Changing Systems

Changing places

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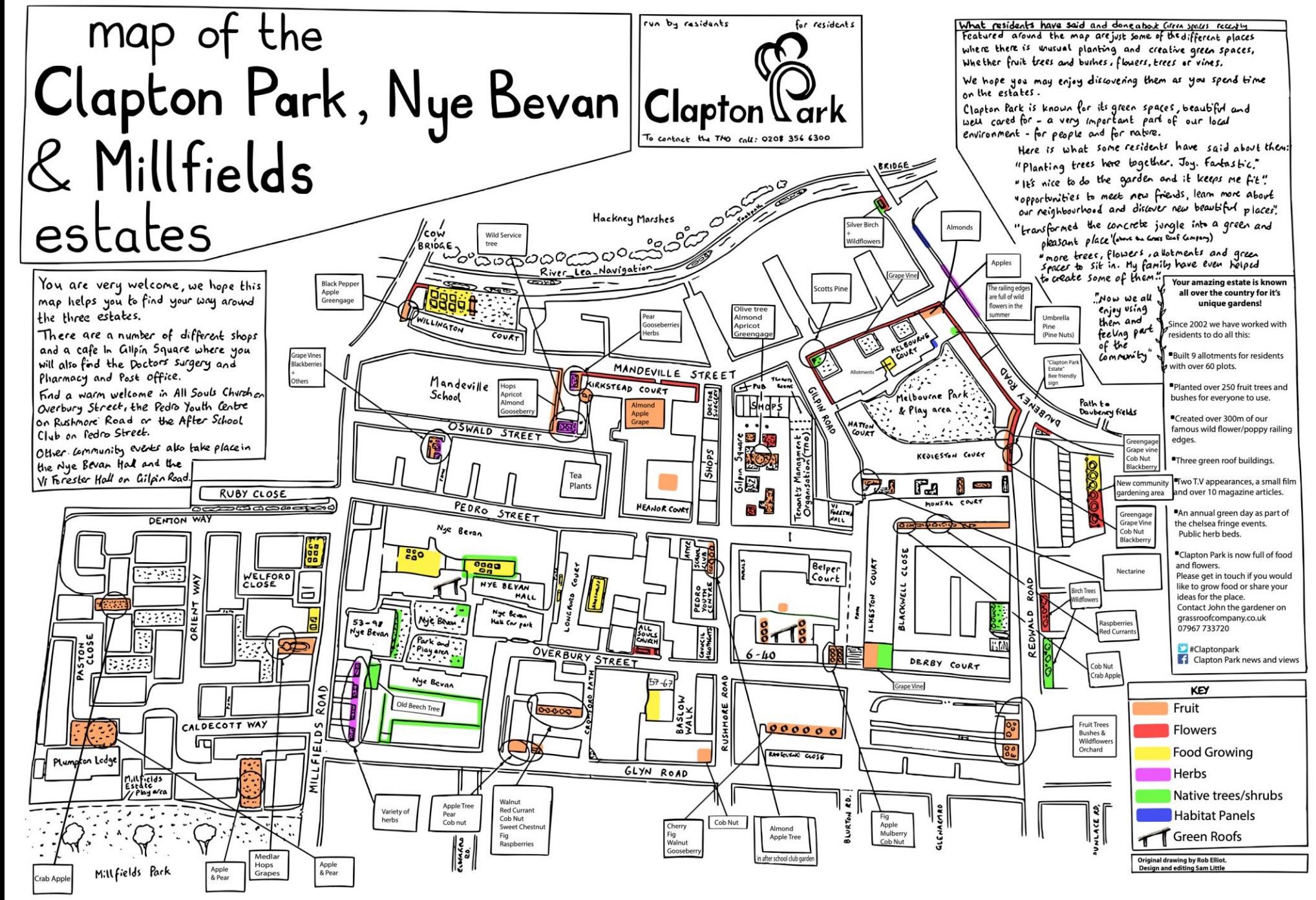
- Always money to build stuff and plant stuff never money to look after it?

- Infrastructure funding needs a 60/40 split 60% to build it 40% for people to care for it?



First job?

Make a map



Welcome?


CLAPTON PARK
MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION
guardian guards
www.guardianguards.co.uk
YOU ARE ENTERING THE AREA OF:
Clapton Park
Nye Bevan and
Millfields Estates
MANAGED BY TEI A
The Clapton Park Management
Organisation Ltd
is the managing agent for:
The London Borough Of Hackney


Welcome to Clapton Park
"The Poppy Estate"
Run by residents for residents
#ClaptonPark
#10XGreener
A3 copies of this map are available at the housing office at Gilpin square
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CLAPTON PARK ESTATE
'run by residents for residents'


NO BALL
GAMES


Clapton Park Estate
Run by residents for residents
Our railing edges are full of poppies and wildflowers
Please don't spray weed killer near them
Many thanks
For more information on how we care for our green spaces contact John the Clapton park gardener. 07967733720

Maintenance
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Carefully wild



Food

Allotments

Default in public planting







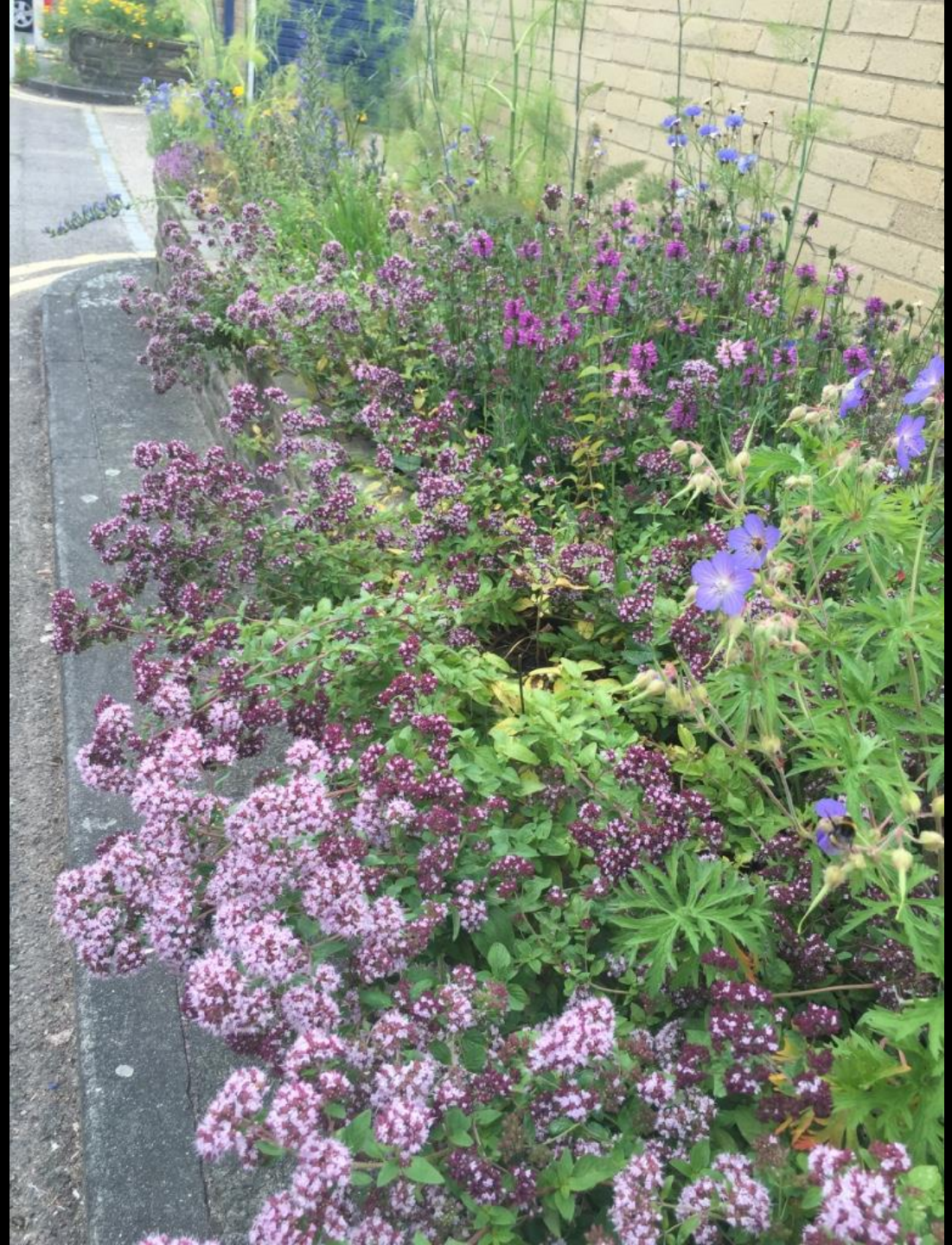


Our first allotment sprawl









(dolma) along the railings

Almonds







Hops and local craft beers



Working together



Re-purposing and multitasking?




NO BALL GAMES
Permit holders only
Mon - Fri
7.30 am - 6.30 pm
Daubeney Road
218-228 even
Hackney Housing

Systems

Suds?
Re-wilding?




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3.5
OUT HOW







Changing maintenance contracts

Quality control should be about residents not tape measures
Value the people that look after our green space
Decent green space around housing is the best investment in people’s health and happiness

Clapton Park Estate Grounds maintenance

Feb 2020
An overview.

We thought it would be useful for new contractors to understand our estate and how we value our greenspaces.
The importance of a caring creative team of people to look after the gardens and work with residents is really vital to us.
We understand how a good maintenance team can improve community, biodiversity and health. In other words, we are looking for people that look beyond the basic maintenance tasks and into the potential of maintenance to improve residents' lives.
These are the principles we shall be looking for in the new contractor.

We have split the tender into 2 parts to allow smaller contractors and gardeners to have a chance to look after public space. A guide to the care of each of the green space areas is included in the numbered list attached.

Routine maintenance
This covers the basics that are traditionally included in standard contracts. Grass cutting, hedge trimming, weed control.

Creative maintenance
This is all the exciting stuff Clapton Park has become known for. Wild flower edges, food growing (including over 50 alottments), food planting in public space, resident/community involvement, publicity, green days and so on. In other words, all the wonderful opportunities that caring for social housing green space can bring.

Good luck to everyone.

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Very similar to area 11 in that we have used wildflowers extensively to reduce herbicide and have added grapevines and golden hops to give food and interest along the railings. Everlasting sweet pea, hops grape vines, chives and native small scabious amongst others are also to be found in this space. Residents raised beds are planted with perennials and generally maintained by the maintenance teams. A few residents are keen to create their own planting mix, you can generally see these:)

Routine maintenance

Tiny strip of grass needs cutting as per Spec. Appendix 1 (Please take care along the railing edge as there are hops, perennials and poppies here.

Creative maintenance

The railings edges should be maintained to continue the mix of annuals, especially poppies along the railing strip. After the annuals finish and set seed the dead stems should be removed. Occasionally the space may need a fresh sowing of annuals to maintain the diversity of plants. This is the mix used previously. http://www.pictorialmeadows.co.uk/product/contrasting/

Hops may need training in and the grape vines will need cutting back occasionally to keep the path clear. Try and weave in the vine to keep the youg leaves coming the residents love these!

The Joy of mowing?










Longford Court
Hackney Homes
LONGFORD COURT








Welford Close
DESIGN
APING
SPECIALIST


Welford Close










THYME










Clapton Park 'the poppy estate' Green Day
Walking Tours 12pm and 4pm Saturday 6th of June
#claptonpark
Free wild flower seeds




ALBION KIDS SHOW
Tel. 081-533 3101
Reg Charity No. 289755
2014/06/07











Thankyou

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Happy ending?

Canvey wick abandoned in 1970’s

3rd most recorded species of invertebrates in the uk.

Only Abernathy forest and Dungeness have more recorded invert species

We certainly can’t recreate Abernathy forest quickly, we can however recreate landscapes like Canvey Wick easily and quickly!



Blending formal and ecological NBS design to benefit nature and people

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- Structure
- Soils
- Topography
- Niche
- Optimism



Waste or biodiversity hot spot?



Structural Complexity.





https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/01/210125094334.htm

Tidying waste
Reducing carbon?



Crushers cheaper than skips?





Breeding?
Hibernation?
Safety?







Gabions

Unit of habitat?



Niche



Bird hides?




Monty's Lookout



Green walls?
Ivy walls?





Love your Entomologist

How many ecologist are employed to survey what is going to be destroyed? Plenty.

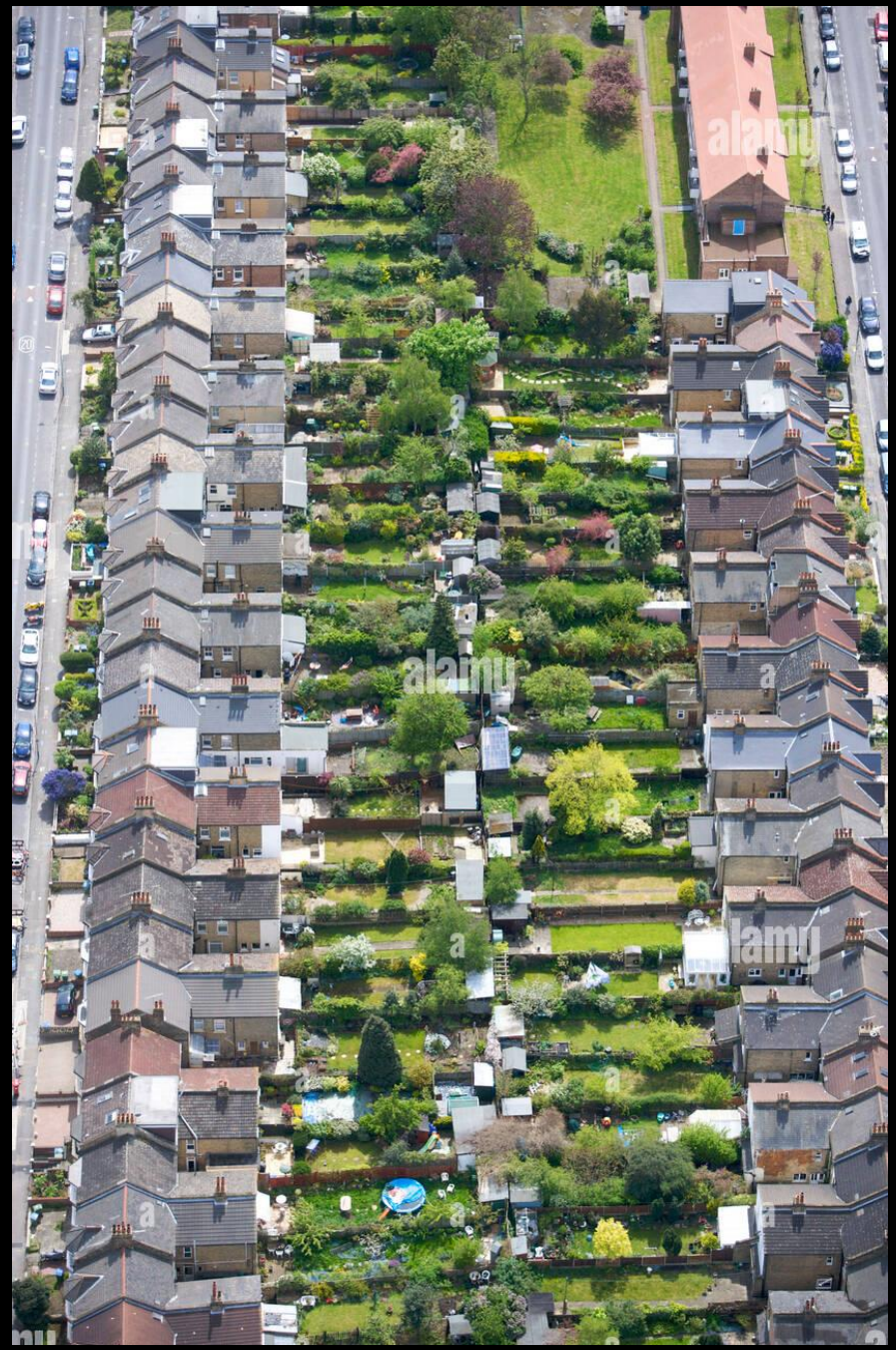
How many ecologist are employed in designing the landscape that replaces it? Probably none.

Design for bugs and you get the rest of the biodiversity for free





Garden complexity



Soils and topography

20% of all Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) in the UK are linked to minerals extraction.

https://www.bgs.ac.uk/mineralsuk/sustainability/biodiversity.html



Crushed ceramics





More waste?



Water storage



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