



Safeguarding our green spaces

Supporter Update July/Aug 2020

London Green Spaces Commission Report



Appointment of the LGSC in April 2019

Published on 19th August 2020, the [Report](#) looks at a collaborative approach to securing the future of London's parks and green spaces and improving access for all. The report is timely as landowners rethink how green space can be better designed, managed and accessed in the future.

The report makes 2 key recommendations: -

- ✚ Development of a **Centre of Excellence** to champion and secure investment
- ✚ Development of a **Future Greenspace Skills** programme

We are pleased to have our work recognised in the report and look forward to working with the GLA, London Councils and other organisations to support the development and implementation of its recommendations.

Mayor of London – Grow Back Greener Fund



Garden Project

Just announced! The **Grow Back Greener Fund** will be open until **5th October 2020**. In response to Covid-19 the Fund seeks to address inequality of access to green space and to make our city greener, fairer and healthier. It will support projects (with grants of £5k to £50k), across the capital, that make London greener, give residents` the chance to get involved and help to address climate

change. The Fund is open to among others, charities, CIC's, constituted community groups and LA's working in collaboration with local groups, schools or civil society organisations. **Find out more [here](#).**

Parks and Health - Public Health England new report

Public Health England have recently published a new report - [Improving Access to Greenspace - A new review for 2020](#). We know that access to good quality green space greatly improves our health and wellbeing and reduces health inequalities (as well as delivering numerous other benefits). As natural capital account methodology and tools have evolved local government can now start to quantify the real value of the many and broad ranging benefits that their green assets/estates deliver.

The report highlights that disadvantaged groups appear to gain a larger health benefit and have reduced socio-economic related inequalities in health, when living in greener communities. So, greenspace and a greener urban environment can also be used as an important tool in the drive

to build a fairer society; yet we know access to greenspace is not equitable, especially as urban areas expand and greenspace is under increasing pressure.

This report is intended to assist local authorities (especially public health teams) make the case for maintaining and increasing the provision of (and equitable access to) greenspace and growing the wider network of green infrastructure, especially through the planning system. We hope that local authority decision makers will read and implement the recommendations of the report, to take a joined-up approach between planning, health, leisure and other services.

We also encourage local authorities and other stakeholders to use the **Health Parks Audit**, it will show the current health status of their parks and identify improvements and new opportunities to maximise health and well-being. It also shows how parks can be used to promote good mental and physical health and support social engagement. Councils and others can access the full green space audit for **free until the end of October 2020**, more details can be found [here](#).



Love Parks 2020 #BeKindToParks

Due to the pandemic Love Parks Week, has been replaced by a summer long campaign launched in July by KBT, **Love Parks 2020**. Following the unprecedented levels of litter seen in our parks recently, the Campaign aims to support LA's (resources are available) and is launching a pilot in eight parks across the country as an in-situ intervention, which will be measured over the summer. Find out more about campaign and the resources available [here](#). #KeepIt #BinIt

Litter in parks



PEL Solar Street Bins Offer (only to end Sept 2020)

Dealing with litter in parks has become one of the biggest issues for land managers in recent months. A reminder that **supporters of Parks for London** can get a **10% discount on PEL's Solar Street Bins**, but the offer is closing at the end of September 2020. The bins reduce carbon emissions and **given current health concerns they can have a CU+ coating, which is an antibacterial agent**. If you are interested in this offer or would like more information, please contact Gerry O'Boyle: gerry@pelmfg.com
Other Supporter offers can be found on our website [here](#).

Good Parks for London 2020 – Parks and the Pandemic

Thank you to everyone that has submitted data for this year's report, we have been delighted with the response so far and the hard work and commitment that has gone into the submissions. The theme for the 2020 report will be **Parks and the Pandemic**, we want to reflect the unique role our parks and green spaces have played during the corona crisis and impress upon decision makers the need to maintain funding and invest in parks.

Parks for London - New Website

We are excited to see the beginnings of our new website and look forward to sharing it with you this Autumn, it will have a new resources hub and be a great way of keeping to date with news and events. Remember we will have a dedicated page for each of our Supporters so please send us photographs of parks and green spaces that best reflect your services.

Water our Trees



With the weather heating up this summer a reminder that Arboricultural Association, the London Tree Officers Association, the Municipal Tree Officers Association and the Association of Tree Officers have launched a **tree watering campaign**, to help ensure that newly planted trees are watered regularly over the summer months. You can find out more at [Arboricultural Association](#), you'll also find links to download the campaign poster and tree tags.

Resources Hub

[Covid-19 Guidance for parks](#)

[Integrated Weed Management Guidance](#)

[Green Space Quality Manual](#)

[Outdoor Events Policy Template](#)

[Good Parks for London Report](#)

[Licence templates for Professional Dog Walkers and personal Fitness Trainers](#)

[Integrated Weed Management Policy template](#)

2020 Diary Dates

25th September 2020 - LPBG Meeting, 10am to 4pm – via Zoom

13th October 2020 - Heads of Parks Services Meeting, 10am to 12 noon – via zoom

15th October 2020 - [Amenity Forum 2020 Conference](#) – Planning for the Future – all day via zoom

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