

St Mary's Secret Garden

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- Striving to be a quality green space: We have recently been judged for our Green Flag Community Award (<http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk/>); we are being judged for London in Bloom this week (<https://www.londoninbloom.co.uk/>) Wish us luck!
- We had a lovely second visit to the garden by Jennette Arnold O.B.E. (<http://jennettearnold.com/>) accompanied by Hackney Councillor Feryal Demirci and you can read more about her visit at her website.
- Open Squares and Gardens Weekend was a lovely weekend. Although due to lots of other events taking place it was a little quieter than previous years, however we were able to raise over £500 for our charity's continued work. Thank you everyone for coming. Next year we are looking at doing something completely different.....
- We are being supported this year by Capital Garden Centre, Alexandra Palace (<https://www.capitalgardens.co.uk/alexandra-palace-garden-centre/>) and were up there recently promoting the garden at its late evening shopping night
- We also headed out to Barking Riverside to pick up donated plants from the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**. You will find some stunning plants around the garden.



- Our Hackney Learning Trust funded 'Come Gardening' Course for people with learning disabilities has just come to an end. We would like to thank all the people that attended and achieved their attendance certificates. Keep Gardening!
- We are also looking for people who may like to join us for volunteering opportunities - we are particularly looking for Trustees of the charity - without whom we cannot run. We are also looking for people over 59yrs or people with learning disabilities who are over 40yrs old for volunteering opportunities. Please see our website or contact the garden for more details.

It is **Annual General Meeting** time! This year you are all welcome to the garden on Wednesday 19th July 2017 6.30 for 7pm.