

# Tower Gardens Community Action Plan

Tower Gardens Park is a small park that is full of character and history. Its distinctive layout and style relate to the time it was built- between 1904-1928. This style was influenced by the Garden City Movement founded by Sir Ebenezer Howard which promoted public health, easy access to open space, tree lined streets and facilities that strengthened a sense of community. Tower Gardens was one of the first municipal "cottage estates" in the world. It is now a conservation area in recognition of its green character that relates back to its original construction. When first built by the London County Council (LCC) it was known as the White Hart Lane Estate.



## Recent Works

Groundwork London worked with local residents and IntoUniversity (based in the park) to improve the park through a series of gardening sessions and activities through Autumn/Winter 2012 and Spring/Summer 2013.

Sessions included improvements to the Risley Avenue entrance, shrub pruning and mulching, planning and planting a wildlife area including wildflowers and an apple orchard, and supporting the TRA to secure funding to run their own Capital Clean Up Day. Each of these achievements is reflected in the plan moving forward. This plan also reflects resident feedback that they would like to focus on working towards two clean up days per year.

All of the activities suggested in this plan can be done within the context of a clean up day or independently of each other.

## Continued Upkeep

**1. Entrance Upkeep**  
Further planting and pruning including bulb planting to ensure a welcoming entrance.

**2. Wild Flower Maintenance**  
The wildflower area will be maintained by the council as part of their ongoing maintenance routine. In the 1st year it will be regularly weeded and mowed monthly, in following years it will only need cut twice a year.

**3. Orchard Care**  
Apple trees should be pruned every winter to ensure a good crop. If left un-cared for they become less productive and congested with old branches.

## Spring Tidy Up Day:

To be arranged by Haringey council including bulb planting, shrub pruning and general maintenance.

## Autumn Tidy Up Day:

To be arranged by Haringey council including fruit tree maintenance, bulb planting, shrub pruning and general maintenance.



To book for events or clear up days email the proposed dates and activities to; [parksbookings@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:parksbookings@haringey.gov.uk)

For information or to apply for a Parks and Open Spaces Small Grant small grant from Haringey Council email; [sarah.jones@haringey.org.uk](mailto:sarah.jones@haringey.org.uk)

## Maintenance Calendar



Maintenance tasks to be carried out by the Council Parks Services team



Maintenance tasks to be carried out by Volunteers



Tasks carried out by Council Parks Services team but also open to volunteers

Task	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Cut grass 12 times per year, wildflower year1, 4 times a year and there after twice per year.	←	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	→
Hedge/privet				*	*				*	*		
Cut twice per year, before and after summer.											*	
Shrub Bed												*
Yearly maintenance - usually November (flexible)												*
<b>Volunteer Task</b> (Worksheet 1)												
Tree Care including Fruit Trees												
Shrub Pruning and Mulching												
<b>Volunteer Task</b> (Worksheet 2)												
Bulb Planting			●	●	●				●	●	●	

## Contact Details

Haringey Council:  
Parks Service  
020 8489 1000  
[parks@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:parks@haringey.gov.uk)  
[www.haringey.gov.uk](http://www.haringey.gov.uk)

TRA Secretary:  
Matthew Bradby  
[mattbradby@hotmail.com](mailto:mattbradby@hotmail.com)

