



“Saving our Wood and Glen!”

We seek to conserve the flora and fauna, preserve the environment, and encourage the quiet informal enjoyment of the sites, including learning and appreciating their history.

10th February 2023

Dear ‘Friend of the Park’

Your help is urgently needed to support a grant application to improve the entrances to both South Hill Wood, (main Coronation gate) at the junction with South Hill Road and Westmoreland Road; and also the entrance to Kingswood Glen – again off South Hill Road.

The Friends of South Hill Wood and Kingswood Glen, (FSHWKG) have submitted an application for grant funding to Bromley Council, as a part of their Platinum Jubilee Fund – launched during the late Queen Elizabeth’s reign. The total award could be between five and ten thousand pounds. This would make huge differences to these currently rather gloomy entrances to our much-loved woods. Allowing more light in will make it feel safer, permit the planting of more bee-friendly pollinating plants and provide for improved entrance signage.

We have been told, that in order to qualify, we must raise £1000, (£500 per project site) despite the fact our volunteer time in improving and maintaining both sites as a ‘Friends’ group will on this occasion sadly not be counted as a ‘cash-equivalent’; and that the £1000 must be raised separately.

We are a small organisation, that does not charge for membership; and which relies solely on the time our committee and fabulous volunteers who are dedicated to keeping not only both sites, neat and tidy but ensuring correct woodland management policies are observed. We have all worked tirelessly over the years, partnering with other agencies and outside funding bodies to improve both the natural environment, and also by show-casing the few historic features that survive – along with their interpretation.

In order to be successful, we need to raise this money over the next few weeks. It’s quite a target, but we believe the generosity of our group, if supported by local residents, shop-keepers and community associations – can make this a reality.

Please help now, if you are able. All donations will be recorded and remain anonymous in line with GDPR.

You can send your donation by bank transfer to:

Account name: Friends of South Hill Wood & Kingswood Glen
Sort Code: 08-92-99
Account number: 65431287

Or write a cheque and post it to: Mr George Brooks, FSHWKG Treasurer, and made payable to “The Friends of South Hill Wood and Kingswood Glen”

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