

## ORIGINAL PROSPECTUS FOR THE FORMATION OF A BODY TO BE CALLED "FRIENDS OF MOORMEAD"

We, the proposers, are an informal body of residents living on the edge of, or using, Moormead Park. We are non-party political.

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames ("LBRUT") is implementing a new regime for the Borough's many parks. There are 2 processes going on at the moment :-

1. Procurement of a new framework of contracts to provide the various services that are needed in Parks - this is a commercial competitive tender.

Or 2. The 3rd sector have been asked if they would be interested in the management of their local green space .

There is, at the moment , no formally constituted "Friends of Moormead". There was no suitable body to submit a 3<sup>rd</sup> sector proposal to manage Moormead. A few local residents heard about the initiative and, at the suggestion of Mr David Allister (Head of Parks Delivery of LBRUT) we submitted an expression of interest so as to be kept informed of progress.

No other body submitted an expression of interest. Two of us had a meeting with Mr Allister . He explained that the suggested involvement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector in the management of Moormead did not represent any change in LBRUT's commitment to maintenance of the park. The proposed involvement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector is not an attempt to cut costs. If the park management continues under the direct authority of LBRUT the users will not notice any difference except for, hopefully, improvements.

We feel that Moormead is a haven of peace in the Borough. We want to see this continue along with other suitable use of the park i.e. football, cricket, St Stephen's School, the St Margarets Fair etc. etc.

We feel that LBRUT have done a good job over the years maintaining Moormead. There are 2 major situations that will require action and input by residents and users.

1. The proposed development of Twickenham Station includes a walkway from the station , along the Crane, ending up in the SW corner by the existing bridge to Cole Park Road. Until it is built no-one has any idea how it will impact on Moormead.
2. The pavilion is in a sorry state. It cannot be used in its present condition. It needs to be demolished and something put in its place. There have been a number of suggestions over the years for a food & drink facility to be incorporated. The reconstruction of the pavilion would cost a substantial sum of money which can only come from us council tax payers and be mitigated by a relatively small rent.

LBRUT want to be able to consult a representative body about proposals for the continuing maintenance of Moormead. They have 2 suggested constitutions – one simple & one more rigid. The principle points of the constitution are :-

1. Provide a formally recognised group that encourages local people who have a genuine interest in the park to participate in the protection, improvement and management of the site.
2. A membership open to all.
3. A management consisting of a Chair, a vice Chair, a secretary and a Treasurer.
4. A requirement to hold an AGM.

The membership is open to all. The officers' posts are open to all.

LBRUT will pay for a notice board and will help with the initial costs. In practical terms it will be much easier if contact & information can be exchanged electronically. **Apart from start up, expenses should be minimal.**

**The proposed Friends of Moormead will neither be a legislative nor an enforcement body. It will exist solely to further the quiet enjoyment of Moormead by advising & consulting with LBRUT.**

**We are keen to have a Friends of Moormead properly constituted at least by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 when the new framework of contracts starts.**

**AN OPEN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE WINCHESTER HALL, TURKS  
HEAD, WINCHESTER ROAD**

**TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013 @ 1900 HRS**