

Friends of Burgess Park Report 2015/16 - Assessing our achievements against our priorities.

What/Why	FOBP Action	Impact	How do we know
Passmore Edwards old library bath and washhouse: Repair and renovation of Grade II listed building	HLF application and award June 2015 Appointed consultant Plincke to develop costs and business case. Report July 2016	Engagement with local groups about the building raising interest. Setting out a potential direction of travel	Council are reviewing the costs and assumptions in the Plincke report to put forward applications for capital funding
Cycling: Oppose the proposed cycle spine route across the central grass area of Burgess Park and recommendations to other cycle route consultations	Attending CC mtgs. Presentation at Southwark Friends meeting and also to lead cabinet members. Featured as a case study in London Living Street shared routes report. Shared route signage stencilled on the paths. Responding to council Quietway consultation Cycle and pedestrian counts	Raised awareness of the number of cyclists/existing levels of conflict/the need for design and behaviour solutions with local groups, councillors, Southwark Cyclists and Southwark Living Streets.	More discussion now taking place on re-balancing pedestrian/cyclists (Val Shawcross/Ian Wingfield) (not just due to FOBP). Suggestions for change of surface included into LDA designs for Burgess West.
Events in Burgess Park including heritage, horticulture, environment and free film festival	Raise funding Southwark Council Neighbourhood Fund £2500: Free Film Festival x2 The Big Draw x 6 Wildlife Walk x 1 Making Tracks workshop see details below	Bring local community together, Find out more about the park/FOBP Learn more about park wild life and environment	Steady increase in FOBP members Positive feedback from film events attendees Intense engagement of all ages in "making tracks" activities and The Big Draw
Burgess Park capital programme: Burgess Park West and the Sports Centre	Monthly meetings with Parks Engage with LDA consultation	Ongoing engagement with council and shared vision for the park	Some specific concerns on BPWest outstanding on cycling and playground Council reviewing all comments on sports proposals
Responding to consultations on new developments around Burgess Park	Responded to nine consultations along with attendance at associated consultation meetings Inform wider community and encourage FOBP members to respond	Make the case for green space, high quality pedestrian/cycle links Ensure new developments around the park do not have a detrimental effect.	Engagement with Parks has resulted in changes to draft plans

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FOBP is concerned to protect, promote and enhance an important, inner-city London park. We help keep local people informed about issues through monthly mail outs to our 350 mailing list; regular updates to our Facebook group, 378 members and Twitter, 2600 followers.

Community Events - Free Film Festival

Thanks to Peckham and Nunhead Free Film Festival with funding from Southwark Council we were again able to hold two free films in September.



Romeo & Juliet and Jungle Book were very successful film choices with audiences of about 200 on Friday and 60 on Saturday; despite rain immediately before the start.

This year we held a children's pre-film workshop with animal face painting and the Making Tracks animal prints workshop .

The Big Draw – We have co-ordinated The Big Draw family pop-up events in Chumleigh Gardens Burgess Park in October over three days of half-term. Funding is from the Southwark Council Neighbourhood Fund and art sessions run by First Place Nursery, Art in the Park and London Wildlife Trust, plus Garden Organic.

Heritage - Old library baths and washhouse

Over the last year we have engaged with local groups to promote the OLBAW buildings and our vision for the old library to remain as public space and a resource for Burgess Park.

Local community groups and arts organisations we contacted welcomed the FOBP initiative. The Plincke, report funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, was completed in the summer. It has been useful to the council in developing their thinking and wider parks building strategy.

Wildlife - Making Tracks

To help promote knowledge about our local wildlife in Burgess Park FOBP has run three children's workshops this year on the theme of animal footprints.

In the main activity, participants used stamps to print the footprints of animals found in Burgess Park. They had to identify the animal and make the print next to its picture. It was encouraging to see how many got them all correct.

The exercise encouraged children to consider how an animal's feet are suited to their habitat and characteristic behaviours.

They also made printed medallions and paintings to advertise the FOBP free screening of Jungle Book.



Workshops took place at Camberwell Fair, Jungle Book Film pre-film workshop and The Big Draw.

Responding to consultation

With more redevelopment both in and around Burgess Park responding to planning proposals has been a significant level of activity this year.

- Old Kent Road AAP - October 2016
- Malt St/Berkley Homes –October 2016
- Burgess Park West – September 2016
- Mountview Academy and Peckham Square Aug 2016
- Sports centre consultation – July 2016
- Camberwell West - June 2016
- Old Kent Road IIA - March 2016
- Parkhouse Street/Southwark Housing pre-planning consultation - March 2016
- The New Southwark Plan – February 2016