

# Friends of Glentrammon Recreation Ground and Foxbury Wood

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## Newsletter – Autumn 2011

### Introduction

We have had a very busy first year and hopefully you will have noticed the changes that have been made to the park. We were very fortunate to gain funding from Transport for London to pay for the new path – many thanks to the Council officers who put forward our case. The path has been installed to create a route that can be used in all weathers and aid in getting to and from the playground. There have been some teething troubles with the lime material used (lime was used as it was thought to be more sympathetic considering the special chalk grassland status of the lower field). We are working with the Council and contractors to attend to these troubles. Further funding has also been obtained and has led to other significant improvements, please see page 3 for more detail.

We hope that you find this update useful and I would draw your attention to our new website – [www.glentrammonfriends.weebly.com](http://www.glentrammonfriends.weebly.com). If you have any comments or suggestions then please use the contact form on the website or you can contact the group via Amy Rogers, Senior Fundraising Officer at the London Borough of Bromley on 0208 464 3333 ext. 3120.

### The Children's Playground

When the Friends' Committee was first set up, we had the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund's Community Spaces programme to improve the facilities. The initial wider community consultation that was carried out when the group was formed revealed that the area most in need of development was the Children's Playground. The equipment is becoming old and mainly suitable for younger children. We quickly put a bid together, with the help of the Local Authority Officers; the main focus being equipment for children in the 7 to 13 year age group and some accessible equipment that meets DDA requirements. At first, we were not successful. However, in June, we were told our bid could go forward to stage 2 after all. It would need to be completed by Christmas.

Since then, there has been a flurry of activity: getting in touch with manufacturers, finding out about safety surfaces, meetings with the facilitator appointed to steer us through the bidding process, visiting other playgrounds to view equipment and see how it is used by the children etc. etc, with the Local Authority Officers supporting us at every stage.

The play area enclosure has been extended by the Borough. Picnic benches will be installed, and the large mound of soil compacted and grassed over to provide mounds for "natural play".

We have now reached the most important phase – consultation with the "customers". At the time of writing, we are in the process of contacting groups such as schools, scouts, guides and Church groups where we can discuss our proposals with children from the 7 to 13 age group and arrive at decisions regarding which apparatus we would like to buy for the playground. We can then refine and complete our bid. If all goes well, the new equipment should be installed next spring / early summer. Keep your fingers crossed for us!!

### Call to action

We are currently researching the history of both Glentrammon Recreation Ground and Foxbury Wood. We would very much appreciate any information that you can contribute. We would also appreciate any photos that you might have of the park over the past 100 years – particularly of any old football matches or of the pavilion.

### Summary of what we have found to date:

In the 1800s the land was listed on the tithe map of the Parish of Chelsfield, we believe the fields were known as Upper Beeches and Lower Beeches or Upper Ash Field and Lower Ash Field. In the early 1900s the land belonged to Glentrammon Park Estates; after this it seems to have been owned by a Mr. Gill who passed away in 1925. The land was then caught up in a town planning issue between Mr. Gill's family and the Council until 1929 when the trail runs cold. On a map of the area from 1933 the land is labelled as a recreation ground so this issue must have been resolved.

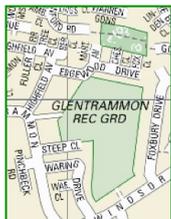
### A little about us

The Friends of Glentrammon Recreation Ground & Foxbury Wood was set up in late 2010 after a series of public meetings that were organised in partnership between the London Borough of Bromley and the Green Street Green Village Society. The purpose of the group is to encourage the local community to have an involvement in the upkeep of the local park and a stake in its future development.

The group was officially constituted at a public meeting in May 2011 and the committee formally elected.

### Membership

If you are interested in finding out more about the group and getting involved why not become a member? Membership of the group is free but if you would like to support us then we would welcome a voluntary £2 donation from your household that would help with the minor expenses we incur in running the group. Please see page 4 for a form.



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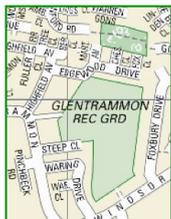
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## Winter 2010 – Bulb Planting & Litter Pick



## Spring 2011 – The Results





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## What have we done so far?

Extension of the play area. To include:

- More green space
- Grassed mounds (to be formed and seeded Oct 2011)
- Picnic benches (to be added in Spring 2012)

New Path

(final works to be completed Oct 2011)

Additional bins

(to be installed Nov 2011)

A hand rail has been added to these steps.

New benches

(to be installed Oct 2011)

New dog waste bins

(to be installed Oct 2011)

The Basket Ball / Five-a-side pitch has had a tall fence added to the perimeter.



For more information please see our website - <http://glentrammonfriends.weebly.com> - or to contact the group please email [contact.glentrammon@gmail.com](mailto:contact.glentrammon@gmail.com) or use the 'contact us' form on the site. Many thanks.

**Friends of Glentrammon Recreation Ground and Foxbury Wood - Membership Form**

Names: .....

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Address: .....

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Email address: .....

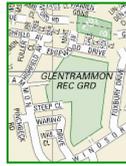
I/we wish to become a member(s) of the Friends of Glentrammon Recreation Ground and Foxbury Wood.

I/we will receive updates on the work and activities of the Friends, and an invitation to the Annual General Meeting which is held in October.

I/we wish to make a voluntary donation of £..... \* for the year 2011 / 2012.

Please return to our Membership Secretary, Mr. Chris Arnold, 6, Highfield Avenue, Green Street Green, Kent, BR6 6LF.

\* Suggested donation - £2 per household



**Friends of Glentrammon Recreation Ground and Foxbury Wood**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Monday, 24th October, 2011 at 7.30pm  
At The Greenwood Centre, Green Street Green**

Dear Resident,

The Friends of Glentrammon Recreation Ground And Foxbury Wood would like to invite you to come to our first Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday, 24th October. It will be held in the Greenwood Centre, Green Street Green High Street.

At the meeting, we will review our activities and successes during our first year and think about developments for the future.

At present, we are through to the second stage of an application to the Big Lottery Fund's Community Spaces programme to provide more playground equipment for our children. Andy Biggs, Principle Play and Projects Officer for the London Borough of Bromley, is working very closely with us on this project, and he will give a talk setting out our progress to date.

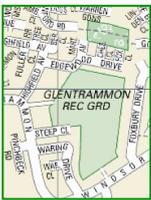
This will also be an opportunity for people to become members of our Friends group, please see opposite for our membership form.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Ernout  
Chairman

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**Litter Pick and Bulb Planting**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October - 11am to 1pm**

Windsor Drive entrance

**Everyone welcome, children must be accompanied  
- Equipment will be provided -**



Some of the rubbish that was collected at the summer litter pick

*Come along and help keep our green space beautiful*