



HIGHLANDS GARDENS is located at the junction of Abbots Road and Leicester Road.

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**A.G.M. Report** The Friends of Highlands Gardens AGM took place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm and was very well attended.

**Big Jubilee Lunch**

The Highlands Gardens Big Jubilee Lunch was a great success. We managed to hire the hall downstairs at the Greenhill New Church at short notice to keep us out of the rain while we had our lunch, decorated cakes and drew the raffle, and then ventured out into the rain for egg-and-spoon races, a tug of war and the national anthem. Keep your eyes peeled for details of the next Highlands Gardens picnic lunch. We may not wait until next year....

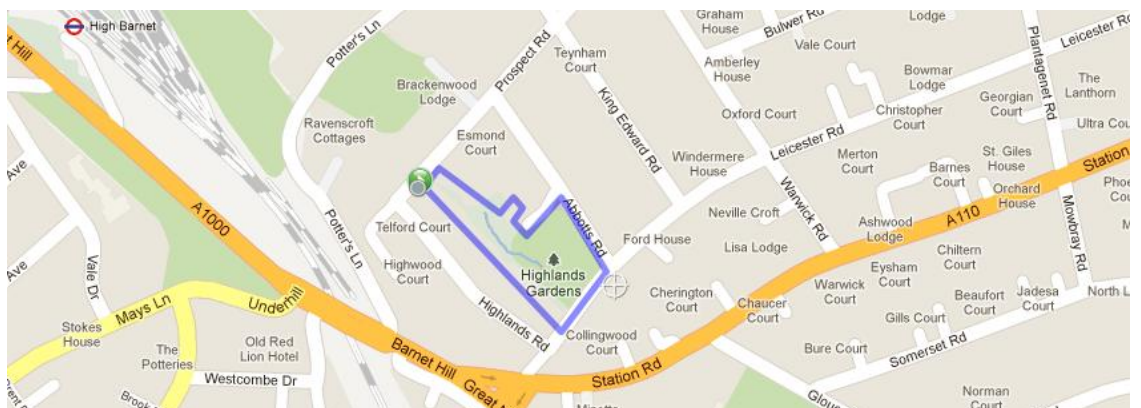


Here is the link to the Kazoo National Anthem. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-As7K8Tyfk>

**BIG Jubilee Lunch Thank You**

Many thanks to the local business who kindly donated prizes for the raffle. (This helped cover the hire of the hall and costs of the day). Please support our local businesses! They were: the cake donated by <http://victoriaoya.com>, a cut and blow dry from Daniel Field, a manicure from Skindeep, a fruit basket from Greenhill Greengrocers, £10 worth of meat from Moore and Sons butchers, a T - shirt from the Honda Shop, a fish supper from Freshfry fish and chips and a haircut from The Barber Shop. Many thanks also to the caretaker of the Greenhill New Church who was very helpful.

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**Notice Board**

Take a look at the Notice Board in the Gardens for up to date information on working parties and other activities.

**Tree Trail**

A replacement tree trail has been put up and we have arranged with Barnet Council for them to produce permanent tree signs with a slightly different style. We are not sure when these will be supplied but a working party will be arranged to bed them in. Please look out for these and enjoy the trail!

**Grant News**

The new constitution has been adopted ready for the 2nd stage grant application. Katy Staton, a Chartered Landscape Architect, is helping us to get quotes for the work to be done and she is also arranging for a silt analysis and an ecological survey. Barnet Council is sending us some other documents that we need and then in middle of July we will start completing the actual form to make sure it is completed by the submission deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> August. If approved then work should commence within a twelve month period.

**Work Parties**

We had a working party on 16<sup>th</sup> June and carried out much weeding, tidying and clearing on the bottom pond. This has led the way for a need for a weeding and planting working party and this is scheduled for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 10am-noon. Please contact Ian Wilson on 07947 708087 or [ianpeter.wilson@btinternet.com](mailto:ianpeter.wilson@btinternet.com) as soon as possible if you are able to help in anyway. We are also looking for plants, any cuttings or divisions of plants from your garden to put into the bank to hold the soil. We hope they will create some cover before the anticipated major engineering works next year. Please get in touch.

We have also ordered some Yellow Rattle seed (a semi-parasite of grass) to be put in the meadow to help reduce the strength of the grass there, which will allow the wild flowers to grow.

**SNT Safer Neighbourhood Team**

If you spot any anti-social behaviour or anything happening in and around the gardens or area that you are concerned about you can contact the local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).

Their numbers are: Office 020 8721 2846, Mobile 07887 633343.

They do not work 24 hours so you may get the answer phone. You should leave a message as each incident is recorded and can help determine the priority areas for foot patrols.

The new police phone number for non-urgent calls is 101.

Of course in an emergency you should dial 999.

**Thank YOU**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who uses Highlands Gardens and picks up the litter left by less tidy people. It really makes a difference. Barnet Council do still regularly empty the bins and tidy up, including painting out the graffiti, but anything we can do to keep our space looking good and feeling welcoming can only benefit us.

**Contact**

Visit our website at [www.highlandsgardens.org.uk](http://www.highlandsgardens.org.uk) or email us [webmaster@highlandsgardens.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@highlandsgardens.org.uk)

**Support Us**

We ask for a small suggested donation of £5.00 to help us with the administrative costs (which are very small) of the Friends of Highlands Gardens. The donation also covers the cost of public liability insurance which is necessary so we can have working parties in the garden & hold community events, like the recent picnic.

Please drop it in to Helen Oubridge (Hon Treasurer). Please make cheques payable to Friends of Highlands Gardens & send them to 122 Leicester Road. Many thanks.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  Please tick if you are an existing member.