

## Conway Rec

Conway Rec is a charming little oasis tucked away in a quiet corner of the Lakes Estate. Unsurprisingly it is situated on Conway Road and, at the other end, links to Cannon Road.

When the Lakes Estate was being built in the early 1900s it was saved from development as it was an 'odiferous swamp'. But it was later drained and became a green space which includes a very popular tennis club

The Friends of Conway Rec formed some 12 or so years ago when the pond was drained to mend a broken outflow pipe and when refilled there was nowhere for the resident moorhens to nest – all the vegetation and animal life had been removed. A group of local residents got together to replant the pond and install islands as nesting sites. Since then, the Friends have met regularly for 'Work Days' where new projects are undertaken and general maintenance jobs get done. These include starting a wildflower area; pulling excess waterlilies out of the pond and weeding various flower beds. There is a healthy compost heap, new trees have been planted and the area behind Court 5 (below Cannon Road) has been cleared of brambles to create a small orchard containing a selection of native fruit trees.

There are social events from time to time, held either in the Tennis Club or on the slopes of the Rec. The Jubilee celebration of 2022 and the Coronation party last year were held in the Rec and were very popular.

The next **Work Day is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** so if you are free and would like to see the work of the Friends being done and have a chat with the volunteers, then please do come along any time between 10am and 1pm.

<http://friendsofconwayrec.co.uk/>

