



Friends of Norwood Grove

The Friends of Norwood Grove is an organisation whose aim is to give a voice to all users of this much-loved and historically significant park. Following a hugely successful recruitment day, over 100 members have now signed up, and further members are welcomed. Membership of the Friends also gives access to a newsletter, special events for members, and regular updates on the committee's ongoing consultation with Croydon Council over plans for the proposed heritage restoration of the park. Membership is £5 and cheques, made payable to The Friends of Norwood Grove, should be sent to 33 Ryecroft Road, SW16 3EW. More details are available on the Friends' website:

www.norwoodgrove.org.uk
or contact
croydon@norwoodgrove.org.uk
or 020 8670 4509 (membership enquiries).

Consultation Day and Exhibition

There will be a Consultation Day to be held in the Music Room at Norwood Grove on 10 December 2005 where you can meet representatives of Croydon Council and discuss the draft proposals for Norwood Grove.

There will be another chance to comment on draft proposals by viewing the public exhibition to be held at Croydon Central Library, Katherine Street, from 12 December to 19 December 2005.

We would very much welcome your comments on the draft Masterplan and its proposals. If you would like to comment, please do so by 19 December 2005 using the contact details given below.

Contact details:

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newsletter

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Welcome to the second Norwood Grove Project newsletter. This newsletter is intended to keep residents, regular users and visitors informed on the progress of this exciting project.

Background

With the help of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), Croydon Council is currently developing plans for the sensitive restoration of Norwood Grove. Norwood Grove is one of the borough's most historic parks and although it has retained its tranquil atmosphere, it has declined in recent years. Croydon Council has identified Norwood Grove as a priority for improvement and has commissioned Chris Blandford Associates (CBA) to help it achieve its aims. CBA is currently completing a Conservation Management Plan, an Access Plan and an Audience Development Plan. These, together with consultation with those with an interest in the park, are shaping the emerging Restoration Masterplan for Norwood Grove.

What's been happening?

In preparing the above plans, CBA has undertaken a number of surveys across the park such as a tree condition survey and an ecological appraisal of the park. CBA has also carried out a great deal of research on the historic development of the park and also on how people use the park and what currently stops others from using and visiting Norwood Grove. The research has helped CBA to put together some draft proposals for a Restoration Masterplan which is included on this newsletter. This Masterplan sets out the proposals for conserving and improving the park and its facilities.

Consultation

Consultation on the proposed restoration of Norwood Grove has been on-going over the last few months. We have been able to ask people what they value about the park, how it could be improved, how the park might be vulnerable and what are the main issues that affect Norwood Grove. In October, a very well attended public meeting was held at Norwood Grove as part of the consultation process. It was very encouraging to see so many people interested in the future of Norwood Grove and to note that the meeting has resulted in the formation of a 'Friends' Group for Norwood Grove.