

Friends of Wollaton Park

Members Newsletter / Spring 2024

VOLUNTEERING

Thank you for your continued support of volunteering activities.

- 26 people attended more than one Wednesday gardening session, contributing over 1200 volunteer hours.
- 16 people attended more than one Saturday conservation session, contributing over 140 volunteer hours.

The Saturday conservation sessions have temporarily stopped due to logistic challenges. We hope to restart them soon.

Message from the Chairperson

I have just finalised the volunteer hours for last year and, as you may expect, it is another record. 11,749 hours bringing the total since we started volunteering in 2013 to 32,399. As the National Minimum wage of is around £10 per hour this means we have contributed significantly to the hall and park land.

We hope to offer a couple more member specific activities this year and we would be interested if any members have ideas on what they would like to see the Friends of Wollaton Park do in 2024.

Website

The FoWP website has now been live for 1 year, with over 6400 visitors. Do you have



anything interesting information about the park we could add to the website?

News in Brief

- Wollaton Parks Splendour music festival has been cancelled this year.
- Wollaton Hall has been awarded a grant of £469,992 by Arts Council England. As the Hall is a listed building, planning consent was needed, which has now been granted.
- Wollaton Hall has an organ in the gallery of the Great Hall, but it needs restoration. Recitals are being held to the restoration fund.

For more details on any of these stories, visit the news section of the website.



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Committee

At a recent committee meeting the main topic included the effects of the financial situation that Nottingham City Council finds itself in and the possible implications for the park. Rachel James, Chief Operating and Councillor Steve Battlemuch gave their perspective before a lively discussion. FOWP have replied to the Council Consultation.

Formal Garden

The volunteer gardening group tidied the border on the top lawn and created a new edge.



2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Standout moments from last year (in no particular order)

- Pupils from Fernwood School's Duke of Edinburgh Award group helping to maintain the 508 Paratroop Infantry Regiment memorial.
- 25 volunteers from Volkswagen UK restoring memorial benches in the formal gardens.
- Portland College using parts of the Walled Garden for outdoor education for their students.
- The development of a memorial garden inside the Walled Garden and dedicating a bench to one of our founder members Michael Cornish who was always passionate about our cause.
- Being recognised by the Rotary Club of Wollaton Park who generously donated £700 to help us work on a sensory garden inside the Walled Garden.



Presentation of the Memorial Bench to Moira and Family

