



Heath Hands
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Summary Report September 2017

Heath Hands was formed in 1999 to help preserve and enhance the special character of Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and the Kenwood Estate. Our volunteering programme is open to people of all backgrounds and abilities and our volunteers support City of London Corporation and English Heritage staff deliver conservation, gardening, learning, ecology and public event activities.

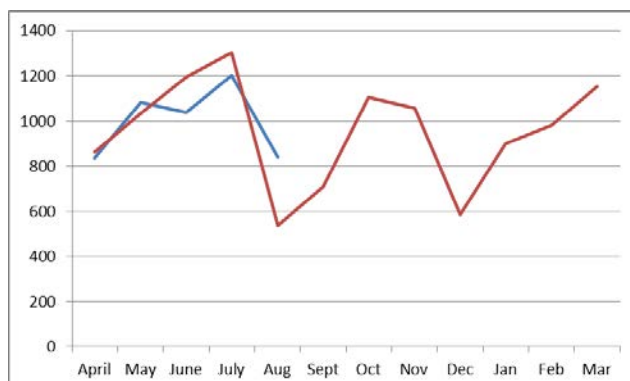
Highlights of 2017 (see attached graphic)

- Community Heath project launches to support under-represented groups discover and experience our green spaces. The project is supported by City of London through City Bridge Trust grant.
- Project Assistant recruited in July to support Projects and Volunteer Manager
- Friends of Heath Hands membership group launches
- 2018 Hampstead Heath calendar published in collaboration with CoL and photographer Matthew Maran
- Membership exceeds 200 for first time
- Wild about Hampstead Heath connects with 5000 visitors since handover from RSPB
- Wildlife Monitoring: a record year of activity and support for CoL Ecologists
- London-Brighton fundraising bike ride undertaken by volunteers raising over £750
- Volunteers from Phoenix Futures undertake weekly conservation sessions and gain John Muir Award certificates
- sessions at Whitestone Garden and Old Orchard Garden continue to develop both spaces
- Learning activities for volunteers include tree and wildflower identification, Kenwood Head Gardener walk, trip to Burnham Beeches and Heath Conservation walk

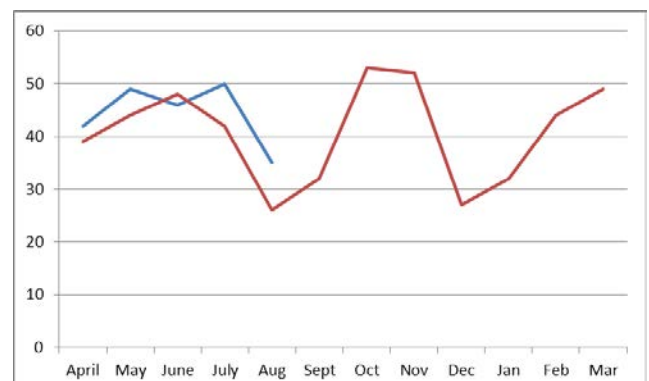
Volunteer Activity (from April 2017)

- A total of 5008 hours have been contributed by volunteers in all roles compared to 4933 over same period in 2016/17
- Average monthly activity has exceeded 1000 hours for the first time
- A total 11,424 hours were contributed in 2016/17

Graph 1: Monthly volunteering contribution 2017/18 in blue, 2016/17 in red

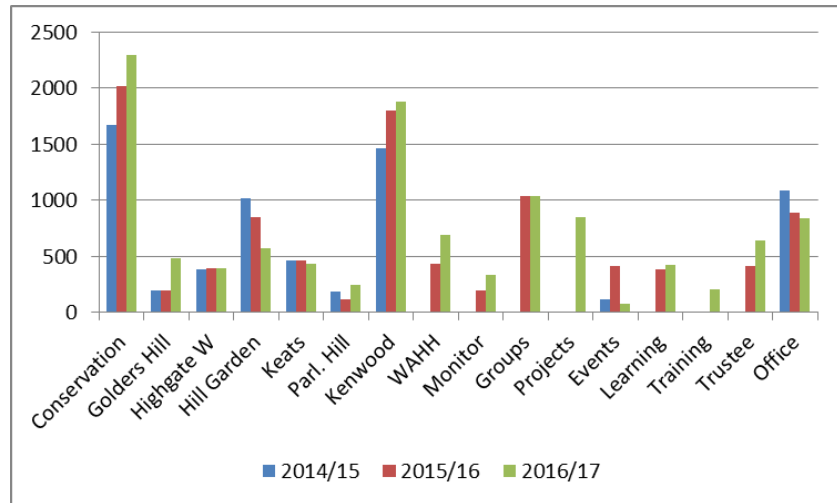


Graph 2: Volunteer sessions delivered per month 2017/18 in blue, 2016/17 in red





Graph 3. Distribution of Volunteer Activity (hours)



Membership Activity

-Membership is 227 (increased from 190 in April 2017) with 198 being active (attending monthly) as of September 2017

-54 new volunteers have joined so far in 2017/18

Fig 1. Membership Roles (%); Total membership is 227

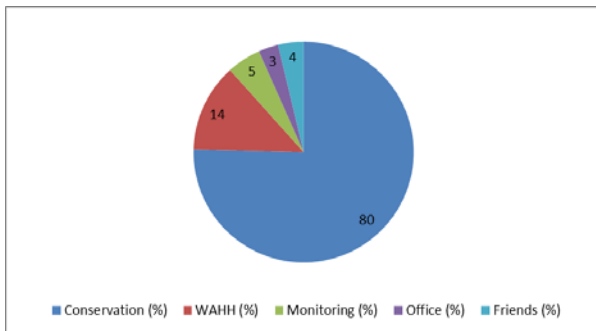
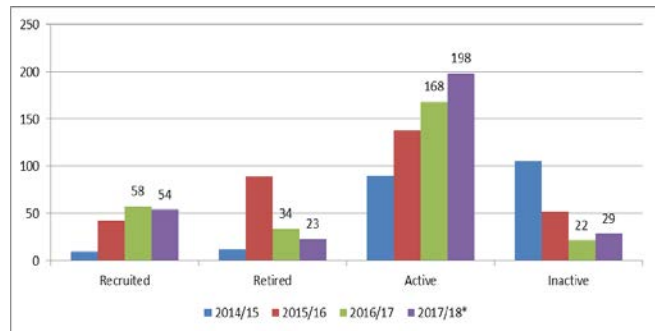


Fig 2. Membership Activity



Upcoming Highlights

- Complete process to become a CIO
- AGM to be held at Keats House in October
- Annual membership survey to be completed through autumn
- Review of CoL Partnership Agreement completed in October 2017
- Annual "Bobby de Joia Lecture" launches in December 2017