

Who Are The Friends Of Canons Park?

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Membership Application Form



We are a local voluntary group, formed in May 2003 to support Harrow Council's bid for Heritage Lottery funding to restore Canons Park to its former glory. The bid was successful and by 2007 the work was completed, creating better pathways, repairing park buildings of historic interest, planting and maintaining trees and shrubs and restoring the beautiful George V Memorial Garden.

The Friends meet regularly and continue to work closely with the Council to maintain and improve facilities in the park. Past and current projects include: instigating the installation of an adventure playground; setting up the Good Friends Café at the centre of the park; organising litter picks and park gardening days; holding various annual events such as our annual kids' fun day, and historic tours of the park when we participate in the London-wide Open House Festival; donating trees, bulbs, plants and shrubs for planting in various sites to improve the landscape, and working to improve and purchase facilities such as benches, picnic tables and playground equipment.



General news and information about the park, can be found on our notice boards at the Bothy and various other entrances to the park (see map) or on our website.

We welcome new members and volunteers to help us advance our ongoing projects; please contact us to find out more.

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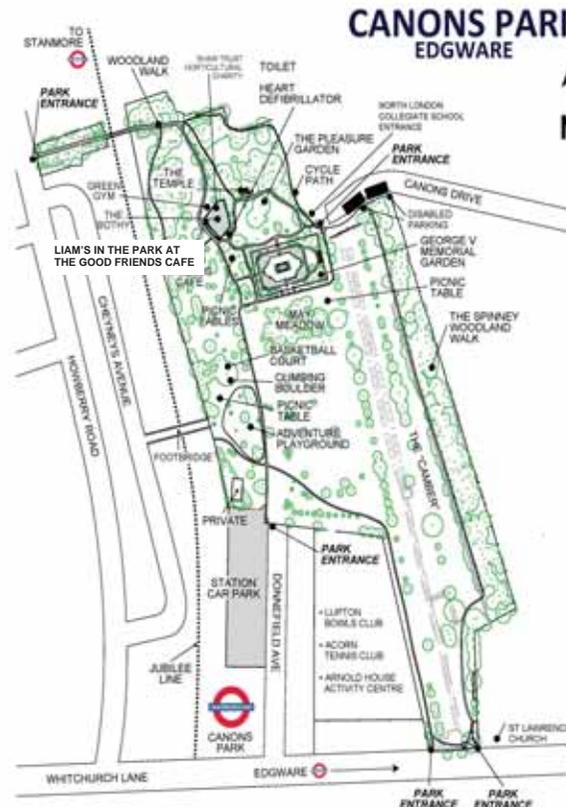
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Canons park is in Edgware, North London, just two minutes' walk along Donnefield Avenue, from Canons Park underground station (Jubilee Line) and 10 – 15 minutes' walk from Edgware Station (Northern Line).

Buses 186, 79 and 340 stop in Whitchurch Lane. Ask for Canons Park station or St Lawrence Church. If coming by car please note there is limited on-street parking at all entrances to the park but local CPZ schemes exist, so please check timings before you set out.

There are several entrances to the park: two at Whitchurch Lane, one at the end of Donnefield Avenue and another at the top of Canons Drive, which features two dedicated disabled parking bays. A further entrance can be found at the northern end of Howberry Road. A railway bridge connects the park to Cheyneys Avenue.



Why not become a member and support the work of the Friends?

You will receive a quarterly newsletter and will be kept informed of forthcoming events and activities organised by the Friends.

I would like to join /renew my membership of the Friends of Canons Park and agree to pay the annual fee of £7 per household per year.

Name:

Address:

Tel:

Email:

Please help us to save on postage costs by allowing us to contact you with our newsletter and forthcoming events by email. Your details will not be shared with any other company or organisation.

Get involved!

I am also interested in getting involved with the Friends group (please tick one or more). We will contact you with further details where relevant.

- Liaison with local schools
- Gardening group
- Litter picking
- Events and fundraising
- Other (please specify)

Please pay by BACS if possible. Contact our Treasurer for bank details at: canonspark@outlook.com If paying by cheque please make it out to Friends of Canons Park and post or drop in to: Friends of Canons Park, c/o 254 Whitchurch Lane, Edgware HA8 6QH. If you would like a receipt please include your email or postal address, or enclose an SAE.



Trees, birds and other wildlife

There is a wide and fascinating range of trees in the park, ranging from common species, such as Oak, Horse Chestnut, Poplar, Ash, Maple, Beech and Willow, to more unusual varieties such as Monkey Puzzle, Ginkgo, Swamp Cypress, Tulip Tree and Wellingtonia. Some of the oldest specimens may date from the 18th and 19th centuries, when the gardens and park were laid out by the first Duke of Chandos and successive owners of the Canons estate.

A walk through the park will alert you to the sound of birdsong, wherever you are! Many species can be spotted in the park, especially if you bring a pair of binoculars with you. Look out for the bright green ring-necked parakeets, as well as woodpeckers; robins; blackbirds; thrushes; blue, great, coal and long-tailed tits; nuthatches; redwings, and woodpeckers, to name just a few. You may even spot a red kite or a buzzard flying overhead.



The pond in the George V Memorial Garden is teeming with life in spring and summer with newts and tadpoles (then frogs) and insects such as mayflies, dragonflies, damselflies and water boatmen, as well as the occasional family of ducks or a couple of herons.

Keeping dogs on the lead in the garden will help to protect and preserve this fragile environment and allow those who want to spend a few precious minutes or hours in a quiet space to do so in relative peace. It has also been proven that flea and tick treatments can wash off dog fur and poison the pondlife, so please do not allow them to jump into the pond.... however hot the weather!

What's So Special About Canons Park?

Canons Park is a listed, Grade Two, Historic Landscape, containing several listed buildings. The park was created from the remains of one of the grandest homes and gardens of 18th century England, developed at great expense by the first Duke of Chandos.

The Duke made his fortune as Paymaster General of the Forces and was one of the richest men of his time. His palace, completed in 1720, was later demolished after less than 30 years, to be replaced by the current building, which was completed around 1750. Today, the graceful white mansion forms part of North London Collegiate School and is clearly visible from several points within the Park.

As well as formal gardens in the grounds of the mansion (which now belong to the school) acres of parkland were planted with a stunning variety of native and specimen trees and shrubs, bordering walkways, woodland trails and semi-enclosed 'meadows' and open spaces that are a delight at any time of the year. These now form Canons Park and are the responsibility of Harrow Council.



The George V Memorial Garden is Edgware's best kept secret; a walled garden with informally-planted borders and flower beds, magnolia and blossom trees, a delightful central pond and an attractive shelter. A little haven for those who just want to get away from it all, or who are nervous around dogs - which is why we ask all dog owners to keep their pets (however well-behaved!) on a lead whilst in the garden.

For those with more energy to spare, there is a fantastic adventure playground, a green gym, a basketball hoop and a climbing boulder, after which Liam's in the Park at the Good Friends Café can provide a delicious home-made snack, a welcome drink or an ice cream, to complete the day.

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