



Heath Hands Update – December 2023

Highlights since April

Over 7000 participants across all our **activity programmes**, and:

- More than 2,200 visitor engagements at WaHH **nature interpretation** sessions
- Large public **events** delivered: Little Amal visit in April, Community Fun day in June, Seethrough Carnival and Conker Championships in September
- More than 800 young people participated in **Heath Friendly Schools** activities and first school **work experience** programmes delivered
- Busy summer season for **community engagement and wellbeing** activities, with new groups engaged and over 1000 underrepresented people getting involved

More than **480 volunteer sessions** delivered by teams across the green spaces since April.

Heath Hands staff deliver 311 activities and volunteer sessions.

Over **12,500 hours contributed by volunteers** to date.

Busy **wildlife monitoring** season ends; reports published early next year. Nature's Calendar phenology project with LNHS expanding in 2024.

Hedgehog Friendly Heath project reaches 6 months, with continuing conservation efforts ongoing with CoLC and local partners.

Fifty-eight **corporate volunteering** events delivered in 2023.

Landscaping improvements continue at **Savernake** and around Hive, with over 200 metres of new native hedgerow planted (partly funded by CPRE).

InYouth project competes 12 months; handover to Heath's Learning Team expected in January.

Dairy **Interpretation Centre** - a base for nature walks and activities - over 2500 visitors since opening in May. Successful nature photography **exhibitions** at Hive and Dairy welcomed hundreds of visitors, helping to launch the 2024 Heath Calendar.

Guided **nature walks** popular this year, especially popular were bat walks, along with walks on birds, bugs, the historic landscape, Kenwood Estate, the River Fleet, trees, spiders and butterflies.

Coming up

Work will proceed on developing the new Heath Hands and City of London Corporation **partnership agreement**.

Planning for **25th Anniversary** of founding of the charity, with a short film to be created, and celebrations in May, with a party at Kenwood planned.

Men's and Mixed Pond landscaping works to start– fundraising begins in January!