Parks for London
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We are excited to launch the Good Parks for London 2022 report at Westminster City Hall on 29th September 2022, 4–4:45 pm. This will be a hybrid event so we are looking forward to seeing some of you in person this year. We are grateful to GL Hearn who will again sponsor the report, and Cross River Partnership for being our venue sponsor.

The report theme is on Clean Parks for London, to coincide with our new litter campaign and the work of our Litter and Waste Management Action Group. We want to feature the great work you are doing either to manage litter and waste in your parks and green spaces, or about other exciting innovations or projects taking place in your managed spaces, so please submit your case studies **by 24th June 2022** and do get in touch if you need a reminder of the brief.



We are gearing up towards the next run of our Clean Parks for London campaign during the summer holidays between 22 July and 31 August 2022. We will be in touch with our campaign supporters shortly to gather feedback to better the campaign resources, and we welcome more images of your parks and green spaces to develop more assets for the upcoming campaign run.

We are excited to share that Havering Council has joined our campaign along with 16 other landowners and the Mayor of London. For more information and to see who is supporting the campaign, please read our media release. If you wish to find out more about available campaign resources or publicly back the campaign, please contact us.



GoParksLondon has mapped over 4,000 green and blue spaces across London, including information about their activities and friends' groups. They are currently running campaigns in 15 London boroughs, working with councils and other partner organisations, to encourage people to use the GoParksLondon map to find and explore London's parks, and green and blue spaces, and to engage with friends' groups.

To coincide with the campaigns, they are also hosting a series of fun events, so people can learn more about the work of friends groups and discover local nature and biodiversity.

If you would like to find out more about this project, please contact Laura Collins at CPRE.

Other Updates

Saying goodbye to trustees

Sadly, at the end of June we bid farewell to three long-standing trustees. We would like at say a huge thank you to these trustees for all their hard work and unfailing support, they have helped to shape and make Parks for London what it is today. You will all be missed.



Colin Cooper, Chief Executive, Habitats and Heritage. He has provided invaluable expertise on charity governance and grass roots organisations.



Jerry Gutwin, Parks Services Manager for Islington Council. His knowledge, and insight of local authority green space management has been instrumental in shaping our work with Supporters.



Andrew Jones, Head of Green Infrastructure, at the Greater London Authority. He has helped steer our strategic direction.

New resources

The Fields in Trust's Green Space Index for 2022 is now available. It shows that 2.8 million people still do not live within a 10-minute walk of a green space.

We have set up a new resources page, Nature based solutions, providing links to a range of innovations, guidebooks, resources and tools in this area.


Red Cross Garden, one of BOST's green flag sites

Welcoming the Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST)

We are delighted to welcome BOST, an environmental and volunteering charity, working to protect and enhance green spaces in and around SE1, to the Parks for London community. We look forward to working with them.

Watch this space as we will be hosting an event for park trusts later this year.

Updates from GLA

Cool Spaces Map

The GLA's Cool Spaces map is live from 1st June to 15th September 2022, showing both indoors and outdoor areas where Londoners can take respite on hot days.

If you would like to register a cool space in your borough, you can still do so here.

London Rewilding Taskforce & Call for Evidence

This taskforce is an time limited advisory group, convened by the Mayor, and will meet three times in 2022 to explore rewilding opportunities in London. To support its discussions and outputs, the Taskforce has launched a call for evidence to seek information from rewilding experts and relevant stakeholders. If you would like to respond, please do so by 20th June 2022.

Diary dates

Benchmarking Group meeting

Find out more here

29th June | 11 am–4 pm
(Hampstead Heath)

CRP Connect 4

'People and Places: Designing Sustainably & Safely'
Register here

30th June | 4–4:45 pm
(online)

Heads of Parks Services meeting

13th September | 10 am–12:30 pm
(online)

Quick bites



Camley Street Nature Park, situated by Kings Cross, St. Pancras, re-opened in May following the completion of a new visitor and learning centre and habitat and access enhancements. The unique urban nature reserve encompasses, woodland, grassland and wetland habitats including ponds, reedbeds and marshy areas, providing a rich habitat for birds, butterflies, amphibians and plant life, and there are plans for a new butterfly and invertebrate bank.



Fanny Rollo Wilkinson was the first professional female landscape designer in Britain, and responsible for the design and the layout of more than 75 public gardens across London in the late 19th century, including Vauxhall Park.

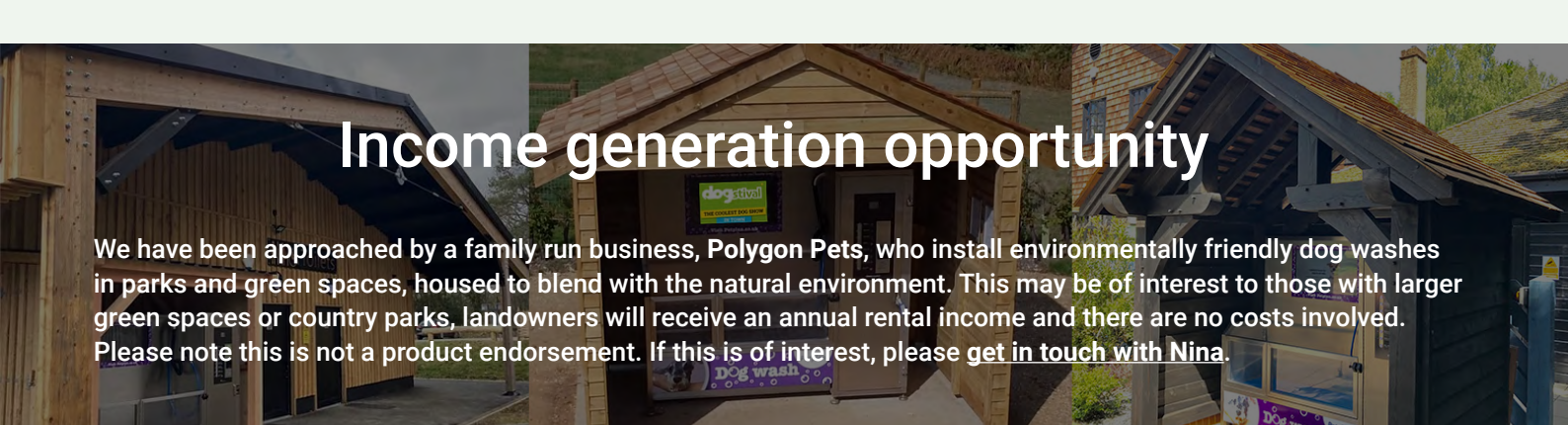
She has been commemorated through a Blue Plaque, unveiled recently at her flat in Shaftesbury Avenue.



In June, Clare Matterson CBE takes over as Director General at the RHS, from Sue Biggs CBE, after 11 years. Clare joins from the Natural History Museum, where she led the strategy to create advocates for the planet, drove initiatives including the Urban Nature Project, and transformed the museums digital activities.



If your organisation uses professional plant protection products and any adjuvants in Great Britain, you must register as a user here.



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