

HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

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Green Framework General Principles

- To continue the work of conservation on the estate.
- To increase biodiversity on the estate.
- To conserve and improve the tree stock on the estate and use varieties that tolerate drought and support insects and birds.
- To maintain and improve the formal flower beds on the estate.
- To continue to use sustainable plant varieties which tolerate drought and support insects and birds
- To identify areas for wilding on the estate taking into account all residents views.
- To continue developing log banks to provide bug hotels.
- To provide bird and bat boxes.
- To maintain the insect corridor between Waterlow Park, Highgate Cemetery and Hampstead Heath, through the estate and private gardens.
- To increase the environmental sustainability of tools used on the estate.
- To increase and maintain use of practices and products that are environmentally friendly.

Plan for 2021-2022

Wilding:

- Identify areas for wilding taking into account all residents views and the health and safety requirements of the maintenance team.
- Increase the area of the wild flower meadow in the lower park. Plant with yellow rattle and wild flower seed. Make two paths through the meadow.
- Identify areas in the avenues for wilding that do not impede access to residences and vehicles.

Other areas of nature conservation:

- To continue developing the log bank in Robin Grove and various small sites in the lower garden, to provide bug hotels.
- To update bird boxes: research, make and fix in the lower garden and Robin Grove, taking into account the requirements of different bird species.
- To research, make and fix bat boxes in the lower garden.
- Change the pollarding schedule so that there are always lime trees with leaves and flowers to support bees and other insects.
- Continue to research and use varieties of plants and trees that are drought resistant and support insects and birds.
- Increase the green waste that is sent to the bio farm for composting (a change from sending it to landfill)
- Use a chipper (purchased 2021), so that the majority of the wood pruned from the trees on the estate can be chipped and used as organic, peat free mulch for the gardens.
- Continue to research ways to increase the green credentials of vehicles and tools used on the estate (electric buggy and battery powered tools were bought in 2020)
- Continue to research and implement use of environmentally friendly products for all estate work.