Safeguarding our green spaces

Supporter Update
September/October 2020

Our new Website launches on 5th November 2020

The wait is nearly over, we are pleased to announce that our new website, with our new logo, will be on-line very soon. The new website aims to provide our supporters (and others with an interest in the green spaces sector) with resources (reports, research, surveys, guidance and green space tools), latest news and information about events, funding opportunities, consultations and much more.
Please remember to check out our new website on 5th November at **www.parksforlondon.org.uk**



London Spade Award 2020

To celebrate 50 years of the **MPGA's London Spade Awards** the MPGA presented two awards at their AGM on 21st October. We're delighted to let you know that Tony Leach, CE, was honoured with one of the prestigious awards for his outstanding contribution, spanning over 40 years, to London's Green Spaces. The other recipient was Deptford Folk in recognition of their work to improve green spaces in Deptford. Congratulations Tony!

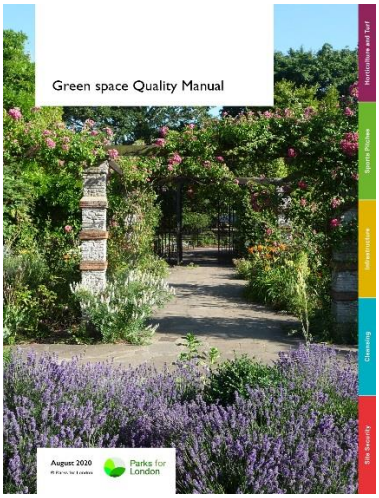
Good Parks for London 2020 – Parks and the Pandemic – Report Launch

We have just sent out invitations for this year's online report launch, to be held on **26th November 2020, from 4 to 5pm.** There will be a few short presentations, including from the top performing Borough and our guest speaker Dr Meredith Whitten, who has written the report foreword. In this year's report, we recognise the outstanding work of London's land managers, in what has been an exceptional year. If you would like to attend the launch please **register via eventbrite** (link below), we recommend you sign up quickly as places are limited. We would like to thank GL Hearn for their continued sponsorship of the report.



Parks for London and the Centre for Excellence

The London Green Spaces Commission report, published in August 2020, made two key recommendations 1) to establish a Centre for Excellence to champion London's green space sector, and 2) set up a green skills development programme. Parks for London has been identified as the organisation best suited to take on the role of the Centre for Excellence, in recognition of the work we are already doing to support London Boroughs and other land managers.
This has been endorsed by our Board and we are discussing with key partners (the GLA, London Councils, LEDNet & CLOA) how we can better support land managers as the Centre for Excellence.



New Version of the Green Space Quality Manual

To coincide with the launch of our new website on 5th November, we will be publishing the latest version of the Green Space Quality Manual, updated with more pictorial references and a new introduction by Tony Leach.

Supporters will be able to download this resource for free!

Parks for London Resources Hub

Covid-19 Guidance for parks
See note below

Green Space Quality Manual
New version available from 5th November 20

Good Parks for London Report

Outdoor Events Policy Template

Integrated Weed Management Reference Guide

Integrated Weed Management Policy template

Licence templates for Professional Dog Walkers and personal Fitness Trainers

Covid-19 Guidance

From 17th October 2020, London boroughs moved to local Covid alert level: high, however this has not necessitated changes to our current guidance, as people can still meet in groups of up to 6 people (from different households) outdoors. We will make changes, as required, should the alert level change to very high.

New publications

Greener Recovery: Delivering a sustainable recovery from COVID-19, Landscape Institute, Autumn 2020
Children and nature survey, Natural England, October 2020

2020 Diary Dates

26th October, River Restoration Webinar (to launch **London Rivers Week**), 2-4pm, book **here**.
11th-12th November, Future of Parks: Skills, Innovation and Creativity for C21st Challenges (LI - CDP event), more info and booking **here**.
17th November, Heads of Parks Services meeting, 10am to 12noon, online
26th November, Good Parks for London Launch, 4 to 5pm, online, book **here**.
2nd to 27th November, National Tree Officers conference, with presentations on key topics throughout November, find out more **here**.

Contact us

Tony Leach, CE: **tony.leach@parksforlondon.org.uk**
Nina Obhrai, Exec. Adminstrator & Finance Manager: **nina.obhrai@parksforlondon.org.uk**
Twitter: @parksforlondon|Instagram: parksforlondon