



## News from the Committee

On the whole, it's been a pleasant summer (when it finally arrived) and it looks like we will be enjoying a last blast of warm weather before the autumn chill creeps into the air. Just after we sent out our Summer update, loads of volunteers re-planted the baskets around the playground and bowls green railings. Another group of volunteers have been watering these through the months, and they have provided a blast of summer colours, even when the sun hasn't shone. The park has retained its Green Flag status, and we are waiting for the results of this year's In Bloom Judging.

Keeping our Park beautiful

We have had lots of reports come through to us via email, social media, face-to-face interactions, and messages passed on to our park keeper, Tony about various issues in the Park. I'd like to thank everyone who has reached out with feedback. As Chair, I've spent time liaising with the council and the Kent High Weald Partnership (KHWP) to address maintenance issues brought to our attention.

We have communicated all current concerns to the appropriate teams, and plans are in place to tackle them as we move into autumn, a time that minimises disruption to wildlife. Upcoming actions include several KHWP (Kent High Weald Partnership) workdays to tidy the wetlands, a weed clearance operation in Marnock Lake organised by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC), and efforts to tackle invasive species like Himalayan balsam and sallow. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us maintain the park, so please continue to share any issues or suggestions you have.

Events in the Park

Looking back over the past few months, we have held several fun and informative events over the summer, a tree walk, bat walks, moth mornings and of course the regular maintenance activities of the green team, like orchard pruning. As summer fades, FoGH is looking forward to our Autumn and Winter events programme. There's pond dipping, Halloween crafts, a fungal foray, a quiz night... And of course Apple Day.

We're looking forward to seeing you over the next few months.

*Carolyn Gray/FoGH Chair - September 2024*

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## Some Upcoming Events

**Halloween Crafts : Sat 26th October : 2-4 pm : The Hub**

Get the family into the spirit of Halloween with the Friends of Grosvenor & Hilbert Park themed craft event.

**Fungal Foray : Sat 2nd November : 10.30-12.30 pm : The Hub**

Discover the Park's fungi on this exploration & identification walk led by expert Keith Palmer.  
This is a ticketed event. See the website for details.

**FoGH Quiz with Fish & Chips : Sat 9th November : 7:00 for 7:30 start : The Hub**

Join the Friends for a light-hearted and fun evening of quizzing with a fish and chips supper thrown in! Tables of 6 would be ideal, but smaller groups welcome. Quizzing will start promptly at 7:30pm, please arrive in good time. This is a ticketed event. See the website for details.

**Santa in the City : Sat 7th December : 2.00 pm : The Hub**

A festive 3k fun run around the park to kick off Christmas. This is a ticketed event. See the website for details.

**Christmas Carols : Sun 8th December : 2.00-3.30 pm : The Hub**

FoGH invite you to join us for this seasonal celebration at the Hub.  
Refreshments available - mulled wine, fruit juice & mince pies.

**Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all events**

Ticketed Events: FoGH members get exclusive access to tickets before they go on general release  
For more information about any event please check our website, emails, posters or social media