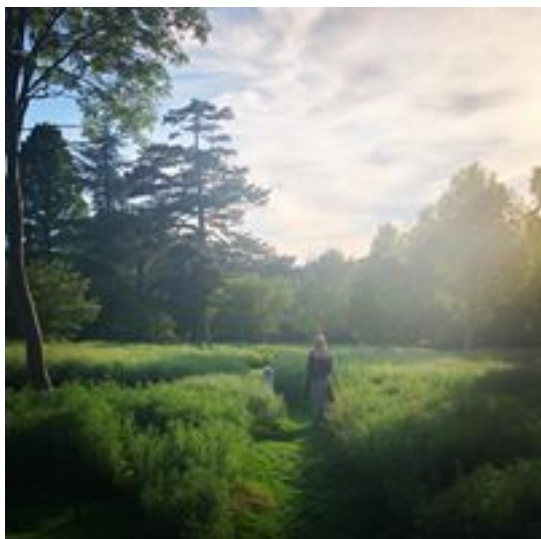


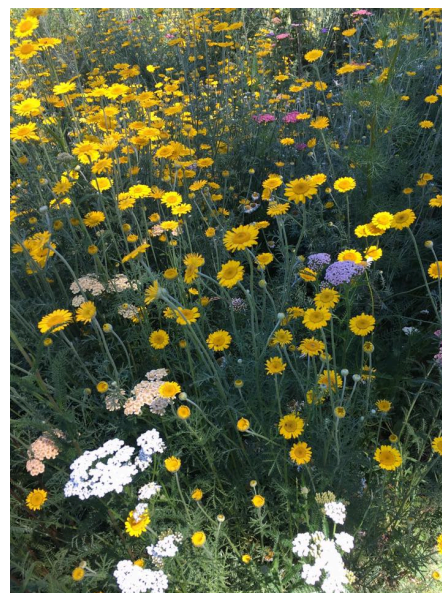
The Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall
September Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Summer is at an end and what a lovely summer it has been. The park has survived really well. We have not had any lasting drought damage and the grass has coped well with the Folk Festival and the hundreds of visitors. The meadow planting in front of the Hall building has been glorious with a variety of colours and the new tree planting has gone well too.



This one was taken earlier in the year and as summer progressed, this is what we saw!



Our biggest news is the creation of the first interactive tree trail in Cambridge in Cherry Hinton Hall. Cambridge Tree Trail has been commissioned as a way to celebrate the City's trees as well as sharing knowledge about the important role they play in the environmental, social and economical terms. It is a smart phone friendly approach and hopes to encourage a wide audience to get outdoors and discover more about our trees!

You can connect to the trail at <https://chh.treetrail.co.uk> or for more information visit the Cambridge City Council website <https://cambridge.gov.uk/tree-trails>

I was invited to go along and see the information labels going on to the trees and had the honour of attaching the first one! Matthew McGrath and Kenny Mc Gregor from the Cambridge City Council spend the day attaching the 48 name labels to the trees around Cherry Hinton Hall! Download the app and come and see how many you can find!



The screw fitment has a spring behind it to allow for the tree to grow. The stainless steel screw and disc will not rust. Once you download the app, you will have a map of the tree trail and as you go around and enter the number, you will see photographs of the tree through the year and learn all about how tall it gets.



As you can see I didn't do a very good job as I just didn't have the strength to push the drill in hard enough and had to get Matthew to finish drilling it in!



There are new signs in the park and new rules on keeping your dog on a lead in certain areas. This is in the area around the pond to protect the wildlife. If you are not sure which area this applies to, please contact the Cambridge City Council Dog Warden via their webpage. You can get free duck food from the CIS!



Members of the Friends attended the Cambridge Folk Festival at the beginning of August and manned the stall. Our aim was to raise awareness and recruit new members. We chatted to some lovely people and signed a few new members but the nicest moment was when a chap came over and said "I don't live here but I just wanted to thank you guys for doing such a good job looking after this beautiful park" Thank you. We do try!

Photo: Gill Palmer doing a great job.

We had a lovely evening at our AGM with Hilary Ritchie, Hospital Archivist at Addenbrookes, who gave such an interesting talk. She had looked up John Okes and had found the minutes of the meeting where he was appointed! The Cambridge International School had kindly allowed us to use the new Okes room at the school so it was all very appropriate! The committee and officers were re-elected and the meeting agreed with the proposal to stop meeting through the year and only hold an AGM in May, due to low attendance. This AGM will be held in the Okes Room at the school, 7.30pm on 16th May 2019. All welcome. Non members will be charged £1.

We are holding an action day on Saturday 20th October when we will have a general tidy up and litter pick. Meet by the pond at 10am, with suitable footwear. Equipment and rubbish bags provided. This will be subject to the weather.

Our final November meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th November in the Cherry Hinton Hub at the library. Our speaker will be Anthony French. This is your chance to hear the updates on all the work carried out in the Hall grounds, ask questions and raise any concerns. Anthony has been asked to speak at our AGMs in future, as it was felt that it was important to maintain our close working relationship with the City Council and have that chance to question what is planned for the future of our park.

If you wish to renew your membership, please send a cheque made payable to Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall to FCHH, 204 Queen Edith's Way, Cambridge CB1 8NL
BACS details upon request to sandramday56@gmail.com
Membership is £2 per year, £5 for 10 years and £25 for a Lifetime Membership.

The Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall is run by volunteers from the local community. We receive a grant from the Cambridge City Council, which covers the cost of our annual public liability insurance. This enables us to carry out work in Cherry Hinton Hall without a member of the council staff being present.

Thank you for your continued support. Please check out our Facebook page and our website www.cherryhintonhall.com for news updates.

Best wishes

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