



Friends of Waterlow Park Update

Since SEPTEMBER 2024

The proposed QR plant guide was added to the Physick border, a memorial to past co-chair Dr Christine Farrell. And a sign restored to the Mount. More such guides are planned for the ornamental borders.

We held our Autumn Bulb Sale on the Lauderdale lawn at the end of September and followed up online. When it came to the December Duck Pond sale and our Christmas Decorations Sale extreme winds drove us to find cover and we were grateful to Highgate Society for housing us in their hall. The result was a virtual sell-out.

The Year Ahead

The 2025 AGM, which will include TAG's annual presentation, is scheduled for Weds. 11 June, we hope at LUX. Botany emeritus professor Jeff Duckett will be the keynote speaker with some interesting views on the park's progress over the last 60 years.

Three free public concerts are planned for August 3, 17 and 31.

Seasonal plant sales, which contribute to new planting, will take place during the year.

Biodiversity mapping started again on 15 February with a first time look at the park's spring bulb spread. More on the same theme will follow in the next few weeks: 1 & 15 March. Then general surveying will be monthly every second Saturday from April 12. Volunteers meet at 3pm outside the Lauderdale cafe. Bring pen and clipboard or similar. Enquiries ginnie@cummingj.uk

The Friends will take a stall on Saturday 22 February at the Lauderdale House Heritage Weekend. The theme: *Views from 1895* with sales of a re-discovered Guide to the Park from that year plus Pam Cooper's history of the park, Waterlow Park A garden for the gardenless with copies donated to us. Some budding indoor plants will also be on sale.

We will take part in the Fair in the Square in June.

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