Fountain Road Rec Management Plan

Fountain Road Rec is a secluded park providing local residents with an open space for family playtime, community engagement and exercise whilst also offering a tranquil space to enjoy and relax in nature.

This plan is intended to provide Fountain Road Rec with its best chance to continue meeting the needs of the local community in addition to achieving the highest horticultural and environmental standards. Wandsworth has one of the highest numbers of council-owned greenspaces in inner London, culminating in over 300 hectares of public greenspace. Each greenspace has its own unique character, and each space provides the opportunity for a range of different activities for people and opportunities for biodiversity. The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and greenspaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the Unities Kingdom and the world. Wandsworth Borough Council wants each of the five big greenspaces to gain and keep their prestigious Green Flag Awards. Whilst Battersea Park, Wandsworth Park, King Georges Park, Wandsworth and Tooting Common have Green Flag status, the aim is, from 2032, each one of the borough's smaller greenspaces will be brought up to Green Flag level. This management plan for Fountain Road Rec sets out proposed plans for this park over the next 10 years.











Key Action points

Park management and contractor activities – Relocate waste bins to avoid cluttering sight lines. Seek to gap depleted areas within shrubberies maintaining varied planting that provides year-round interest and provides nectar and berries for wildlife. Remove ball wall and repaint goalposts and ball court line marking.

Biodiversity activities - Subject to community views, seek to establish low growing wildflowers in the lawn area to enhance habitat for pollinators. Consider Nature Trail e.g. bat boxes, wildlife pond, hibernacula, bug hotels.

Arboriculture activities – Explore new POI tree planting.

Community engagement activities - Explore developing an open space for family playtime, community engagement and exercise whilst also offering a tranquil space to enjoy and relax in nature.

Development and funding activities - Seek funding to refurbish existing playground including the provision of accessible equipment-subject to allow inclusion. Seek funding for above community engagement and biodiversity additions. Consider complete redesign of planting schemes across the site.

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Action Plan

Green Flag Category		What we already have / do	What improvements are needed	Current plans to deliver improvements	Timescale / costs / partners
A Welcoming Place	Welcome		The views from both entrances into Fountain Road Rec are not clearly obvious and lacking in points of interest and site lines. Some shrubs beds particularly the focal one seen from either entrance do not maximize colour, yearround interest, scent or texture	Improve planting schemes/theme/focal points.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, £x
	Fountain Road Entrance	This entrance is accessed by walking under a brick archway from the parking area of Anderson House and through a pedestrian gate flanked with metal railings revealing a wide-open greenspace.	This entrance feels quite small and tight and rather exclusive to residential use. There is a waste bin under management of Anderson House to the side of the archway which obstructs the view into the grounds.	Improved signposting and link networking between Tooting Gardens and St Georges Hospital and wider community.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, £x

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Alston Road Entrance	This entrance is accessed by walking through an wide alleyway from the road into the grounds.	This again feels rather exclusive to residential use.	Improved signposting and link networking between Tooting Gardens and St Georges Hospital and wider community.	
Good and safe access	Access is easy for visitors via both gates. The egress at both entrances are maintained to ensure site is safe to users	The waste bin located to side of Fountain Road entrance has potential to cause obstruction with additional detritus build up.	Communicate concerns with facilities Manager at Anderson House	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental, £xx
Signage, Interpretation and Waymarking	There is effective, standard WBC welcome signage into Fountain Road Rec at both entrances.	The welcome sign at site entrances are standard WBC signs that do not provide detail of heritage and biodiversity of the Grounds. WBC only controls content on advertising board. There is limited waymarking in surrounding area to Fountain Road Rec and	Audit of signage to be carried out as a service plan topic followed by discussion with WBC to action improved signage across all sites. Undertake asset assessment to ensure the signs remain fit	Ongoing Ad hoc weekly inspections Enable Parks Team, Continental



	Equal access for all	Access into and around the Gardens is good for those with good mobility There is a free to use playground	Children with special needs are restricted in opportunities to play with and alongside their peers due to lack of inclusive play equipment.	for purpose and informative. Improve directional signage in the surrounding neighbourhood to the Grounds. Ensure opportunities for inclusive / accessible play are designed into any future refurbished play area	Ongoing Enable Park Team, Continental £xxxx
Healthy, Safe and Secure	Appropriate Provision of Quality Facilities and Activities	for toddlers and juniors	Some play equipment is outdated and surfacing is subject to moss. Users have said surface is hard in comparison with neighbouring parks. The ball court area equipment is outdated and in need of renovation/removal/replacing i.e., ball wall	Seek funding to refurbish existing playground and surfacing including the provision of accessible equipment- subject to allow inclusion. Install drinking and bottle filling station	Ongoing Enable Parks Team £xxxx





			There is no drinking and bottle filling station. There are no public conveniences at Coronation Gardens	
	afe equipment and acilities	Regular routine inspections specifically address whether equipment, and facilities in Fountain Road Rec are safe. Playground facilities are visually inspected by Enable's Playground Officer biweekly for damage or vandalism. The playground is also independently inspected 3 times a year.		The last playground inspection found all equipment and areas reported as low risk.
Pe	ersonal security	Reported issues from Parks and	Issues that cause fear for different members of the	Ongoing



		Events Police are regularly reviewed and acted upon	community – for example, inclusivity, racism, drugs, bullying, vandalism, and vagrancy are regularly reviewed.		Enable Parks Team Parks Police £x
	Control of dogs/ dog fouling	Responsible dog ownership is encouraged through Education, provision and maintenance and emptying of dog bins combined with active enforcement by Parks Police	This green space is regularly used by dog owners and has been found to be fouled.	Extend 'Paw Patrol' pop up events schedule to Fountain Road Rec More information ca be found here: Dogs in Parks and Open Spaces Information	Ongoing Enable Parks Team Parks Police £x
	Control of other "issues	Fountain Road Rec is governed by Wandsworth Borough Council Parks Byelaws Wandsworth Council Parks Bye laws		More information can be found Public Spaces Protection Order leaflet (wandsworth.gov.uk)	Ongoing Enable Parks Team Parks Police £x
Well Maintained and Clean	Litter and Waste Management	The litter bins in Fountain Road Rec are emptied			Ongoing





	daily by 10am and are not permitted to remain full for more than 24 hours. Litter picking is also carried out across the gardens.			Enable Parks Team, Continental £x
Horticultural Maintenance	General horticultural maintenance duties are carried out by contracted grounds people with members of Parks Team qualified in recognised horticultural skills.			Ongoing Enable Parks Team £x
Decorative Beds		There are no decorative beds	Consider including decorative beds in any new planning.	
Shrubberies and Borders	There are shrubberies	All shrubberies and borders lack vigour, interest and structure. Some areas are over grown whilst some	Seek to gap depleted areas within shrubberies maintaining varied	Spring 2023



		adjacent to all boundaries.	areas are completely lacking in planting. There are desire paths running into shrubberies leading to areas out of sight from the rest of the grounds particularly in the NW and SW corner. There is an underused area in the SE corner.	planting that provides year-round interest. Explore	Enable Parks Team £x
_	poriculture lintenance	The trees in Fountain Road Rec are inspected by Enable's Tree Team every 3 years and works carried out according to instruction.			Ongoing Enable Parks Team £x
Infr	ilding and rastructure iintenance	Ad hoc weekly inspections by Enable Parks officers are carried out and vandalism damage			Ongoing Enable Parks Team £x



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repairs	
actioned.	
Parks	
Maintenance	
Contractors	
inspect the site	
on a regular	
basis reporting	
defects and	
undertaking any	
minor repairs	
needed to	
facilitate safety	
and/or return	
the equipment	
or area to use or	
cordoning off	
area if	
necessary, as a	
temporary	
measure to	
ensure user	
safety and to	
discourage	
vandalism.	
Paths are tarmac	
and in good	
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		been resurfaced in last 5 years. Metal fencing and gates are in good condition having been repainted in last 5 years. These gates are regularly checked to ensure they are kept in good working order. Wooden fencing around playground is in good condition There is seating for 30 in Fountain Road Rec		
Environmental Management	Managing Environmental Impact			Ongoing Enable Parks Team £x





Waste Minimisation	All green waste generated on site is taken to Battersea Park Depot where Continental, process the green waste into		Ongoing Enable Parks Team £x
	mulch which is re-used on beds within parks and open spaces across the Borough		
Chemical Usage	Unless otherwise specified all weed removal will be performed by manual rather than chemical treatments, e.g., fungicides, herbicides and pesticides must be used strictly in accordance	As part of their commitment to safeguarding the environment, the Parks Team is seeking to reduce the number of chemical treatments used in horticultural operations and contractors will be expected to be sensitive to this aim. In general, no chemical treatments will be allowed in ecological areas.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental £x





	with the manufacturers and Authorised Officer's instructions, and only on specified areas	
Peat Use	Horticultural waste is composted for use as a replacement for peat-based or commercial products when mulching.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental £x
Climate Change Adaption Strategies	Implementing planting schemes that support the objectives of the 2021 Wandsworth Biodiversity Strategy allow greenspaces to support an increased mix of habitats and species for the longer term and	Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental £x





		help contribute to the significant environmental challenges we currently face.		
Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage	Management of Natural Features, Wild Fauna and Flora	All new or replacement planting is designed to provide attractive and appropriate visual character, support biodiversity and be resilient to climate change in line with best practice and in accordance with Wandsworth Environment and Sustainability Strategy Wandsworth Biodiversity Strategy.	More information can be found Together on nature - Wandsworth Borough Council	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x



		Wandsworth Tree Strategy		
	Conservation of Landscape Features			Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental £x
	Conservation of Buildings and Structures			Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental £x
Community Involvement	Community Involvement in Management and Development			Ongoing Enable Parks Team, £x
	Appropriate Provision for Community			Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental

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		£x
Marketing and Communication	Marketing and Promotion	Ongoing
Communication	Tromodon	Enable Parks Team
		Continental
		£x
	Appropriate Information	Ongoing
	Channels	Enable Parks Team
		Continental
		£x
	Appropriate Educational and	Ongoing
	Interpretation Information	Enable Parks Team
		Continental
		£x
mplementation of Management		Ongoing
Plan		Enable Parks Team





Management Plan Details

Site Name:	Fountain Road Rec		
Plan author and approver:	Alice Henry and Valerie Selby		
Previous Plans:	Fountain Road Recreation Ground Management Plan 2007 -2012 (Wandsworth.gov.uk)		
Plan Dates:	Duration of plan - Autumn 2022 - Autumn 2032		
Consultation:	Where Wandsworth Borough Council capital has been invested, WBC processes will be followed. Where other capital is invested WBC processes will also be followed however it is likely amendments may be a requirement to meet individual funder needs.		
Aims of the plan:	To guide and inform on reaching criteria on Green Flag and London in Bloom awards, To encourage clear communication with stakeholders, To guide maintenance priorities, To guide funding investment and site improvements		
Plan review and Monitoring:	Greenspace management is a continuous process that takes account of issues that arise. This Management and Maintenance Plan is a "live document" which will be updated dynamically throughout the year. As the plan is actively implemented, updates will be systematically reported by the Enable's Parks Team. By constantly reviewing and monitoring, the Parks Team will ensure green spaces remain relevant to users' needs and are cared for and respected by all. An Annual Actions Summary will be produced each year of the plan outlining key achievements in each year of the Plan.		



Site Details

Titles, Deeds, Legislations and	It is in the Tooting Broadway ward.		
Destinations:	Elected members for this area until May 2026 are: Councillor Kate Forbes, Councillor Kemi Akinola and Councillor Andy Gibbons.		
	The grid reference of the bottom southwest corner of the site is TQ 266 714 and the area of the site totals 0.6 Ha (1.5 acres).		
	Fountain Road Rec is bounded to the north-east by Alston Road; to the south-east by Fountain Road; to the southwest by the rear of Blackshaw Road and to the north-west by Bertal Road.		
	Designations: Park & Open Space		
	The council has adopted planning policies which aim to protect and enhance public and private open space and green infrastructure in the borough. These policies are the basis for promoting and controlling development in the borough. The adopted Local Development Plan comprises the Core Strategy (2016), the Development Management Policies Document (2016), the Site-Specific Allocations Document (2016), the Employment and Industry Document (2018), the Policies Map (2016) and the Policies Map Changes Document: Employment and Industry Review (2017).		
	Fountain Road Rec has no official current designation as a place of importance for wildlife however the Borough of Wandsworth is popular with several protected and priority species and all its greenspaces including Fountain Road Rec offer the opportunity for increasing special habitats either for species to commute through or make their home.		
Site Description:	Fountain Road Rec is a quiet local park hidden behind back gardens with undulating grassy areas bounded by shrubs and trees for spring blossom, summer shade, and autumn colour. There is a hard surface area for informal ball games.		





There is a wheelchair accessible pedestrian perimeter path and a children's play area in one corner.

The site can be accessed through a vehicular gate at the end of a driveway from Alston Road and a single pedestrian gate to the rear of Anderson House flats on Fountain Road.

There is secure boundary fencing to all sides of the greenspace.

The recreation ground is adjacent to Anderson House, a block of Council flats, and was laid out as part of this development in 1932. Unlike other sites, this public greenspace was not originally intended and was never used as 'detached gardens' for individual flats. Work to build the recreation ground was part of the scheme for the relief of unemployment. A portion was laid down to grass and the remainder paved and equipped with swings and see-saws and a hard surface ball games area.

The site had earlier served as a clay quarry for brickworks. In 1898 the quarry was replaced by the Council's 'dust destructor', a scheme for disposing of all the Borough's rubbish by incineration. This occupied the site until its demolition on 30 October 1930.

How to find Fountain Road Rec

By bus – The closest bus stop is opposite the Gardens entrance on Merton Road, it takes 2 minutes to walk from the bus stop to Coronation Gardens.

By tube- the closest tube station is Tooting Broadway Station, it takes 12 minutes to walk from the station to Fountain Road Rec.

By train – the closest train station is Haydons Road Station, it takes 20 minutes to walk from the station to Fountain Road Rec.

By bicycle –The closest National Cycle Route is The Wandle Trail, Route 20. It takes 5 minutes to cycle to Fountain Road Rec from the trail. The closest TFL bike docking station is on Neville Gill Close, it takes 13 mins to cycle to Tooting Gardens.





By car - Fountain Road Rec has no dedicated car parking on site, although there is limited pay and display parking available nearby.

Opening Times – Fountain Road Rec is open all hours throughout the year.

If you have any issues gaining access or exiting, please call Parks Police on 07500969442

An original Edwardian wooden structure with sheltered seating is also sited to the west of the park.

The planted shrubberies to the north side of the Gardens include a generous backdrop of plants providing good visual amenity and are also beneficial for biodiversity.

The decorative display beds to the centre and north side of the Gardens are laid out to a formal pattern and include a mix of established rose planting and spring bulbs.

There is a free to use playground for toddlers and juniors, first built in the early 2000's. It is in the west of the Gardens bounded by Pirbright Rd to the south, the wider Gardens to the north and east and the Little Learners nursery building within the Gardens and the 8th Wandsworth scouts hut outside the Gardens, both to the west. Alongside the playground fence, within the playground, are mature evergreen hedges and mature London plane trees.

There is a substantial stretch of mown grass that runs adjacent to the Pirbright Road railings and the central area. The section of grass closest to the school has recently been planted crab apple trees. Various formally laid out colourful rose and spring flowering bulb beds are located within the mown grass areas to the west of the central area of the garden which are easily admired from the sheltered seating.

The north-east of the garden was redeveloped in early 2021 to include new planting, seating and a rose arch making it a relaxing place to sit and enjoy the Gardens. There are also two interesting interpretation boards in the Gardens that inform users more generally





	about the gardens and their heritage. The shrubberies on the north side of the Gardens are generously planted to give texture, fragrance, shape and colour.	
	How to find Fountain Road Rec	
	By bus – The closest bus stop is opposite the Gardens entrance on Merton Road, it takes 2 minutes to walk from the bus stop to Coronation Gardens.	
	By tube- the closest tube station is Southfields Underground Station, it takes 6 minutes to walk from the station to Coronation Gardens.	
	By train – the closest train station is Earlsfield Station, it takes 17 minutes to walk from the station to Coronation Gardens.	
	By bicycle – the closest national cycle network route is the Wandle Trail, it takes 4 minutes to cycle from the Wandle Trail to Coronation Gardens. The closest TFL bike docking station is on Neville Gill Close, it takes 16 mins to walk to Coronation Gardens.	
	By car -Fountain Road Rec has no dedicated car parking on site, although there is limited pay and display parking available nearby.	
	Opening Times – Fountain Road Rec are locked 9pm – 6am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 st April – to 30 th October.	
	If you have any issues gaining access or exiting, please call Parks Police on 07500969442	
Current main uses and users:	The Recreation Ground provides an outdoor space for those people in the neighbouring housing estate who do not have any open space associated with their properties.	
Playground:	There is a free to use playground for toddlers and juniors.	
Recreation area:	The hard surfaced area in the centre is used by local teenagers for informal ball games such as basketball and football.	





Grassy Area: This area is used by families for informal play, and dog walkers

Site Photos and Maps



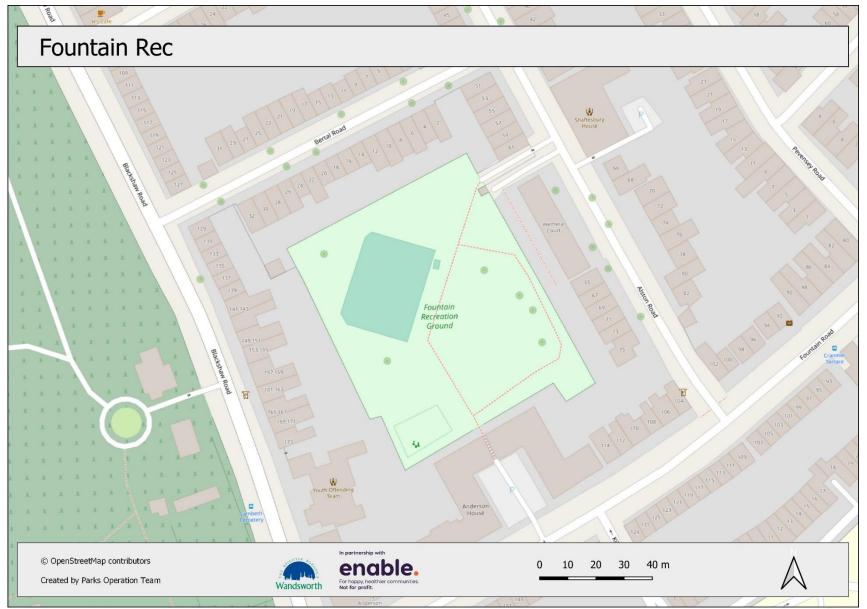


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Ball wall	Goal post	Ball court	Seating shelter
Grassy Area	Children's play area	Play equipment	Play Equipment

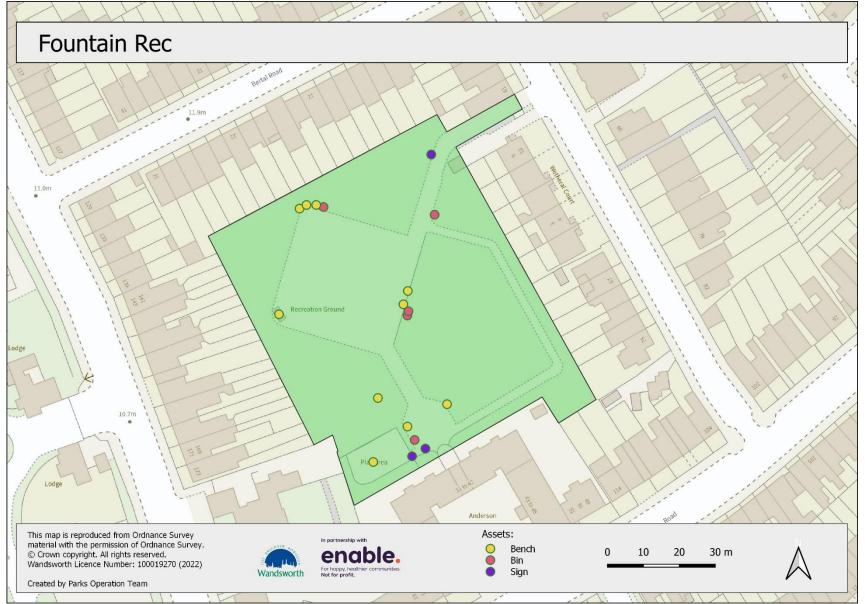


Bare flower bed	Desire path behind playground	Desire path into unused corner alcove	Bare flower bed and spill onto path











Responsibilities

Who is involved with looking after this place?

The Enable Parks team is a passionate group of people, who work together to maintain and improve Wandsworth Council's parks, commons, playgrounds, allotments and other greenspaces.

Broadly split into three specialist teams: the trees team, the operations team and the parks development team, we work to deliver sustainable planting and urban greening, following both the borough's Biodiversity Strategy and Tree Policy. We are keen to recognise, value, manage and enhance the biodiversity and plant heritage of our landscapes - through these measures, we are contributing to a healthy planet and the wellbeing of our communities.

Enable: look after all Wandsworth's public green spaces including Fountain Road Rec by ensuring the horticultural fabric, heritage, biodiversity and infrastructure of each site are maintained and improved.

The Parks Operations Team look after over 32 public green spaces in Wandsworth. Each greenspace, including Fountain Road Rec is managed according to the action plan within this document and in addition is checked regularly by Enable's Park Officers who report and act upon anything urgent in a timely manner. Please help them by reporting any concerns or suggestions regarding the upkeep of these places including Fountain Road Rec by emailing the Enable Parks Administrator parks@enablelc.org or by calling The Enable Park Office 0203 959 0060

The Parks Team process all enquires relating to Wandsworth's greenspaces monitoring the grounds maintenance, sport pitches and arboriculture contracts providing advice to Wandsworth Council on its responsibilities with respect to legislation relating to biodiversity and on best practice in the ecological maintenance.





The Parks team work also collaboratively with Enable's other areas including Health and Wellbeing, Sports and Leisure, Bereavement, Events, Filming, Putney School of Art and Public Halls.

The Parks Enable Parks Team have partnered with:

Continental Landscapes who are contracted and instructed by Enable to undertake horticultural maintenance, a sports pitch booking service, maintenance of buildings furniture, fixtures and fittings, indoor building cleaning duties, litter picking, outside sweeping and clearance duties, ecological maintenance tasks, grounds maintenance and provision of sports facilities, hard surfaces, weed control, care of paths and surfaces, event preparation and staging. They oversee installation of temporary fencing where it may be required for health and safety reasons or when required to protect/recover certain areas from excessive footfall. They also install new planting and restoration schemes managed by the Parks Team.

Please only contact Continental Landscapes for information enquiries regarding sports pitch and sports facilities. 0208 767 830 <u>Wandsworthsports@continental-landscapes.co.uk</u>

All general parks and greenspaces enquiries and feedback is best directed to the Enable Parks.

Enable: looks after all and are responsible for the care and wellbeing of all trees in Wandsworth's public greenspaces including Fountain Road Rec.

The Enable Tree team look after more than 60,000 trees in its parks, commons and public green spaces. Each Greenspace including, Fountain Road Rec , has a dedicated and experienced arboriculture officer who looks after the trees here and makes inspections on a three-year cycle which ensures that all trees are inspected regularly. The officer can assess a tree and identify whether works are of an urgent or non-urgent type. General tree health is considered as well as the condition and colour of the leaves, branches, upper crown and the trunk. Once all this information has been gathered a schedule of work is produced and any remedial works are actioned. Enable's Tree Team also runs an out of





hours service for dealing with all dangerous or hazardous trees in addition to monitoring and managing any outbreaks of tree pests and diseases. Please help them by reporting problems, such as vandalism or damage to trees in Fountain Road Rec by emailing trees@enablelc.org or by calling the 0203 959 0070.

The Enable Tree Team have partnered with:

KPS who carry out all tree maintenance works in Fountain Road Rec as instructed by Enable's Tree Team.

Enable: look after Wandsworth's public greenspaces by supporting and working closely with local stakeholders, volunteers and 'Friends of' groups who share the same aims of providing and making improvements to high quality, well managed and inclusive greenspaces including Fountain Road Rec.

The Enable Parks Team have partnered with:

Enable: look after all Wandsworth's public green spaces including Fountain Road Rec by ensuring they remain safe and welcoming places for everyone to visit.

Enable's Parks Operation Teams and Grounds Maintenance teams make regular visits to this place checking acting on any site infrastructure issues and anti – social behaviour. responds to enquiries to do with any aspect regarding over 50 public greenspaces in Wandsworth. The Parks office is open 9am –5pm weekdays and Wandsworth's public greenspaces. Please

Enable's Parks Team have partnered with:

The Parks Police whose team routinely patrol these green spaces, enforcing byelaws and overseeing dog control, public spaces protection orders and policing events. The Parks Police provide a service 365 days a year and officers are trained in legal and enforcement processes, conflict resolution, personal safety training and first aid. In total The Parks Police look after over 50 public green spaces in Wandsworth. Please help them by reporting any anti- social behaviour including dog related incidents in Fountain Road Rec





by emailing <u>parkspolice@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk</u> or by calling 020 8871 7532, their mobile patrol unit can also be reached by calling 07500 959442.

Call 999 if:

A serious offence is in progress or has just been committed

Someone is in immediate danger or harm

Property is in danger of being damaged

A serious disruption to the public is likely

Other Partnerships All work that does not fall under these contracts or within the remit of any official Friends group is managed by Enable in partnership with Wandsworth Council and carried out under additional works programmes, by order, with the main contractor outside contractors depending on the scope of the work entailed







