Parks for London

Supporter Update November/December 2020



This years' Good Parks for London report, was launched in November, at an online event kindly hosted by the Cross River Partnership. We are pleased to report that 120 colleagues joined us, with representatives from Councils (including some elected members), community groups, third sector organisations, BIDS and statutory bodies. We have sent the report to elected members with parks and or health within their portfolio's and Council Chief Exec's, urging them to maintain and invest in park budgets and to consider the savings and benefits this will bring in the longer term.

It was great to see so many of our Supporters at the launch event, but for those that missed it you can view it, along with the report, via our website **here.** There's a great talk by Dr Meredith Whitten so it is well worth the watch! In the new year, she will be conducting an independent review of the impact of the Good Parks for London report on Council parks services.

Early in 2021, we hope to have a limited number of hard copies of the report printed, if you would like a hard copy or want us to send one to a key Council contact, please do get in touch.

Community Payback

The London Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), are running Community Payback schemes in London until Summer 2021 and are looking to develop stronger relationships with parks departments across London to:

- Take on long term projects in parks, carrying out general upkeep and helping more green spaces reach Green Flag status.
- Work with Local Authorities, neighbourhood and green spaces teams to carry out action days (for projects that don't have static long-term needs).

Working on projects in parks is a meaningful way for service users to pay back to their communities and gain new skills. CRC can offer a group of service users, for a minimum of 7 hours (supervised) work per week and will undertake all risk assessments. If this is of interest, please contact us and we can give you details of the appropriate CRC contact for your borough.

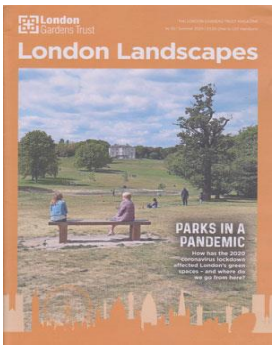
New course for apprentices



The Landscape Technician Apprenticeship is a new a course available at Capel Manor College. The purpose of the course is to provide employees new to the landscape planning industry with the skills they need to design, plan and manage spaces in the natural and built environment. Visit **Green Skills** at our resources hub for more information.

We would love to know what you think of us

As another year closes we'd really value your feedback on how helpful you have found our support, how we can improve and what areas you'd like us to focus on to best help you in 2021.
We encourage all supporters to participate in our short annual survey, which you can access here. The survey will be open until 18th January 2021.



A reminder to subscribe

We support the London Gardens Trust through an annual membership, which gives our Supporters (you) additional benefits. Supporters can subscribe for free, to their **London Landscapes** newsletter, published 3 times a year. If you would like to sign up to receive this publication please get in touch with Nina, with your postal address, email and contact number and we can set this up for you.

Our website

We hope you are finding our new website of value, do contact us with any feedback. Below are some quick links to useful pages:

Covid-19 guidance for land managers

Good Parks for London

Integrated Weed Management Guidance

Health Parks

Green Space Quality Manual

Benchmarking

It just remains for us to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you in 2021!!

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