

Southwark Park Association 1869 Annual Report 2019/20

Introduction

The Association's activities in 2019/20 were severely curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This was especially disappointing given our intention to build on the success of the 2018/19 community programme, which had celebrated the 150th anniversary of the opening of Southwark Park to such good effect. However, we can report:

Protection—we:

- Drew attention to the poor condition of the historic Jabez West Memorial Fountain, which led to its repair.
- Voiced our concerns about the condition of the lake and requested that looking after it should be part of Southwark Park's Ground Maintenance contract.
- Questioned the lack of direct consultation with residents of Ann Moss Way about the future of the Nature Area and the Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Asked why there continues to be a delay in implementation of the Old Nursery Site improvement project.
- Raised concerns about the safety of the mural on the former café building.

Enhancement- we:

- Secured a Southwark Council Cleaner, Greener Safer award to plant new trees in Southwark Park including the following specimens - Golden Rain, Tibetan Cherry, Medlar, Judas, Tulip, Weeping Beech and Handkerchief.
- Submitted our members' suggestions for infrastructure improvements to the Council's Capital Investment Programme.

Promotion—we:

- Organised a Southwark Park Photographic Exhibition at Deli Felice, Albion Street from September-November 2019.
- Called on Southwark Council to promote the greater use of the athletics track by local primary schools.
- Contributed an article about Southwark Park to the Council's Festival of Words.
- Since lockdown have maintained regular contact with our members, supporters and elected representatives through a weekly email.
- Are developing a free Southwark Park Tree Walk app.

Community Engagement—we:

- Took part in the Remembrance Sunday event on 10th November 2019 at West Lane Memorial Gardens.
- Took part in The Blue Regeneration Day on 7th March 2020.
- Continued our membership of the Our Rotherhithe group.
- Retained links with our many community partners, and developed new ones with others such as Southwark Green Forum, London Federation of Green Spaces and the National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces.

Membership

We have 209 individuals on our member/supporter database.

Meetings 2019/2020

General Meetings were held on: 6th November 2019 and 4th March 2020.

Management Committee Meetings were held on: 28th October 2019; 17th December 2019; 28th January 2020; 25th February 2020; 24th July 2020 and 25th August 2020.

Finances

Our account is in funds.

Our Patrons

We are honoured to have Jenny Bianco, Neil Coyle M.P., Travis Elborough, Mary Gibson and Rt. Hon. Sir Simon Hughes as our patrons.

Officers and Management Committee 2019/20

We thank the following people who served: Sharon Basseby (Chair); Helen Collis (Projects); Dave Fisher; Marjorie Hill (Assistant Treasurer); Kerry Hurley; Jill Jerram; Pat Kingwell (Secretary); Gary Magold (Treasurer), Pam Miller; Sallie Rickerby; Tracy Scales (Vice-Chair) and Simon Wilks (co-opted).

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