

2008 Green Flag Awards Winners

The Civic Trust announced on July 17th 2008 that 743 sites will be flying the distinctive Green Flag.

Parks in Greenwich

Well Hall Pleasaunce



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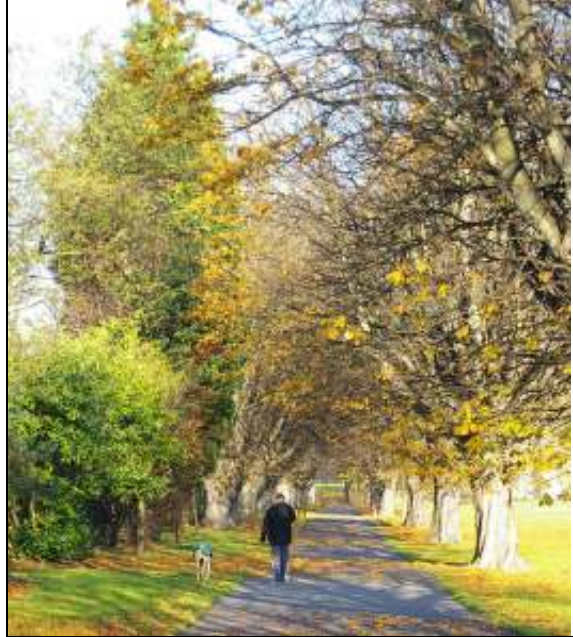
Information about this open space

Well Hall Pleasaunce offers a precious tranquil respite from the hustle, bustle and stresses of suburban life. This unique 4.5 hectares of

landscape gardens contains numerous beautifully restored historical elements, including an original Tudor barn (now a restaurant), moat and a variety of water features. Formal gardens displaying glorious colour sit adjacent to natural gardens to attract wildlife. It has a rich history which dates back to the 13th Century. Former residents of the Manor of Well Hall include Sir John Pulteney, four times Lord Mayor of London and Margaret Roper, daughter of St Thomas More who was Lord Chancellor during the reign of Henry VIII. More recently, Edith Nesbit author of 'The Railway Children' resided at Well Hall from 1899 to 1920. Since its restoration, the Pleasaunce is enjoying a new and exciting lease of life, attracting an increasing amount of visitors each year. It is a focal point for the community, hosting a programme of highly attended events which are held throughout the seasons, providing enjoyment for everyone. The immaculately maintained bowling green is well used by keen bowls players and the open spaces attract families. Guided tours are conducted for interested parties and visitors are invited to join the 'Friends of Well Hall Pleasaunce' Group. A team of dedicated staff and community representatives ensure the park is maintained to the highest possible standard. Helpful and knowledgeable staff are on hand to make sure the 'Pleasaunce' is a safe and pleasant and enjoyable experience for the whole community.

Greenwich Council was given "**The Eltham Society Award**" in 2003 for the restoration of Well Hall Pleasaunce. The citation was: *"In the opinion of the Society, this restoration has brought back to Eltham a significant community asset to the benefit of present and future residents and visitors. The Pleasaunce has become, once more, an enjoyable and pleasing park that respects the past and provides an area of tranquillity in a busy world."*

Sutcliffe Park



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Sutcliffe Park was once a boggy ground that incorporated the Quaggy River and was known as Harrow Meadows. In the 1930's the Borough landscaped the area to form 35 acres of parkland. The new 'Sutcliffe' park named after the borough engineer was opened to the public in 1937. Today the park includes an excellent wetland habitat area, and an important athletics facility which is currently being redeveloped to include a pavilion, an indoor running track and tiered seating. In addition, a play area with an environmental theme is planned for 2008 to attract younger members of the community. In 2002, work commenced to create a holding area for flood waters and to re-establish it as a meandering, more 'natural watercourse' the park has been awarded both 'Local Nature Reserve status and designated as a site of Nature Conservation Importance. In addition, the Environment Agency has been awarded the RSPB/CIWEM Living Wetlands Award for the park's flood risk management scheme. Since the flood storage The park enjoys the input of a number of stakeholder groups, including Friends of Sutcliffe Park, The Environment Agency, Quaggy Waterways Action Group, Greenwich Leisure Limited are just a few of the stakeholder groups who input in the park's management and planning processes both on an informal and formal basis.

The Environment Agency & QWAG (Quaggy Waterways Action Group) was given "**The Eltham Society Award**" in 2004 for the flood alleviation scheme in Sutcliffe Park. The citation was: *"In the opinion of the Society, this project has produced an imaginative scheme that has made a significant contribution to the quality and appearance of the natural habitat of Eltham. Sutcliffe Park has been transformed into an enjoyable and pleasing park that has reclaimed the river, provided a lake, ponds, wildflower meadows and reed beds.*

It has also alleviated the risk of flooding in the area and given full access for disabled people."

East Greenwich Pleasaunce



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Information about this open space

East Greenwich Pleasaunce is a delightful park in the centre of a residential area in East Greenwich. Surrounded by a high brick wall making it a true 'secret garden' in a tranquil setting. The park is divided into 4 different areas by pathways, each of which has a different character and recreational potential and a real asset to the local community. The park has a varied and interesting history. Originally identified as farming land back in 1086 with mention in the Domesday Book, over the years, has been the property of both royal and noble owners, including Henry II, Sir William De Fortibus and Sir Gregory Page Turner In 1857, Greenwich Hospital purchased the land and it became the final resting place for veterans of the Battle of Trafalgar and the Crimean war. More recent burials include naval personnel from the first and second world wars. This tranquil park has many users which give it a safe and friendly feel, The local community make good use of the Pleasaunce for a number of activities including dog walking, picnicking, informal ball games history and nature studies, sightseeing and relaxing. Mothers and toddlers from the 'One O'clock club situated in the SW corner of the park are frequent users of the Pleasaunce, as are the local school children. There is a children's playground and a dog free area with proposals in place for a café. The park has a very supportive 'Friends Group' who actively contribute towards the management of the park and encourage community involvement as well as hosting a number of very well attended events.

Greenwich Park – also a Green Heritage site



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Information about this open space

Greenwich Park is one of London's eight Royal Parks. It has its origins in the early fifteenth century although its current layout derives largely from the avenues planted in the 1660s. The Park forms a key part of the Greenwich Maritime World Heritage Site; it contains and is surrounded by numerous listed buildings and monuments, forming one of the most important architectural set pieces in the world. The views from the Park are stunning and include a spectacular panorama of the City of London, Docklands, the Dome and the River Thames. Visited by an estimated 4 million visitors per year, including many from overseas, the Park also serves a significant local population. Its features include the deer enclosure, nature reserve, playground, boating pond, games field, meadows, lawns and a fine collection of trees, including several veterans which are hundreds of years old. There are also formal gardens, including the Flower Garden, Herb Garden and the Rose Garden. The Park has a variety of refreshment options, including the Pavilion tea house, which has featured in the Evening Standard's 'Top 5 Park Cafes'.



The Slade Ponds – Green Pennant Award winner



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Information about this open space

The PCEG was formed in 1991 by a small group of like-minded people, concerned that our local environment was suffering from a lack of care. In addition to our work on the general environment of Plumstead Common, we have undertaken, with the agreement and cooperation of Greenwich Council, to directly manage two specific areas: the Slade Ponds and the Plumstead Common Nature Reserve. Where we do not have the necessary expertise or resources the council will cooperate with necessary remedial and management work. The Slade Ponds have been our most ambitious project to date. The pond had been severely polluted for years. Drawing upon expertise within the group, we designed and built a gravel reed bed and weir system to improve water quality and provide a wildlife habitat. Since installing two floating duck platforms our now resident ducks and moorhens have been successfully breeding each year. Regular work sessions and litter picks take place at the site on two Sundays each month under the supervision of a dedicated co-ordinator. Unfortunately the area suffers from constant vandalism and graffiti. We collect from the area of about one acre a minimum of twenty sacks of litter a month, together with assorted larger items ranging from discarded furniture to bicycles and shopping trolleys. The Slade Ponds are a beautiful wildlife haven and resource at Plumstead Common, which was wrested from private development by the local people in the Plumstead Common Riots of 1876. Now it is maintained and cherished for the people by the people.

Twinkle Park – Green Pennant Award winner



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Information about this open space

Twinkle Park lies on the Thames Path as it runs through Deptford, south-east London, parallel to the River Thames. This neighbourhood Park provides a tranquil place for recerie, surrounding by 100 year old Plane trees; a pond full of dragon flies and marsh marigolds, perfect for pond dipping; a floodlit ball game a real beached boat and secret pathway. The state-of-art stainless steal gazebo incorporates gate-seats allowing dual use by school and the public, a mosaic compass floor and houses summer music performances by local musicians. The Park is managed by a local Trust and maintained for them by Greenwich Council.

2008 Winners in Greater London

There were 151 current winners in Greater London, listed below. Consult the Green Flag website <http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk/> for more information on the awards and winners outside London

- [Albert Recreation Ground](#), Haringey Council
- [Alexandra Palace Park](#), Alexandra Palace Charitable trust
- [Barra Hall Park](#), London Borough of Hillingdon
- [Beaversfield Park](#), CIP Environmental
- [Bedfont Lakes Country Park](#), CIP Environmental
- [Bedfords Park](#), London Borough of Havering
- [Belhus Woods Country Park](#), Essex County Council
- [Bellingham Green](#), Glendale Grounds Management in partnership with London Borough of Lewisham
- [Bermondsey Spa Gardens](#), London Borough of Southwark
- [Bloomsbury Square](#), London Borough of Camden
- [Boston Manor Park](#), CIP Environmental
- [Bow Creek Ecology Park](#), Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
- [Brookmill Park](#), Glendale Grounds Management in partnership with London Borough of Lewisham
- [Bruce Castle Park](#), Haringey Council
- [Bushy Park](#), The Royal Parks Agency
- [Camley Street Natural Park](#), London Wildlife Trust
- [Canons Park](#), London Borough of Harrow
- [Central Park](#), London Borough of Newham
- [Chapmans Green](#), Haringey Council
- [Chestnuts Park](#), London Borough of Haringey
- [Chinbrook Meadows](#), Glendale Grounds Management in partnership with London Borough of Lewisham
- [Churchfield Gardens](#), London Borough of Hillingdon
- * [City of London Cemetery and Crematorium](#), City of London
- [Clissold Park](#), London Borough of Hackney
- [Coombe Wood](#), Croydon Council in partnership with Continental Landscapes Ltd
- [Cornmill Gardens](#), Glendale Grounds Management in partnership with London Borough of Lewisham
- [Coronation Gardens](#), Waltham Forest Council
- [Cranford Countryside Park](#), CIP Environmental
- [Downhills Park](#), Haringey Council
- [Dulwich Park](#), London Borough of Southwark
- [East Finchley Cemetery](#), City of Westminster
- [East Greenwich Pleasaunce](#), Greenwich Council
- [Eden at St. Paul's Churchyard](#), London Borough of Lambeth
- [Edgwarebury Park](#), London Borough of Barnet
- [Edward Square](#), London Borough of Islington
- [Fassnidge Park](#), London Borough of Hillingdon
- [Finsbury Park](#), Haringey Council
- [Forest Lane Park](#), London Borough of Newham
- [Fortune Street Park](#), London Borough of Islington
- [Forty Hall Park](#), London Borough of Enfield
- [Friary Park](#), London Borough of Barnet
- [Gillespie Park Local Nature Reserve](#), London Borough of Islington
- [Gladstone Park](#), London Borough of Brent
- [Greatfields Park](#), London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
- * [Greenwich Park](#), The Royal Parks Agency
- [Grovelands Park](#), London Borough of Enfield
- [Hackney Downs](#), London Borough of Hackney
- [Haggerston Park](#), London Borough of Hackney
- * [Hall Place House and Gardens](#), Bexley Heritage Trust
- [Hampstead Heath](#), City of London
- [Happy Valley](#), London Borough of Croydon
- [Harefield Village Green](#), London Borough of Hillingdon
- [Harmondsworth Moor](#), British Airways Plc
- [Harrow Recreation Ground](#), London Borough of Harrow
- [Hatherop Park](#), London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames

- [Hendon Park](#), London Borough of Barnet
- * [Highgate Wood](#), City of London
- [Holland Park](#), The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
- [Horniman Museum Gardens](#), Horniman Public Museum and Public Park Trust
- [Hyde Park](#), The Royal Parks Agency
- [Hylands park](#), London Borough of Havering
- [Island Gardens](#), London Borough of Tower Hamlets - Parks and Open Spaces Service
- [John Innes Park](#), London Borough of Merton
- [Jubilee Park](#), London Borough of Enfield
- [Kensington Gardens](#), The Royal Parks Agency
- [Kensington Memorial Park](#), The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
- [King Edward Memorial Park](#), London Borough of Tower Hamlets - Parks and Open Spaces Service
- [Lake Farm Country Park](#), London Borough of Hillingdon
- [Langthorne Park](#), Waltham Forest Council
- [Lillington and Longmoore Gardens Estate](#), City West Homes
- [Little Harlington Playing Fields](#), London Borough of Hillingdon
- [Lodge Farm Park](#), London Borough of Havering
- [London Fields](#), London Borough of Hackney
- [Manor House Gardens](#), Glendale Grounds Management in partnership with London Borough of Lewisham
- [Manor Park](#), Glendale Managed Services Ltd
- [Mile End Park](#), London Borough of Tower Hamlets - Parks and Open Spaces Service
- [Milkwood Community Park](#), London Borough of Lambeth
- [Mill Hill Cemetery](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [Mill Hill Park](#), London Borough of Barnet
- [Millwall Park](#), London Borough of Tower Hamlets - Parks and Open Spaces Service
- [Mount Street Gardens](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [Myddelton House Gardens](#), Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
- * [Newington Green](#), London Borough of Islington
- [Newlands Park](#), London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
- [Norman Leddy Memorial Gardens](#), London Borough of Hillingdon
- [Northala Fields](#), London Borough of Ealing
- [Oak Hill Park](#), London Borough of Barnet
- [Oaks Park](#), London Borough of Sutton
- [Oakwood Park](#), London Borough of Enfield
- [Old Courthouse Recreation Ground](#), London Borough of Barnet
- [Paddington Recreation Ground](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [Paddington Street Gardens](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [Palewell Common & Fields](#), London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
- [Paradise Park](#), London Borough of Islington
- [Peckham Rye Park](#), London Borough of Southwark
- [Porchester Square Gardens](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [Priory Park](#), Haringey Council
- [Pymmes Park](#), London Borough of Enfield
- [Queen's Park](#), City of London
- [Queens Park Gardens](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [Railway Fields Local Nature Reserve](#), Haringey Council
- [Rembrandt Gardens](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [Richmond Park](#), The Royal Parks Agency
- [Riddlesdown](#), City of London
- [Roundwood Park](#), London Borough of Brent
- [Roxeth Recreation Ground](#), London Borough of Harrow
- [Royal Northern Gardens](#), London Borough of Islington
- * [Ruislip Woods National Nature Reserve](#), London Borough of Hillingdon
- [Russell Square Gardens](#), London Borough of Camden
- [Shoreditch](#), London Borough of Hackney
- [Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Field](#), London Borough of Merton
- [Southall Park](#), London Borough of Ealing
- [Southwark Park](#), London Borough of Southwark
- [Spa Fields](#), London Borough of Islington
- [Springfield Park](#), London Borough of Hackney
- [St Annes Churchyard](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [St James's Park](#), The Royal Parks Agency

- * [St John at Hackney Churchyard Gardens](#), London Borough of Hackney
- [St Johns Gardens](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [St John`s Wood Church Grounds](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [St Martin's Gardens](#), London Borough of Camden
- [St. Georges Square](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [Stationers Park](#), Haringey Council
- [Stratford Park](#), London Borough of Newham
- [Sunray Gardens](#), London Borough of Southwark
- [Sutcliffe Park](#), Greenwich Council
- [Sydenham Wells Park](#), Glendale Grounds Management in partnership with London Borough of Lewisham
- [Talacre Gardens](#), London Borough of Camden
- [Telegraph Hill Park](#), Glendale Grounds Management in partnership with London Borough of Lewisham
- [The Grove Park](#), London Borough of Sutton
- [The Regent`s Park](#), The Royal Parks Agency
- [The Wildlife Garden](#), The Natural History Museum
- [Tottenham Marshes](#), Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
- [Town Park](#), London Borough of Enfield
- * [Trinity Square Gardens](#), London Borough of Tower Hamlets - Parks and Open Spaces Service
- [Twickenham Green](#), London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames
- [Upminster Park](#), London Borough of Havering
- [Uxbridge Common](#), London Borough of Hillingdon
- [Vauxhall Park](#), London Borough of Lambeth
- [Victoria Embankment Gardens](#), London Borough of Westminster
- [Victoria Park](#), London Borough of Barnet
- [Walthamstow Marsh](#), Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
- [Waterlow Park](#), London Borough of Camden
- [Waterworks Nature Reserve](#), Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
- [Weavers Fields](#), London Borough of Tower Hamlets - Parks and Open Spaces Service
- [Well Hall Pleasaunce](#), London Borough of Greenwich
- [West Ham Park](#), City of London
- [West Wickham Common](#), City of London
- [Wettern Tree Garden](#), London Borough of Croydon
- [Whittington Park](#), London Borough of Islington
- [York House Gardens](#), London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

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Eighteen spaces won the **Green Pennant Award** in Greater London, a national award that recognises high quality green spaces in England and Wales managed by voluntary and community groups:

- [Devonshire Road Nature Reserve](#), London Borough of Lewisham
- [Bowes Park Community Garden](#), Bowes Park Community Garden Group
- [Centre for Wildlife Gardening](#), London Wildlife Trust
- [Core Garden](#), Core Arts
- [Culpepper Community Garden](#), Culpepper Community Garden
- [Dorset Road Allotments & Leisure Gardens](#), Dorset Road Allotments & Leisure Gardens
- [Eden at St Paul's Community Garden](#), Eden at St Paul's Community Garden
- [Godolphin Road Community Garden](#), Hammersmith Community Gardens Association
- [Hackney Community Tree Nursery and Edible Forest Garden](#), Hackney Marsh User Group
- [King Henry's Walk Garden](#), Friends of King Henry's Walk Garden
- [Lavender Pond Nature Park](#), Trust for Urban Ecology
- [Loris Road Community Garden](#),
- [Mannock Road Allotment Garden](#), Friends of Belmont Road Open Space
- [Potters Fields Park](#), Pottersfield Trust
- [Roe Green Walled Garden](#), Barn Hill Conservation Group
- [The Gardens Community Garden \(GRA\)](#), The Gardens Residents Association
- [The Slade Ponds](#), Plumstead Common Environment Group
- [Twinkle Park](#), Twinkle Park Trust