

Friends of Friary Park

Spring Newsletter 2026

Welcome to the Friends of Friary Park Spring newsletter

Thank you to our green fingered friends!

Visitors to the park have probably noticed a lot of activity going on in recent months. Local friends and residents have taken part in two tree and bulb planting events, and in January we held a community Wassail, an ancient ritual to bless our community orchard and wish for a bountiful harvest. Let's hope our songs are answered!

We are proud to see our community orchard standing 23 fruit trees strong and so grateful to everyone who bought a tree or lent a hand.

We have also dug a further 80 hedge plants on the boundary near Friary Road. We look forward seeing the orchard and hedges grow and develop over the coming months and years.

Please email Friendsoffriarypark@gmail.com if you'd like to join our orchard watering rota.



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Wildlife laps up new wetlands

We are delighted to see the new wetlands attracting new wildlife to the park and helping with flood alleviation in the local area. A heron, egret, pair of mallard ducks and fieldfare have been spotted as well as some noisy Egyptian geese!

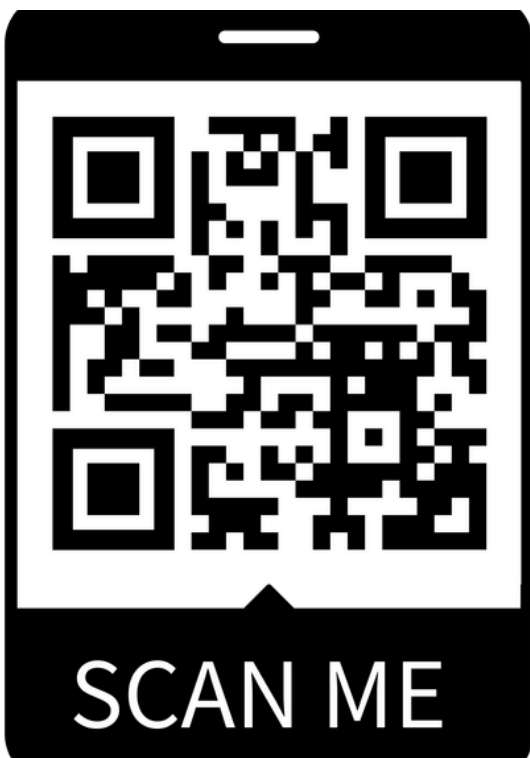
The recent heavy rainfall certainly put the flood alleviation scheme to the test and we are pleased to see the park and surrounding roads have not experienced any flooding.



Join Thames 21's planting event

Can you volunteer some time and bring the newly excavated wetlands to life?

Thames 21 is running an event from 10am to 3pm on Friday 27th March to help plant the final 1,000 plug plants to help purify the water, stabilise the banks and create a biodiverse landscape. No experience necessary. To register please visit <https://book.plinth.org.uk/e/0NRZih4w4lNKl8GejN4j> or scan the QR code.



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Bridge closed for investigation

The stone footpath on the west side of the park is currently closed for structural investigation following its partial collapse earlier this year.

Barnet Council apologies for any inconvenience caused during this time.

Friends of Friary Park is made up of a group of dedicated local residents who are passionate about supporting and improving the biodiversity in the park. We are looking for committed individuals to take on specific project, for example a community event, or take the lead on applying for funding applications.

To find out more about us, please visit <https://linktr.ee/friendsoffriarypark> where you'll find links to our Facebook page, website and more.

