

# **Camberwell's Trees & Green Spaces Group**

**Mapping & Survey Results and Proposed Priorities**

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# Vision agreed by the Camberwell Society's Executive Team

- Name: Camberwell's Trees & Green Spaces Group.
- Composition: Ben Moxham, Sophy Tayler, Elaine Clarke.
- Reporting: Supported by, and reporting to, the Camberwell Society and SE5 Forum.
- Purpose:
  1. Supporting and developing practical initiatives in green spaces across Camberwell.
  2. Tree walks.
  3. Promoting the value of the area's trees and green spaces as leading attributes of Camberwell's identity.

# Camberwell's green spaces we have identified

## Parks

Myatts Fields Park

Lucas Gardens

Brunswick Park

St Giles Churchyard

Camberwell Green

Green Dale Fields (partial)

Ruskin Park (partial)

Burgess Park (partial)

Kennington Park (partial)

Warwick Gardens (partial)

Elam St (partial)

## Council estate open spaces

Sceaux Estate Gardens & Mistral Community Gardens

Southampton Way Estate

Basingdon Way circle, Denmark Hill Estate

Bethwin Adventure Playground

Elmington Estate (various green spaces)

Badsworth Road green space

Glebe Estate

Wyndham Estate green

D'Eynsford Estate

D'Eynsford Estate Secret Garden

## Pocket spaces

South London Gallery Garden

Benhill Rd Nature Garden

Datchelor Place

Camberwell Library

McNeill Rd

Stories Mews

Laxley Close/Farmers Rd

Thorlands in Lambeth (community food)

## Other

Linwood

Caspian Street allotments (membership required)

Lettsom Gardens (membership required)

## Open spaces

Addington Square

John Ruskin St

John Ruskin St/Bethwin Rd

Comber Park (Comber Grove)

Dog Kennel Hill Open Space/Wood

Ortus Garden

- We have so far identified nearly 40 green spaces fully or partially within SE5 (work in progress).
- The vast majority of these spaces have friends groups and/or engaged TRA or TMO representatives, with the notable exception of Lucas Gardens (where work is currently underway to form a friends group).

# Summary results of friends groups etc interviews

- Our project team conducted 19 interviews of a wide range of friends groups and TRA / TMO green spaces representatives across Camberwell.
- The interviews focused on each organisation's top priorities (up to three priorities per organisation) and areas where our new group could be helpful to their work.
- Summary results of friends groups etc priorities revealed by our survey, arranged by total number of mentions of issue, are as follows:
  - *Removal of flows of litter: 6*
  - *Trees planting / replacement: 5*
  - *Trees & shrubs watering: 5*
  - *Trees & green spaces issues in local planning developments: 5*
  - *Provision of volunteers for ad hoc gardening projects/campaigns: 4*
  - *Profile raising of friends group etc activities: 3*
  - *Sharing of plants: 2*
  - *Friends group member recruiting: 2*
  - *Events/fundraising support: 2*
  - *Linking green spaces (biodiversity/ nature corridors): 2*

# Priorities revealed by our survey

- Three clear priorities emerged from the survey, where we believe our new group should focus efforts:
  - More effective communication with Southwark Council, and major companies with footprints in SE5 e.g. Sainsbury's, Thames Water, to ensure continual litter clearance and that all new trees & plants planting, and any replacement planting, is watered and maintained.
  - Ensuring trees & green spaces are considered as priorities in Camberwell Society/SE5 Forum planning input, both buildings related, e.g. the proposed Camberwell Green Court House redevelopment, and transport related, e.g. implementation of cycle lanes that cross parks.
  - Mobilisation of volunteers across SE5 for litter picking campaigns and ad hoc gardening projects that friends groups etc bring forward.