



## **Northbrook Park (Lewisham - London)**

**Summary:** Northbrook Park was a run down inner-city park but the 'Northbrook Park Community Group' has successfully secured funding over the last year to improve the play facilities for children and young people, this has recently opened. They now really need to plant more trees to improve the local environment and make the park a more pleasant place to visit for all ages. They have consulted with local residents over the last year who are very keen for this project to happen. There is a lack of tree cover throughout the park, many families and residents who live close to the park wish to be part of the 'Forest Schools' programme and give children and families a chance to do things they cannot do at home as residences are mainly flats without gardens or access to green-space. The desire to plant trees has come through extensive questionnaires and consultation work with the local community.

### **Headline Figures:**

Amount Requested: £5,289

Trees planning to plant: 1324

Unit Cost: £3.99

Match Funding (over 25%): £3,888

Analysis of Need: Northbrook Park is allocated as a site of borough level importance level 2 in the GLA Open Spaces Strategy and the project will benefit communities living in an area prioritised as in the 30% most deprived nationally.

### **Breakdown of Trees to be planted in newly landscaped area and park:**

Whips and Saplings: 1310

Standards: 14

### **How did they fund the project?**

#### **The BTP paid for:**

£5290 - Trees and planting costs including contractor work and protection

#### **The Match came from:**

£3888 - Towards maintenance costs from Lewisham Council

### **What impressed the Big Tree Plant Panel?**

1. Community led application with excellent consultation.
2. Creative application drawing together landscape designed play area and 'Forest Schools' project.
3. Documentation included details of the location, why there was a need for the project, a design for the planting, questionnaires and community engagement.
4. Good maintenance plan involving the community, schools, local authority (including sub-contractors) and an appropriate plan to replace trees lost to vandalism, disease and weather conditions.