

Prairie Border in Waterlow Park

The new Prairie border in Waterlow Park is in the south east of the park running N-S from the bottom path.

The original border was planted with herbaceous perennials as part of the lottery funding (1997-2005) but had become tired, infested with bindweed and couch grass and in need of renovation.

With the support and funding from Camden's Green Space Team, the Friends of Waterlow Park and Idverde gardening team, the border was planted with prairie style plants in spring 2023. The border was designed by award winning local garden designer Peter Reader who also donated some of the plants. The border is designed to enhance Waterlow Park's identity as a 'garden park'.

Why a Prairie Border?

This is a style of planting which combines grasses with mid and late season flowering herbaceous plants with a variety of flower forms.

Plants are chosen which:

- form a community of plants which share the same horticultural requirements to co-exist happily together
- will be attractive to pollinators
- will have some drought resistance
- once established should not have intensive maintenance requirements

Some of the plants which appear in the border:

Echinops ritro
Globe thistle



Echinacea purpurea
Cone flower



Veronicastrum 'Fascination'

Helenium Sahin's Early Flowerer



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Liriope Turf lily

Rudbeckia Coneflower





Verbena bonariensis

Hylotelephium 'Matrona'



birminghambotanicalgarden
Eryngium 'Big Blue'



stonehousenursery.com

Salvia 'Hummelo'



bergblomman.se

Stachys byzantina
lambs ears



Stipa gigantea

Panicum 'Shenandoah'



Calamagrostis x acutiflora
'Karl Foerster'