

Gardening Group Report

The group has continued to hold monthly sessions in Bingham Park.

On Saturday 28 August, we had a very successful gardening session. Nine of us in total which was very encouraging, particularly as there had only been four volunteers in July. We were pleased to welcome new volunteer, Mary.

We got out all the tools on this occasion including hedge cutters, loppers and secateurs in addition to the usual hoes and trowels.

Lots of pruning in the flower beds and there was a team working on cutting back overgrown shrubs and hedges in the park entrances.

Special thanks to volunteer John Newbold for taking the many bags of green rubbish to the recycling centre. Croydon Parks had previously collected the bags but had advised that this service was no longer available.

Contact has been made with Helen Lomasney, the Trees and Woodlands Officer at Croydon Council regarding the Sakura trees. She has suggested a meeting in the park in September to progress arrangements for the tree planting. Once more detail is available, a plan can be formulated for a celebration event which is understood to be in November.

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