

## **Waterlow Park Survey 2020**

### **YOUR VIEWS AT A GLANCE**

#### **Q6. Is there anything else you would like to comment on or tell us about or suggest?**

172 answered this. This is a summary of repeat comments plus a selection of individual comments. The comments fall into three groups

- those who praised the park, the staff the volunteers and the Friends,
  - those who had certain criticisms
  - those who had suggestions. Of course sometimes there were all three.
- a) 62 people made spontaneous positive comments.
- b) The most negative comments (42) were those from people pleased that there were no barbecues because of COVID and hoping for the ban to continue indefinitely. The reasons cited were *the mess, the damage and the smoke pollution*.
- c) Nearly as many people (32) disliked the behaviour they felt detracted from the park's atmosphere. This ranged from unruly children to the drinkers in the north shelter, and from cyclists to out of control dogs, with litter an ongoing problem.
- d) There were those who did not want changes and new things. They love the park as it is.

#### **Individual Comments**

*Make the Highgate Hill entrance wheelchair accessible*

*Create a butterfly patch by growing specific wildflowers they depend on*

*Wildlife corridors working with other green spaces*

*Put covers on all bins to stop the birds pulling the rubbish out*

*Measured run route/ Allow cross-country running*

*Offer a way to contribute money to remember park lovers, park neighbours*

*Improve the water quality in the ponds (2)*

*More shelters from the rain*

*Free off-peak tennis*

*Enhance views of St Pauls*

*Restore the fountain in the parterre area*

*Label more trees*

*Make a hedge maze*

*Create dog-free areas to enable wildlife to thrive*

*Some live music, a guitar, a harp, a sax performer for 2hrs once a month in the summer*

*Nature information site.... wildlife, trees and plants in the park*

*Climbing boulders - similar to those at Fairlop Waters*

*Some wanted more planting, for bio-diversity but also for flowers*

*Those who loved the views also wanted some judicious pruning to preserve them.*

*Training in park keeping*

*More for 'local kids'*

*Covid safe pedestrian markings on paths*

*No exercise machines (2) Exercise machines (1)*

*Fresh, cheaper food at pink Café & some vegan*

*Beehives*

*Dogs on leads in eating areas*

*Signage to stop cycling*

Protect wildlife pond area  
 Mend broken statues  
 Ponds for swimming  
 Lost Property area  
 Improve play areas – more swings (2)  
 Put up notice on how to join Friends  
 Toilets near tennis & Toilets open earlier  
 Dog Warden to protect dogs against more powerful breeds  
 Stop personal trainers using trees and benches  
 Volunteer gardening at weekends  
 No private loud music  
 The Café not well run ie till space too small for queue sizes  
 Protect Spring crocuses  
 Improve quality of fence round bog near bridge  
 Putting Green as lack of youth clubs nearby  
 Stop use of Roundup  
 Leave leaves on borders to compost naturally  
 Minimal bossy notices please  
 Lux is a waste of space  
 Lighting so park can stay open longer  
 Keep Victorian Gothic Urban Park style to echo Cemetery.

**Q7. Finally some questions about you.** The percentages are of the people who answered.

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