs (*Narcissus lobularis*) (300 Bulbs)

BS Grape Hyacinth Bulbs (*Muscari neglectum*) (100 Bulbs)

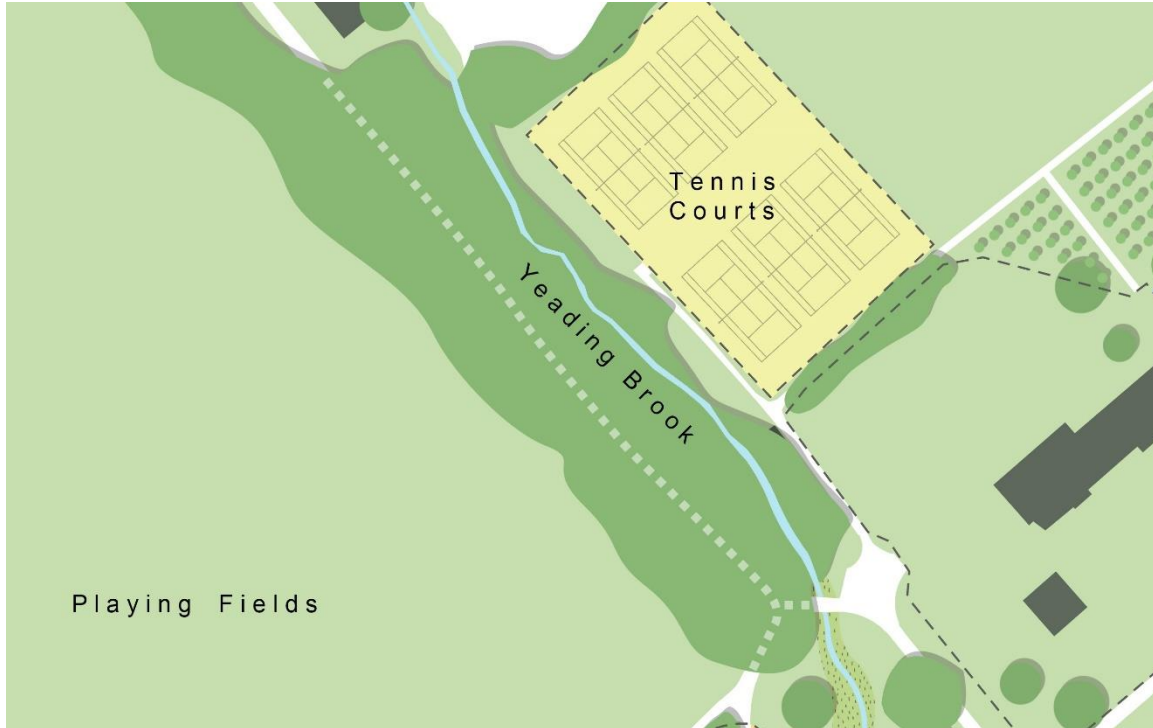
BS Wild Cyclamen Tubers (*Cyclamen hederifolium*) (50 Bulbs)

4. Hazel whips have been planted along the from the Water Butt to the edge of the Yeading Brook and along the bank edge to define the area and provide a haven for birds in the future.
5. Interpretation signage has been installed at either end of the space.
6. The Grassed area will be strimmed every four weeks in the growing season March to September and arisings removed for composting.

7. The Wildflower beds will be cut annually in September with arisings being left for seven days to allow seed heads to drop before being collected and composted.

Area – 2 (Yeading Brook Glade)

Parcel of Land from the Electrical Sub Station to Hugs & Giggles Nursery
(Bounded by the Footpath & Yeading Brook - See Map Below)



Proposals

1. Habitat Plies – Installation of 4 No. Habitat Piles between the Electrical Sub Station and Hugs and Giggles Nursery. These have been constructed utilising site won materials from trees felled as part of ongoing park management.

As of October 2023 2 No. Habitat Plies have been constructed adjacent to the Electrical Sub Station with a further two to be added in 2024.

These features will encourage Moss, Lichen & Fungi to grow as well as providing a natural habitat for insects such as Stag Beetles, Wood Louse, Millipede, Slugs, and Earwigs.

2. Bulb Planting – Native species bulbs will be planted on the parcel of land from the Electrical Sub Station to Hugs & Giggles Nursery. This consists of three distinct areas (Shaded Site, Semi Shaded Site & Wet or Boggy Site), and as such planting will reflect this.

As of October 2023 some 6000 bulbs have been planted which include several species of Daffodil, Tulip, Crocus, Snowdrop, & Grape Hyacinth (These Bulbs have been donated by Jaques Amond Nursery)

Further Bulb planting will continue in 2024 & 2025.

3. Temporary Signage has been installed advising members of the Public of the works and these will be replaced with Interpretation signage upon completion of the works.
4. Mowing to be undertaken annually by Harrow Council with all arising being left in situ.

Area 3 – Childrens Playground – Hedgerow

Proposal

Following the removal of the Cypress Lawson trees along the boundary of the Children's Playground & Bessborough Cricket Club to enable the Cricket compound to be cleared and the old football goal post storage to be removed.

1. The FoHMP obtained a Grant from CPRE for the provision of a new native hedgerow to be installed along the boundary fence to help enhance the appearance of the Children's Playground.

In total 370 Tree Whips were planted along the 40 Metre boundary fence as detailed below.

Hawthorn - 125

Hazel - 35

Blackthorn - 50

Bird Cherry - 60

Juneberry - 20

Wild Cherry - 20

Spindle - 10

Crab Apple - 10

Viburnum Lantana – 40

2. The whole area of planting was covered by 200mm of wood chip to help with weed suppression and moisture retention (A big thank you to Bessborough Cricket Club for providing use with watering facilities during and after the planting)
3. The Playground side of the hedgerow has been softened by the planting of 300 Daffodils which will provide a colourful display in the spring.

Bulbs Include

Carlton Daffodil Bulbs – 100 bulbs

Camelot Narcissi Bulbs – 100 bulbs

Ice Follies Narcissi Bulbs – 100 bulbs

4. Interpretation signage has been installed at either end of the space.
5. Pruning of the Hedgerow will be undertaken by FoHMP to ensure that it remains manageable and does not encroach into the Playground Space.

Area – 4 Picnic Area/Children’s Playground/Green Gym

1. Planting of Daffodil bulbs to the Bund surrounding the Green Gym
2. Planting of Daffodil bulbs around the Trees in the Picnic Area
3. Planting of Daffodil bulbs around the Trees in the Children’s Playground

Bulbs Include

Carlton Daffodil Bulbs – 100 bulbs

Camelot Narcissi Bulbs – 100 bulbs

Ice Follies Narcissi Bulbs – 100 bulbs

Area – 5 (John Hollingdale Glade)

Triangular Parcel of Land between Bessborough Cricket Club pitch and the Flood Alleviation Scheme (Bounded by Footpaths on all sides - See Map Below).



Proposals

1. Formation of a Wildlife Pond in the natural dip in ground level adjacent to the Norway Maple. (This area is normally flooded in the Autumn & Winter Months) the outline of the Wildlife Pond will be delineated by site won Logs. Plants will be sourced from British Wildflower Plants (BWFP)

Planting could include,

(Wet or Boggy Site) Angelica, Brooklime, Brookweed, Cotton Grass, Cyperous Sedge, Gipsywort, Lady's Smock, Marsh Stitchwort, Parsley Leaved Water Droplet, Purple Loosestrife, Ragged Robin, Square Stalked St. Johnswort, Water Figwort.

2. Habitat Pile – Installation of 1 Habitat Pile in the Triangular parcel of land. This will be constructed utilising site won materials from trees felled as part of ongoing park management.

These features will encourage Moss, Lichen & Fungi to grow as well as providing a natural habitat for insects such as Stag Beetles, Wood Louse, Millipede, Slugs, and Earwigs.

3. Bee Bank - Installation of 1 Bee Bank in the Triangular parcel of land. This will be constructed utilising site won materials from trees felled as part of ongoing park management.

4. Wildflower / Wildlife Meadow – Planting of Wildflowers and Marginal Plants to the Triangular parcel of land. This consists of 3 distinct areas (Shaded Site, Butterflies & Nectar, and Good for Birds), and as such planting will reflect this. Plants will be sourced from British Wildflower Plants (BWFP)

Planting could include.

(Shaded Site) Bluebell, Dog Violet, Enchanters Nightshade, Greater Burnett Saxifrage, Ground Ivy, Oxlip, Pale Wood Sedge, Sanicle. Wood Avens, Wood Sedge, Woodrush, Yellow Archangel, Yellow Pimpernel.

(Butterflies & Nectar) Basil, Birds Foot Trefoil, Coltsfoot, Cowslip, Greater Burnett Saxifrage, Kidney Vetch, Lady's Bedstraw, Lesser Knapweed, Marjoram, Moth Mullein, Oxeye Daisy, Rough Hawkbit, Wild Clary.

(Good for Birds) Agrimony, Birds Foot Trefoil, Crested Dogstail, Hemp Agrimony, Lesser Knapweed, Hedgerow Cranesbill, Rough Hawkbit, Small Scabious, Sorrell, Teasel, Wild Clary, Wood Avens, Wild Strawberry.

We would also include bulb planting consisting of Crocus, Snowdrops, Tulips & Daffodils

Interpretation boards would also be installed upon completion of the work.

Mowing to be undertaken annually by Harrow Council with all arising's collected and composted.

Area – 6 (Park Boundary Priory Way / Headstone Lane)

Planting works to obscure Residential Fencing upon completion of the new Footpath from Parkside Way to Headstone Lane West. There are currently large sections of Fencing on the view which distracts from the natural views of the park.

Proposals

1. Planting Native Hedgerow to obscure the residential fencing. (The line of planting will be 1.5M from the existing fence line to enable ongoing maintenance as and when required.

Planting will consist of whips sourced from the Woodland Trust. These could include Dog Rose, Hawthorn, Hazel, Crab Apple, Dogwood, Blackthorn, and Rowan.