

### LGS 6 Hampstead Manor gardens (formerly SINC CaB 1109)

As part of the Section 106 agreement between Camden and Mount Anvil, the public has access to the gardens at the new Hampstead Manor development in Kidderpore Avenue. The grounds, previously designated SINC CaB 1109, were cleared of virtually all trees (41), but some replanting has been carried out and a small area adjoining St. Luke's Vicarage, has been more naturally planted in the hope that this section, which incorporates a pond, will be designated as a replacement (smaller) SINC.

This, together with the other lawned areas, is a valuable resource for residents without garden access and Redington Froggnal Neighbourhood Forum held a community engagement event here in summer 2019 to draw attention to the site and its public access.

#### Natural area and pond by St. Luke's Vicarage



#### Lawned area above car park



Local residents at Neighbourhood Forum event, summer 2019



# HEATHWATCH



Emily from FrogLife tells visitors at the new Kidderpore Avenue SINC about the area's amphibians.

Picture: REDINGTON FROGNAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

## Groups across north London celebrate wildlife of local parks

**This weekend, on one side of the Heath, the Redington Frognal Neighbourhood Forum was celebrating the reopening of an important nature conservation site, while in Highgate the Friends of the Parkland Walk (FOPW) were getting into the swing of London's National Park City Week.**

In NW3 on Sunday afternoon, the community celebrated the end of an acrimonious planning row – which saw a previously prized Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) lost – as a replacement was opened in Kidderpore Avenue.

The RFNF's chair, Rupert Terry, told *Heathwatch* it had been a lovely day.

He said: "Sunday's celebration of the reopening of the Kidderpore Avenue SINC was a great success."

"The wildlife gardening workshop, presented by FrogLife, was attended by 60 adults and children, who heard about the importance of creating wildlife ponds and garden areas with native wild flowers."

The afternoon also saw the RFNF's annual meeting. It is consulting on a draft neighbourhood plan, which it said will help protect the area's biodiversity, until August 5.

Meanwhile in the Parkland Walk, the Friends group began a bumper set of events planned as

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part of the city-wide London National Park City Festival. On Saturday experts explained to visitors about the remarkable birds of the longest linear nature reserve in London.

After that former Haringey conservation officer David Bevan provided a fingertip guide to the flora and fauna of the walk.

Sunday saw "forest bathing" – meditation in the woodland and a guided tree walk.

The week continues with events tomorrow (Fri) too, though. Talks about bugs and bats will take place at 6 and 8.30pm respectively. Find them at the Holmesdale Road end of the reserve.

Cathy Meeus, who chairs the FOPW, told this newspaper: "It's a fantastic opportunity to explore."

"We're one of a kind and a really wonderful green space and we've got so much planned."

She added it was "well worth" visiting the newly unveiled wildlife trail at the walk too, particularly given the good weather.

**To comment on the RFNF draft neighbourhood plan, visit [redfrogforum.org](http://redfrogforum.org). For more about National Park City Festival see [nationalparkcity.london.gov.uk](http://nationalparkcity.london.gov.uk)**



David Bevan is a Haringey flower expert.

Picture: SIMON OLLEY



NW3's frogs probably gave Frognal its name.

Picture: RFNF

### Contact us

**We are calling on Heath lovers to send us your pictures and stories about Hampstead Heath.**

Our Heathwatch page is dedicated to the Heath and surrounding green spaces such as Highgate Wood, which have a place in the hearts and minds of people in the Ham&High and Broadway areas.

We are looking for your help in creating a true representation of the unique life on our precious open spaces and beyond.

**If you would like to contribute, please contact Sam Volpe at [sam.volpe@archant.co.uk](mailto:sam.volpe@archant.co.uk) or [editorial@hamhigh.co.uk](mailto:editorial@hamhigh.co.uk).**

### What's on

**Friday:** Head to the Parkland Walk for an evening of getting to know the natural world.

From 6, it's time to get to know the creepy crawlies of Haringey, while at 8.30 experts will help visitors learn about the bats which frequent the Walk. (And perhaps you might see one or two!)

Both events are free, meet at the Holmesdale Road entrance to Parkland Walk.

**Tuesday and Wednesday:** In need of a fun family event to distract the kids on a hot summer's day?

You could do worse than head to Kenwood, where 'Summer Quest and Craft' sessions run between 12 and 4 on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

The sessions, which will continue throughout the summer holidays, are £2 each. Turn up during the afternoon to explore the stately home's art and bring it to life.

Upload your pictures at [iwatch24.co.uk](http://iwatch24.co.uk) and you could see them in the newspaper



Camden Planning Guidance:

# Biodiversity

March 2018



## CaBII09 King's College Hampstead Campus

### Site of Borough Grade II Importance for Nature Conservation

<b>Site Reference:</b>	CaBII09
<b>Site Name:</b>	King's College Hampstead Campus
<b>Summary:</b>	University campus grounds with pleasant landscaping and wildlife-friendly areas.
<b>Grid ref:</b>	TQ 253 859
<b>Area (ha):</b>	0.59
<b>Borough(s):</b>	Camden
<b>Habitat(s):</b>	Amenity grassland, Planted shrubbery, Ruderals, Scattered trees, Scrub, Tall herbs
<b>Access:</b>	Can be viewed from adjacent paths or roads only
<b>Ownership:</b>	King's College

#### Site Description:

The site has a good range of mature trees including both native and non-native species. In places these are almost dense enough to form woodland. Species include silver birch (*Betula pendula*), ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), lime (*Tilia x europaea*), Turkey oak (*Quercus cerris*), Lawson's cypress (*Cupressus lawsoniana*) and a young monkey puzzle tree (*Araucaria araucana*). There is dense planted shrubbery composed largely of cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster* sp.), spotted laurel (*Aucuba japonica*), Portugal laurel (*Prunus lusitanica*), rhododendron (*Rhododendron ponticum*), elder (*Sambucus nigra*), hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), and laburnum (*Laburnum anagyroides*). Beneath the trees and shrubs, and at the northern edge of the central garden area are well-established patches of tall herbs and neutral grassland. Many of the species (particularly in the former category) are insect-attracting e.g. lungwort (*Pulmonaria* sp.), stonecrop (*Sedum* sp.), sage (*Salvia officinalis*), with shrubs including viburnum (*Viburnum* sp.) and Californian lilac (*Ceanothus* sp.). Colonising tall herbs include herb-robert (*Geranium robertianum*), wood avens (*Geum urbanum*) and ground elder (*Aegopodium podagraria*).

To the east of the main area of woodland is a small quadrangle. This contains several large trees, including some particularly fine walnuts (*Juglans regia*), a very large hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) and a handkerchief tree (*Davidia involucrata*). Beneath the trees is grass with small areas of shrubbery. This adds to the bird habitats on the site.

There is no access to the general public.

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