

GREEN SPACES IN QUINTON WARD

Dear Quinton Ward Forum,

Quinton Ward already has a number of green spaces being used for a variety of purposes. They include Recreational Grounds and Nature Reserves. Many are used by various age groups for recreational purposes and to bring about Nature Recovery. However most of them are concentrated in the south west of the Ward.

I would propose that the time has come to identify the many, often small, green spaces in other parts of the Ward where either recreational provision or Nature Recovery could be enhanced. There is a simple way that local people can be involved in bringing this about, if they want to improve their local green space.

They can, for example, decide to form a Friends Group. This has the advantage of them being able to join Birmingham Open Spaces Forum (BOSF), a volunteer network organisation that brings together all the community groups in Birmingham with an interest in green open spaces. BOSF can advise about how to establish a properly constituted group (as they did with the Friends of Pitts Wood group), and also advice and assist with fundraising. Such groups also receive a modest monthly income for submitting information about volunteer hours and work undertaken.

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