

# Forest Hill 2012/13 Assembly Fund Project Form



## SECTION A: Overview

*Which assembly is this project for?*  
Forest Hill

*Project Title: Use this space to provide a short, but descriptive, title of your project.*

Improvements to Albion Millennium Green including a notice board

*Delivery organisation & contact details:*

<b>Organisation</b>	Friends of Albion Millennium Green
<b>Contact person</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	

## SECTION B: Project Description

*Use this space to describe the project and, most importantly, what it will achieve.*

Additions to the green will include a notice board, improved access from the railway side entrance to the green and management of nuisance plants and trees which will increase light and water supply to wildlife friendly flora that we want to encourage.

These improvements will combine to increase public access to and awareness of The Green. In a recent public consultation on The Green visitors said they found it hard to interact with the space as there is no information on what is there or how to find your way round out. They said they found this intimidating and it prevented them from exploring the space further. Many of these were parents who also stated that it would make them wary of bringing their children there. Visitors also said they found the rear, unofficial, entrance to the Green intimidating as it often becomes muddy and is generally unattractive, overgrown and not user-friendly. The aim of this project is to make the Green more accessible as a place to play and explore. We would do this by working with local primary school children to map the space to create an illustrated plan of the Green which would go up on a permanent display at the entrance. It would also be available as a free, takeaway paper map and download on the Green's website. Funds would also be used to add a gate, plant attractive wildlife friendly plants and create a mud-free path with disabled access to the "railway" entrance.

Finally, the control of Sycamores and encouragement of more native species is becoming a priority to avoid Sycamore dominance of certain areas, Friends will organise the removal of several large Sycamore trees.

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*Which assembly priority and action does the project address? The assembly priorities and action plan are available from the assembly coordinator.*

Growing the community  
Our environment  
Facilities for young and old

*Who will be involved in your project? Use this space to provide some information. Will your project involve local residents, Council officers, other partners? Do you need any external expertise to help you run your project? Think about the different ways in which people will be involved in your project.*

Holy Trinity is a small inner city school. About half of the students do not speak English as their first language and a large majority come from Black African and Caribbean backgrounds. The proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals and having special educational needs is much higher than the national average. This project aims to provide 30 students (the school is one form entry so this would be an entire year group) with the opportunity to actively engage with Albion Millenium Green (which is 300 metres away).

The children and their teachers would spend four days, spread over half a term, in the Green. During this time they would work initially with London Wildlife Trust to fully explore the space and how it can be interacted with (e.g den making, bushcraft) without disturbing the animals and wildlife that are present. They would then go on to work with an illustrator/visual artist who would work with them to map the space, looking at each area (e.g the orchard, the wildlife pond, the wooded areas) and noting its distinct features. This work would be the starting point for the children to each create their own individual map of the space which they would create at the Green (rather than in the classroom). An illustrator would then use elements of all the childrens' maps to create a permanent display which would guide visitors around the Green and act as a record for the children's work.

The improvements to the rear pathway would be undertaken on a voluntary basis by around 5 or 6 local residents and also working with Nature's Gym, Lewisham's Green Scene voluntary group. Friends of Millennium Green would discuss these improvements with Green Scene and the Planning Department in the hope that the council owned path between the railway and The Green might also become a more user-friendly pedestrian route.

## SECTION C: Project Resources

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*How much will the project cost? Use this space to provide details on how much money you need to run the project. Please be as detailed as you can. If you don't know precise figures, please estimate, but indicate where you have done this. Please also note that expenditure and income must be the same, if this is not the case please speak with the local assemblies team.*

<b>Expenditure</b>		
Illustrator		£500
Print		£315
Materials for rear entrance including gate and plants		£300
Materials for construction of notice board		£150
Sycamore management		£600
<b>Total Project Expenditure</b>		<b>£1865</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Assembly Fund requirement		£1,865
Other Council funding (please specify)		
Other funding (please specify)	Applied for	Confirmed
<b>Total Project Income</b>		<b>£1865</b>

## SECTION D: Project Delivery

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*How will you go about delivering this project? Who will be helping you to run it? Are you relying on specialist knowledge or skills, such as an expert in construction? Use this space to tell us who is responsible for the different phases of the project.*

These improvements will be managed by Friends of Albion Millennium Green in collaboration with Holy Trinity School, Natures Gym, a local artist and local volunteers. The notice board will be made by Bruno Roubicek on a voluntary basis.

London Wildlife Trust and Lewisham's Green Scene will be consulted on elements of the map design and teachers from Holy Trinity school will assist with pupil participation.

## Project Management Team

*Please provide details of the key people who will be delivering this project.*

Name	Contact Number	Email address
Bruno Roubicek (Notice board and rear path)		
Sara Russet (Display and Print)		
Ann Field (Fauna Management)		

## Key stages in delivering the project

*The project must be completed by the end of November 2013. Please indicate when the project will start and end, and key stages in between.*

Action	Lead Person	Deadline
Notice Board Construction	Bruno Roubicek	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2013
Print and Design of Map	Sara Russet	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2013
Improvements to rear entrance	Ann Field	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2013
Sycamore management	Ann Field	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2013

## SECTION E: Impact

*Use this section to describe the impact that the project will have on other people within the ward. Think about whether it will help a particular community. Does your project particularly impact on, for example, disabled people, children or older people?*

Improving access by the rear entrance will encourage all members of the community, including wheelchair users and the infirm to use the space. Information displays about the space will also encourage usage by families and children, while also encouraging litter clearance and dog walkers to respect the green by clearing up dog mess.

Any future events at the green will have a convenient medium for publicity on the notice board which will encourage use of the space by artists and the general public alike.

30 children at Holy Trinity will be encouraged to explore The Green and work with a professional artist to create a display.

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## SECTION F: Risks

*Think about what some of the risks associated with the project and what will be done to minimise their impact. If you're planning an outdoor event, for example, what would happen if it rained?*

A full risk assessment will outline the risks posed to participants such as dog mess and thorny bushes. Workshops with pupils on the green can be postponed in the event of heavy rain. Other elements to improvements can occur in light rain or be postponed in the event of heavy rain.

## SECTION G: Evaluation

*How will we know if the project has been a success? Use this space to outline what success will look like. For example, for a children's playground success might be lots of children using it on a daily basis and good feedback from parents and other members of the community.*

A comments page on the notice board will collect any feedback on the projects. Talking to users and anecdotal observational evidence will assess whether there is any increased usage of the space. Teachers from Holy Trinity will evaluate the benefits of their pupils' participation.