

# GOOD PARKS FOR LONDON

## 2020 REPORT LAUNCH: PARKS AND THE PANDEMIC



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[Cross River Partnership](#) (CRP) was joined by [Parks for London](#), [GL Hearn](#) and the [London School of Economics and Political Science](#) for the **Good Parks for London 2020 Report Launch**. This session offered insight into the mental and physical health benefits (including Air Quality) of London's parks and open green spaces and identified this year's Top Scoring Borough as [London Borough of Lambeth](#).

Councillor Sonia Winifred thanked the hard-working staff, volunteers and stakeholder groups for continuing to work to keep Lambeth's parks running. Some areas of recent improvement for Lambeth include the [New Biodiversity Action Plan](#) and New 5-year Strategic Plan.

**For the full recording of the Live Share, please see [here](#). For the LiveShare slides, please see [here](#).**

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**"Investing in green space every day, not just in times of crisis, is critical."**

**Dr Meredith Whitten, London School of  
Economics and Political Science**

## **USEFUL RESOURCES FOR GOOD PARKS FOR LONDON 2020 REPORT LAUNCH: PARKS AND THE PANDEMIC**

**Please see these useful resources for  
information and guidance on parks and the  
pandemic.**

### **PARKS FOR LONDON RESOURCES**



**[Good Parks for London, 2020 report](#)**

**[Good Parks for London, 2019 report](#)**

**[Parks for London Resource Hub](#), including Good  
Parks for London 2020 report**

**[Parks for London news page](#)**

**[Parks for London Green space Quality Manual](#)**

**Parks for London's [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and  
[LinkedIn](#) pages**

### **GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS**

**[Greater London Authority \(GLA\) Natural Capital  
Accounting Report](#)**

**[Landscape Institute journal – Bringing Nature into  
the City](#)**

**[London's Environment strategy \(GLA\)](#)**

**[GLAs Green Infrastructure and Air Pollution  
report](#)**

**[Greenkeeper report on building back better  
through green infrastructure](#)**

**[Green Spaces Healthy Strategy Framework](#)**

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## CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP PROJECT MATERIALS AND GUIDANCE

[CRP project guide: Creating Parklets for Community and Business resilience](#)

[CRP Greening the BIDs – video](#)

[CRP Click Collect Clean Air tool](#)

[CRP Green Capitals report](#)

[CRP Healthy Streets Everyday project page](#)

[CRP Clean Air Villages project page](#)

[CRP Healthy Greening in Central London Report](#)

[CRP Sustainable Urban Markets Action Plan](#)

[CRP's COVID-19 support page](#)

## LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT

[Camden Council's Climate Action Plan](#)

[City of London City Parks and Green Spaces COVID guidance](#)

[London Borough of Islington, Council Parks page](#)

[Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Parks and Open Spaces strategy 2016-2025](#)

[London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Parks Guidance COVID-19](#)

[London Borough of Lambeth Biodiversity Action Plan](#)

[Corporate volunteering in Lambeth parks](#)

[Lambeth Park enquiries](#) / [Lambeth grounds maintenance](#)

[Lambeth Parks and Open Spaces Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#)

[Lambeth parks user satisfaction report](#)

[Lambeth Redevelopment of Archbishops Park sports facilities](#)

[London Borough of Lewisham Climate Action Plan](#)

[London Borough of Merton, Parks COVID-19 Guidance](#)

[London Borough of Wandsworth Climate Action Plan from 2019-2030](#)

[London Borough of Richmond Parks and Open Spaces page](#)

[London Tree and Woodland Awards](#), [London Tree Map](#)

[London Green Spaces Commission](#)

[Natural capital account for London](#)

## ACADEMIC RESOURCES

[Whitten M., 2020. Contesting Longstanding Conceptualisations of Urban Green Space. In: Dempsey N., Dobson J. \(eds\) Naturally Challenged: Contested Perceptions and Practices in Urban Green Spaces. Cities and Nature. Springer, Cham.](#)

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[Whitten, M., 2019. Blame it on austerity? Examining the impetus behind London's changing green space governance. \*People, Place and Policy\*, 12\(3\), 204-224.](#)

[Whitten, M., 2016. Green belt does not relieve pressure on London's urban green spaces. HEIF Metropolitan Green Belt research project. LSE Department of Geography & Environment.](#)

[Hanna Fors, Julie Frøik Molin, Melissa Anna Murphy, Cecil Konijnendijk van den Bosch. User participation in urban green spaces – For the people or the parks?, \*Urban Forestry & Urban Greening\*](#)

[Christopher A. Lepczyk, Myla F. J. Aronson, Karl L. Evans, Mark A. Goddard, Susannah B. Lerman, J. Scott MacIvor, \*Biodiversity in the City: Fundamental Questions for Understanding the Ecology of Urban Green Spaces for Biodiversity Conservation, BioScience\*](#)

## USEFUL NEWS ARTICLES AND OTHER RESOURCES

[GL Hearn Supports Good Parks for London for a third year running](#)

[GL Hearn: Biodiversity and Climate Change - #TimeForNature](#)

[GL Hearn: Landscape and Public Realm](#)

[GL Hearn – Air pollution mitigation myth-busting: what actually works?](#)

[Coronavirus UK: 'Jenrick has 'made it clear' parks must stay open', \*The Guardian\*](#)

['Sanctuary in the city: how urban parks saved our summer', \*The Guardian\*](#)

[Managing England's woodlands in a climate emergency. How the Forestry sector needs to respond. \*Forestry Commission\*](#)

[Royal Botanic Gardens. Thinking Outside the Pot](#)

[The Right Tree in the Right Place for a Resilient Future – Urban Tree Manual](#)

[The Value of Parks and Green Spaces. The Royal Parks](#)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

This toolkit was created by Cross River Partnership - a non-profit and impartial partnership organisation that has been delivering positive change for London's residents, businesses and visitors for over 25 years.



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[Cross River Partnership YouTube](#)

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