

Planting new woodland for Capability Brown's tercentenary



We are the Friends of Wimbledon Park. Around 100 volunteers turned out on a cold, wet February weekend to help us plant 1,000 trees to mark the 300th anniversary of Capability Brown, designer of the park.



The saplings are all native species such as hawthorn, lime, and hazel. They will extend historic Horse Close Wood, which dates from the 1600s, and screen the Wimbledon Park Road car park from view. Volunteers dug, planted, mulched and chatted.



We bought the trees with £3,000 from the London Tree and Woodland Community Grant Scheme. They will provide a valuable habitat for wildlife, including the song thrushes that can often be heard singing in Horse Close Wood.



FOWP works to protect and improve the park with activities including a monthly litter pick. Become a member and find out more about us on our website and follow us on twitter and Facebook.

