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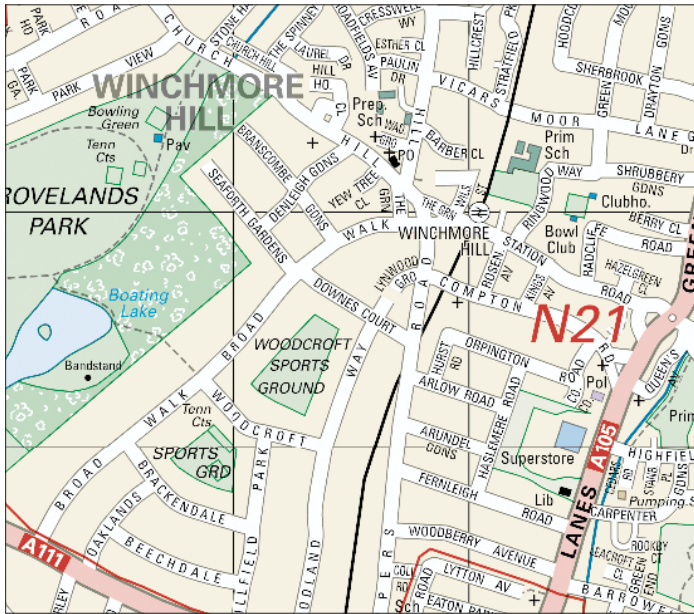
See our website at www.woodcroft.org.uk for examples of the wildlife that can be seen at the site

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Woodcroft Wildspace gets go ahead for project to save Enfield wildlife

We are delighted and relieved to be able to announce to the residents of London Borough of Enfield that we have secured the Woodcroft site for our project to protect local wildlife for the next three years.

Enfield residents will be able to enjoy the green space, including locally-produced honey from an apiary which will form part of the project.



Area between Woodcroft, Woodland Way, Downes Court and Broad Walk marked Woodcroft Sports Ground is now to be developed into Woodcroft Wildspace. The entrance to the wildspace is on Woodcroft.

The green light for the project comes after we recently signed a three year lease with Enfield Council for the whole of the five acre Woodcroft site in Winchmore Hill.

After almost three years negotiating the complex details of a lease and fighting off the potential threat of development on the site, we are delighted to secure the future of a project that has many opportunities for everyone of all ages and capabilities to enjoy the variety of local animal and plant life, including honey from, in due course, Woodcroft bees.

There are many opportunities to enjoy the Wildspace just through visiting it and making a record of what you see of the wild life – birds, insects, plants and their changes throughout the year.

We are thankful to the continued and overwhelming support of the local community but we need your help now more than ever. We are now looking for committee members, volunteers, corporate sponsors and associates and the whole community to join the Friends membership scheme to make this project happen.

Membership forms are available through our website: www.woodcroft.org.uk

However we cannot lose sight that though we have this lease in place we are still fighting to secure the long term future of this site. We still need volunteers and local support.

It has taken over five years of steady determined work to launch the project and take it through to this stage. But the challenges are not over. The next three years are key to get this site up and



Beekeeping in action at Woodcroft Wildspace

running, working towards a 125 year lease.

With the Breathing Places awards from the Big Lottery Fund (BLF), we will be able to secure the site to protect both friends efforts and protect the wildlife and their visitors, enabling the planned apiary to be installed. With CCTV we expect to be able to add a wildlife feed to their web site, enabling all to see the wildlife activity day and night without disturbing their environment. The funds will also enable us to publicise the results of all our efforts leading to greater achievements in the future. The BLF has been very supportive and granted our project an extension conditional on the lease being granted. We are extremely grateful for their support and understanding.



Project Background and Concept Design

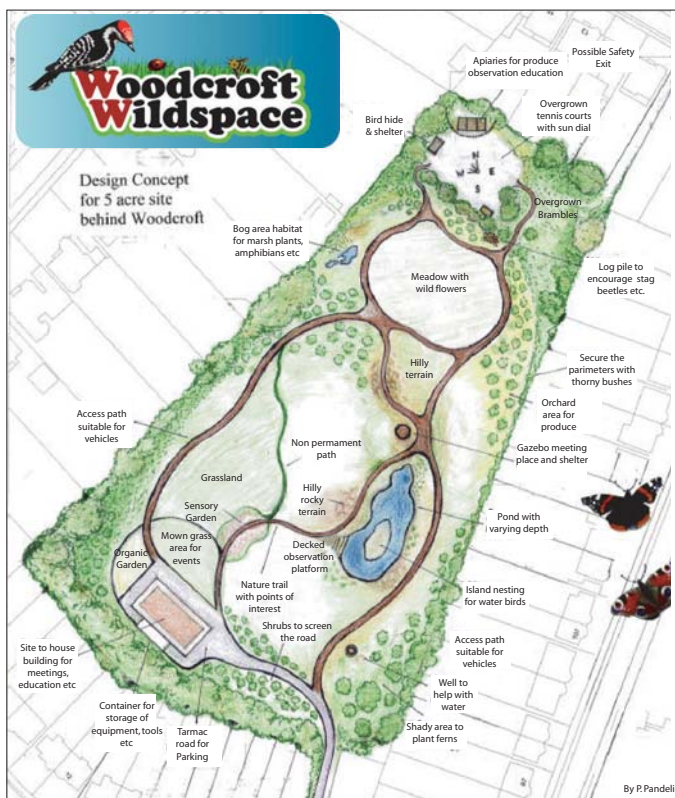
This project proposes to convert an under utilised site into a wild space for use by the local community. The site comprises approximately five acres which predominantly consists of green space.

Up until the lease was signed on 31st October 2008, the land was un-let and used as casual recreation space with no tenancy arrangements in place. The Council has consistently tried to obtain a tenant for the land but without success. The land is subject to covenants to the effect that it shall only be used for recreational purposes however there was always the threat of development.

Concept

The Woodcroft site in Winchmore Hill will be turned into a local nature reserve, Woodcroft Wildspace, that will feature nature trails through managed woodland, wetland and meadow areas, all of which will be designed for full disabled access. The project also includes the creation of a new Wildspace Centre.

The Wildspace Centre will be a comprehensive multifunctional building with teaching, field study, meeting/exhibition and refreshment/cafe areas. Woodcroft Wildspace will be as inclusive as possible, and the entire community is invited to take part in both the creation and day-to-day management of this exciting new public resource. In order to reduce any impact on the surrounding streets, the scheme also includes car parking areas.



Outline design formulated by the local community

Organisation and Funding

We have formed a limited company called Woodcroft Wildspace and have registered as a charity. We are a not-for-profit company and like many charities have chosen not to have the word Limited in our official company name. The concept is great and we will now seek funding from a number of different public and private sources as well as social enterprise funding.

How you can help?

Become a member of the Friends of Woodcroft Wildspace by completing the **Membership** form available through the website www.woodcroft.org.uk

Or if you would like to be more involved and have a specialism or just mere interest and willingness, you could become a **Committee Member**

Or you could **Volunteer** to help on the site in a physical capacity or deliver promotional material or help out in an admin or fund raising capacity

Or **Sponsor** a tree as either an individual, group, company or organisation

As a Company (local, national or multinational), you could become a **Corporate Sponsor** or Associate or help us with construction materials or equipment or any other professional service

Or we could host your **Team Building Day**

As a student, you could use the site as a **Case Study** or focus for any of your school, college or degree course work

Or make a monetary **Donation** or donate gardening tools, office furniture, plants, raffle and other fund raising event prizes

Or just be a **Visitor** to the site and let us know what you think Please contact us through our...

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