

# Friends of Friary Park

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Welcome to the Friends of Friary Park Autumn newsletter

## Our community orchard bears fruit!

Many many thanks to our friends in the community orchard team who helped keep our 13 new fruit trees happy with regular watering over the summer months.

We're delighted that our efforts have been rewarded already with the first fruits on our pear and medlar trees and hope for an even better crop over the coming years once the trees mature.

Please email [Friendsoffriarypark@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsoffriarypark@gmail.com) if you'd like to donate a tree or take part in our next tree planting event in January 2025.



## Friary Park cafe update

The new cafe trailer remains a big hit with residents and park visitors alike, with the new gazebo offering welcome shelter from the sun and rain.

The council has removed the conservatory due to its poor condition and is applying for English Heritage funding to replace it.

As well as a new heated tent for the winter months and a loyalty card scheme for customers, the cafe is offering an array of tasty new autumn editions such as fresh cinnamon rolls and Gingerbread Latte to take the edge off those chilly days.

Please follow [@FriendsofFriaryParkCafe](https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofFriaryParkCafe) on Instagram for updates.



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## Thanks to our friends at Finchley Good Gym!

We are so grateful to our friends at Good Gym for regularly pulling on their running shoes and lending a hand to keep our park looking at its best.

To find out more and how you can get involved, please visit [www.goodgym.org](http://www.goodgym.org)

## Help us plant a bluebell wood

Nothing says Spring more than the sight of a beautiful array of bluebells, snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils flowering freely.

We have identified a grassy area by the stream for planting Spring bulbs and will be hosting a community Bulb Planting event on Saturday 26th October.

If you'd like to get involved please meet us outside Friary House at 12pm. We'll supply some bulbs and equipment and you are welcome to join us with donations of more bulbs of flowers you'd like to see in bloom.



## Ukrainian Independence Day celebration

We had great fun in the sun this summer hosting a free family day to celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day on June 29th.

The event was run in partnership with Bread n Butter and Wild About Our Woods charities who cooked delicious food and provided games and crafts for our Ukrainian friends.

Local residents and Ukrainian families planted 200 flowers in a community flower bed, with many of the plants supplied free by Finchley Pollinators.



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## Join us for mulled wine, mince pies and community hedge planting!

Friends, neighbours and families are invited to join us for an afternoon of mince pies, mulled wine and a chat outside Friary House on Saturday 14th December from 10am to 12pm.

As well as the chance to get to know your neighbours and learn more about Friends of Friary Park. We'll also be planting some native hedges which will green up the park and reduce pollution for generations to come.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Read all about us!

Friends of Friary Park is made up of a group of local people who want to benefit the local community and wildlife.

To find out more about us, please visit <https://linktr.ee/friendsoffriarypark> where you'll find links to our Facebook page, website, Finchley Pollinators and more!

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