



Heath Hands Update – March 2024

Over 8,000 participants across all our **activity programmes**, and:

- More than 4,500 visitors to Dairy and engagements at weekend **nature interpretation** sessions
- Numerous public **events** supported and busy festive programme, and additional family provision during school holidays attracting new audiences.
- More than 1,000 children participated in our **Heath Friendly Schools programme** and weekly provision for two local **SEN schools**
- Busy year for **community engagement** and **wellbeing activities**, with new groups engaged and over 2,500 people participating. New weekly **Health Walk** launched in March, bringing total to three walks a week of varying lengths across the Heath.

More than **500 volunteer sessions** delivered by CoLC and EH teams across the green spaces since April 2023, with over **15,500 hours contributed by volunteers**.

Heath Hands staff delivered 410 activities and volunteer sessions.

Busy **wildlife monitoring** year including the Nature's Calendar phenology project with LNHS expanding to 3 transects in January 2024. **Hedgehog Friendly Heath Project** ongoing with collaborations with groups like Growing Green and practical work with local SINC's.

53 **corporate volunteering** events delivered over last 12 months, with 750 participants.

Guided staff **nature walks** popular this year, especially topics of bats, birds, pollinators, the historic landscape, Kenwood Estate, the River Fleet, trees, spiders and butterflies.

Coming up

Preparations for **25th anniversary celebrations** and annual **Community Fun Day in June**

Seasonal start of annual **Wildlife Monitoring** programmes; hedgehog survey with CoLC and ZSL.

Dairy **Interpretation Centre** will be reopening on weekends in April.

Work experience week for local state schools in July.

Refurbishment of Parliament Hill **tennis booking hut** for interpretation and visitor engagement.

Men's and Mixed Pond landscaping works starting in April.