



The Friends of Sydney Gardens a community organisation dedicated to preserving and improving historic Sydney Gardens

Hello and welcome to the Friends of Sydney Gardens (FoSG) Summer 2023 Newsletter.

Brilliant news to tell, Sydney Gardens has achieved the Green Flag Award Status for parks. This is the first year we have applied for the award, and we were successful. We are all very, very pleased. Some of the criteria we had to satisfy were; Litter and Waste Management, Horticultural Maintenance, Arboricultural Maintenance, Waste Minimisation, Community Involvement in Management and Development and quite a lot more!

We do appreciate all contributions, however small, whether you are a gardener, litter picker, guide for the historic walks, we would like to thank you all for your contribution towards making this park such a wonderful green space in this fantastic World Heritage City.



Sydney Garden Supper Box
The remaining Supper Box is the one on the far left

Accredited to: Bath in Time

The Friends have been given permission by the Council Parks Department to take small groups of 'Guided Walkers' into the Council compound to view the only remaining Supper Box in the UK. The picture to the left, shows the supper boxes original position, fanning out from the rear of the Holburne Museum. Come and join the walk to find out more about it. Sun 10 September 2023 at 2.30pm. Book on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/672376424987>

Events to look out for

Sun 27 Aug – Sydney's Great Detective Trail, a family fun day from 10.30 am – 3.30pm.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/674259918567

Sun 10 Sept – Historic Guided Walk with access to the only remaining Supper Box in the UK.

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Sun 17 Sept – Our beautiful trees - Where did they come from? A guided walk in Sydney Gardens. Led by a tree expert www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/674259918567

Sun 15 Oct – The Friends, 10 Anniversary AGM, with special guest presenter, Professor Barry Gilbertson; chair of the City of Bath's UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Fri 17 Nov – Save the date - A unique collaboration between the Friends of the Holburne Museum and Friends of Sydney Gardens, to be held in the Holburne Museum.



All our events are organised to raise funds for projects in the park, so please support us. Our present project is to secure the stones at the entrance to the reservoir and then to install railings around the entrance for safety of all who use the park. The following project is to stabilise the ruin of the last supper box in the UK and to open the council compound for the enjoyment of the public.

A rare opportunity has arisen to purchase some wooden gifts crafted from the Golden Oak Peace Tree in Sydney Gardens. The tree was planted to celebrate the end of WWI. If you would like to purchase any of the items below, please: email - info@friendsofsydneygardens.org or phone - 07802 923224.



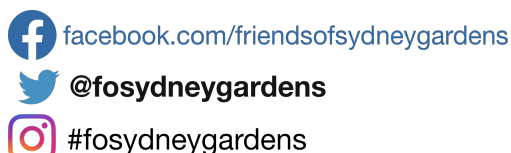
FoSG offer Historic Walks.

Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2.30pm we offer an historical ‘talk and walk’ around Sydney Gardens. Find out more historical facts about this amazing garden. Book your place on Eventbrite or just come along and join us. Meet at the FoSG notice board beside the entrance gate into the Holburne Museum, from Sydney Gardens. Note: The walk is wheelchair and pushchair friendly.

FoSG run Volunteer Gardening Sessions

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month, from 10am -12noon; come and join us. We provide the tools just bring your own gloves and help to keep this special park looking good, contact Gill at: info@friendsofsydneygardens.org.

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Sydney Gardens Parks Team

are still running weekly gardening sessions every Wednesday mornings from 10-11.30am. If you would like to join Mali & Matt and get involved with your local park, they would love to see you. Contact Mali Kedward, the Projects Horticultural Participation officer at: mali_kedward@bathnes.gov.uk

Please support us and donate to our next project

All future improvements in the park need to be funded by donations. We are currently raising funds to replace wooden railings around the entrance to the reservoir with metal railings, and to provide an information board.



Membership of the Friends of Sydney Gardens (FoSG)

Become a member of the Friends of Sydney Gardens and support us in our plans to conserve and maintain our park. Please use the QR code to register or set up a standing order, details are given below.



Useful information

If you wish to report a problem in Sydney Gardens, please phone, Council Connect: 01225 394041. If out of hours or weekend, please phone: 01225 477477. If you wish to report someone sleeping overnight in Sydney Garden’s contact ‘Street Link’ for the homeless at; contact@streetlink.org.uk



Friends of Sydney Gardens

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Friends of Sydney Gardens (FoSG) Membership

To join the FoSG, either use the QR code above or take the information below to your bank and they will set-up a standing order. Membership is £5.00 a year per household. Then email us at info@friendsofsydneygardens.org to confirm. We will then email you updates about what is happening in the park.

Standing Order information for your bank to join the Friends of Sydney Gardens

Please pay, until further notice, this standing order instruction, on 1st April each year the sum of £5.00. Account of: Friends of Sydney Gardens at, NatWest Bank. Address: 15 High Street, Bath, BA1 5AH. Sort code: 56-00-34. Account number: 28263197