



Conservation and Community  
on Hampstead Heath

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## Volunteering Update – October 2021

-main **conservation and maintenance** programmes resumed on Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood, Hill Garden, Heath Extension, Golders Hill Park, Keats House and Kenwood Estate.

-phased recruitment of new volunteers has begun

-Autumn focus on general maintenance, scrub and woodland management, supporting Ranger Teams

-**wildlife monitoring** wrapping up in October - results then analysed with the Heath's Ecologist

-over 155 **youth** volunteers involved to date on after school and weekend sessions

-**Heath Friendly Schools:** ten local schools now involved in volunteering and nature activities

-**corporate volunteering:** nineteen companies have volunteered so far this year, with more scheduled in November and December

-**wildlife interpretation** sessions remain will relaunch in January to coincide with major citizen Big Garden Birdwatch

-**community** activities and health connections (selected): activities with Mind in Camden, Holborn Community Association, Queens Crescent Community Association (QCCA), African Health Forum, King's Cross Brunswick Community Association Somali families, North London Cares and Unity Works.

## Selected Highlights

What's on: autumn **walks and talks** organised: fungi identification, Fleet River, spider identification, the Heath in Autumn, forest bathing and exploring Highgate Wood

**Festive** wreath making for public, volunteers, Friends, schools and community groups will be advertised throughout December

Final **work experience** trainee staying in post until mid-December

New **Project Activity Leader** staff member appointed in September

**Savernake Road bridge:** further landscaping improvements and scheduled through Autumn – including a community volunteer day on 29<sup>th</sup> October