



Plumstead Common Nature Reserve

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We want to let you know about the ambitious environmental improvements being carried out in the Nature Reserve on Plumstead Common.



New Boundary Fencing

The new nature reserve boundary fence has proved a big hit with local residents and PCEG members. We have received a flood of positive comments from local people telling us what a big difference the new fence makes. Lindsey and her neighbours in Bramblebury Rd said, "Our new fence looks great!"

Dog walker Anne said, "The new fence makes the Nature Reserve look so much smarter, thank you PCEG for making Plumstead a better place to live"



The work was successfully completed on New Years Eve despite the freezing conditions.

Work to replace the derelict chain link fencing started in December last year. Removal of the old fence was swiftly followed up with a smart new boundary fence along the eastern boundary between Blendon Terrace and Bramblebury Rd



Residents Lindsay and Dillon from Azile Everett House came out to celebrate the new fence before the new year

Native Hedge Planting

In February volunteers braved torrential rain to plant 500 new native hedgerows along the new boundary fence line. Fifty PCEG members, residents and young people earning their travel card back (EYTCB) along with BTCV staff and volunteers were entertained by Brazilian drumming provided by Rudy and friends from Taru.



Taru drummers and Young people



Dogwood hedge red yellow

The native hedgerows planted included species such as Hawthorn and Blackthorn with Field Maple, Dogwood, Buckthorn, Hazel and Wild Privet; providing a habitat haven for local wildlife, encouraging more bugs and birds into the area.

Volunteers also tucked into pumpkin soup and hot spiced apple, whilst clearing litter and surplus brambles from the reserve and surrounding areas



Local residents set up the soup kitchen



Terraced steps & handrails

Work to the new steps and hand railing will increase access for local people, volunteers and school children taking part in the many forest schools in the nature reserve

Work to start 23rd March



Before - View of existing wooded ravine



After - View of existing wooded ravine with new steps and handrails

Funding & partners

The project will cost in the region of £38,000 of which £25,000 was secured by PCEG with support from fuzZzypeople consultants in the form of a grant from The Veolia Environmental Trust. The Trust awards grants to community and environmental projects through The Landfill Communities Fund. Additional funds were secured from Grass Root Grants with 'in-kind' support from Greenwich Parks and open Spaces

The Project Background

Plumstead Common Environment Group (PCEG) instigated the project following a five-year consultation with users and associates; from council members and police, to school groups and dog walkers. PCEG also closely consulted with volunteers who regularly take part in litter picking, planting and shrub clearance activities onsite. Volunteers expressed a need for signage boards to share with the public local knowledge and understanding about the reserve. The signboards and steps will be installed in spring 2011.

