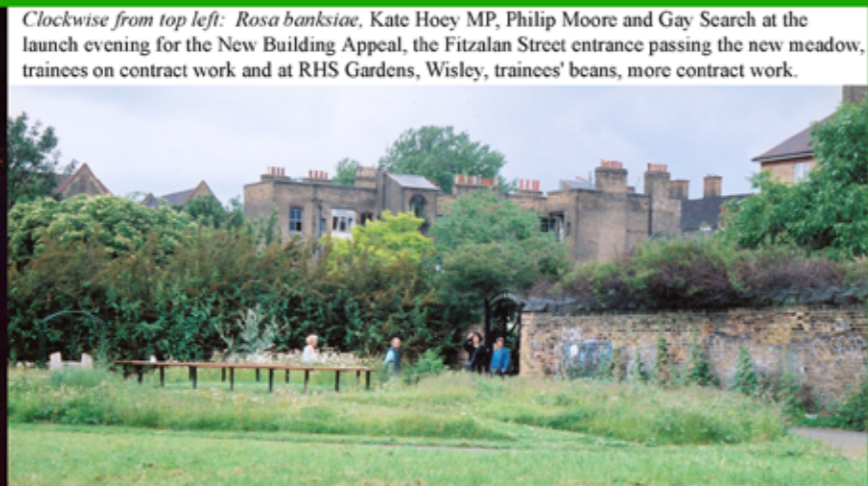


Annual Report 2002

# Roots and Shoots





*Clockwise from top left: Rosa banksiae, Kate Hoey MP, Philip Moore and Gay Search at the launch evening for the New Building Appeal, the Fitzalan Street entrance passing the new meadow, trainees on contract work and at RHS Gardens, Wisley, trainees' beans, more contract work.*

**For continuing moral and practical support we remain indebted to our patron, Kate Hoey MP and to Gay Search.**

We are grateful to all our **Volunteers:** *Our special thanks to David Sawyer, who continues to valiantly do our accounts.*

*Also to: Aude de Liedekirke (garden), Clive Watson (Bees), John Hibberd (trainees and events), Lesley Prescott (computers), Martha Macdonald ('Friends' and events), Brenda Wheeler, Gayle Whittingham, Eileen Collins, Bernadette Thompson, Marion Manning, Mary Evans, Rob Jackson.*

**In addition we would like to thank the following for invaluable support:** Adrian Hall Garden Centres, Henry Anafi (LSC), Laval Lebon (Social Services), Liz Moore, Euan McLean, the Captain and Crew of HMS Ocean, PC Dave Johnson, Joe Maher, Diana Braithwaite and the Friends of Lambeth Walk Open Space, Michael Smith, Ellen Fox, Freda Sharpe, Elaine Aherne, Oktawiusz



**Aims and Objectives**

**Our mission** is to provide training for disadvantaged young people, often with learning difficulties, to give them skills and self-confidence to equip them for work.

Alongside this training we aim to involve local schools and the wider community by establishing our site as an important environmental resource.

We value people. We encourage staff, trainees, volunteers and all others involved with the project to work together, enabling them to fulfil their potential.

**Our progress and success this year has been greatly assisted by:** Walcot Educational Foundation, Lambeth Riverside SRB5, Central London LSC, Cross River Partnership, Lambeth Social Services, Martha Macdonald, The Sheepdrove Trust, Martin Hayes (London & Quadrant Housing Trust)

### The Roots and Shoots Team

**Trustees:** *Chair* - Philip Moore  
*Treasurer* - Boz Borowy  
Michelle Farmer, Glenda King, Catherine McCarthy, Derek Nolan, David Sawyer, Jane Turcan

**Manager:**  
Linda Phillips

**Staff:**  
*Administration and events:*  
Johanna Kenyon  
*Horticultural Trainers:*  
Claire Bamford, Amanda Rew, Moustafa Taher

*Woodwork & Practical Skills Trainer:* John Fowler  
*Trainee Education:* Ruth Mitchell  
*Wildlife Garden, Schools & Community:* David Perkins  
*Employment Liaison Officer:* Ian Carruthers

**Counsellor:** Barbara Horsford  
**Trainees 2002:**  
Philip Atkins, Jermaine Bowen, Billy Byrne, Samantha Clashing, Alan Cozens, Nathan Currie, Nicole Currie, Maggie Curtis, Michael Daly, David Fairman, Daniel Hillier, Jason Inwood, Craig Kelly, Stefan Luchmun, Scott McWilliam, Lucie Mills, John O'Grady, Mark Pearson, Carlos Pennant, Jonathon Reid, Nicky Rutherwood, Joseph Shannon, Marc Suleyman, Shawn Wallace, Caroline Warne, Kevin Warne, Lee Whittaker, David Wray.



**Derelict.** In 1982 the garages that were on the site from early in the 20th century are demolished. The arch punched through no.10 Walnut Tree Walk for access is still there. These houses are empty and near-derelict. The floors and demolition debris from the garages are colonised by buddleia with a lot of fly tipping. Roots and Shoots will soon start to build what will become the Wildlife Garden.



*It is 20 years since Linda and the first trainees began work at Roots and Shoots. These images show the effects of this time on the garden and training centre.*

The same view now across the summer meadow.



## Roots and Shoots - past, present - and looking ahead



**For the future** Roots and Shoots has ambitious plans to replace the old hall building. This was temporary accommodation for civil defence purposes during the war - concrete framed, no foundations and asbestos roof. Leaking like a sieve it has needed replacing for many years. We are currently in the throes of fund-raising for the design shown here. Architect Paul Notley has included two large classrooms, seminar rooms, computer room, a staff room, showers and a spacious, well-lit hall for community use as well as for our trainees. A single-storey, purpose-built workshop enables the original workshop building to be converted into classrooms. There are solar water-heating panels and sedum-covered roofs. The fund-raising drive was officially launched with a social evening and concert by the choir *Fever Pitch*, with food, drink and candle-lit tours of the garden. Our patron, Kate Hoey MP hosted, with special guest Gay Search. We were assisted by many *Friends* and local businesses including Hestors the Butchers, AFM Ltd and Drum Digital.



The walnut tree, planted nearly 20 years ago (above left) now provides shade and shelter for visitors



The architect's model gives a good idea of how the new building will look. Posed in front of the existing, war-time building (below) the contrast is clear.



# Projects, Action, Events...



Above and right: Two of the clay tablets forming the signs, trainees work on the mosaics and the Wildlife Garden sign and on installing the post; trainees and a volunteer grouting the post.



Community Partnership projects this year have included a garden built for Ethelred Nursery School. This provides a safe, sheltered environment with small planting beds that are easy to use by the children. Funded by Cross River Partnership.



The new path to the Wildlife Garden with a new tool shed alongside, was the second of the site improvement projects this year (funded by Lambeth Riverside SRB5). It was an opportunity for trainees to join in with some heavy team work - shifting cement, sand, earth and laying paving. The path is crowned with a fine oak gate complete with old, reclaimed hinges originally made in Lambeth. The oak was left from the children's shelter project two years ago and the design makes full use of the natural forms of the original sawn planks.



The gate and path are gradually being complemented with some interesting planting, including unusual climbers and Echiniums. Students from Tippett School help with planting along the new path.



The development of Lambeth Walk Open Space (funded by the Cross River Partnership) continued with a community planting day in December 2001, when the border along the wall was expertly planted (left) - as shown by the fine plants in the summer. The rose arch was also planted along with many bulbs. The Friends' arched seat and the large circular bench were installed by trainees and staff in spring. This was all opened on our Grand Open Weekend as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Cllr. Peter Truesdale planted a strawberry tree (below), and Kate Hoey MP formally opened the new gardens watched by many faithful Friends.



The summer project this year with local artist Martha Macdonald was a large mosaic signpost. Each sign is a clay tablet designed by a trainee and mounted on a decorated board attached to the pole. This, a large, reclaimed drainpipe, is covered in clay masks and insect forms set in tile mosaic. Funded by the Walcot Educational Foundation. Right: Martha puts the finishing touches to the sign.



Celebrations of the garden with local school children have included picking the kiwi fruit (above), seeing the world through the eye of a newt (right) and making giant models of minute pollen grains as part of a solar-powered fountain project with Martha (below).



Practical skills training has again been very varied with a busy schedule of garden furniture commissions, decoration of the old building, constructing a new bike shed and a 'pine tree' showing fund-raising progress, with excellent work experience placements in the Royal National Theatre (set construction).



Life skills training also involves staying happy (as well as all that work in the classroom)!

Horticultural work on- and off-site has produced many fine plants and happy customers. The food plants grown on the trainees' vegetable patch (above left) were also excellent (and consumed).



The Open Weekend in June was full of activities and pleasure - juggling workshops, busking, story-telling, children's art, weaving of willow plant supports and hurdles, the ever-popular apple juice sales and, of course, garden tours.



The trainees also entered the Thrive annual show in Battersea Park. They were very proud of their exhibits (including a scarecrow and cut flower arrangement seen here), winning several prizes.





### Funding

Our contract for training is now with the *Central London Learning Skills Council* under the new Life Skills Programme and we are likely to move onto the Entry to Employment Programme commencing August 2003. This will be of great benefit to our trainees. *Lambeth Social Services* continue to support our work with a Service Level Agreement. *Lambeth Council* has also been very helpful in the granting of Planning Permission for our new building. The successful *Community Fund* application has led to the employment of Ian Carruthers as Employment Liason Officer (from January 2002). This post covers trainee welfare, recruitment, job search and work experience. *Lambeth Riverside SRB5* has been a major source of funding this year. The posts of Administration Officer (Johanna Kenyon) and Counsellor (Barbara Horsford) have been secured. The Wildlife Outreach Worker post (David Perkins), funded until this year by Bridge House Estates Trust Fund, has been continued until 2003 by *Lambeth Riverside*. They have also been very generous with Capital Funding for the new path to the Wildlife Garden, the reconstruction of the nursery area, improving and installing new drains and some re-surfacing, all of which are part of the overall master plan for the regeneration of the Roots and Shoots site. A substantial sum for the new building has come from *Focus Legacy* (then *DfEE*), our benefactor has again been very generous and we are grateful for the continuing support of the *Walcot Educational Foundation*. With our new Business Plan we will be approaching further sources of funding - charitable trusts, the lottery and various government-related funding streams during late 2002 and 2003.

*Acca sellowiana*, the pineapple guava, is a Brazilian shrub with striking, edible flowers. The plant in the Paradise Corner has produced several fruit this year.



**Work Experience Placements** are a crucial part of the trainee's development, allowing personal growth and the acquisition of skills and reinforcing the work done at Roots and Shoots. We have worked with the following people and organisations to provide quality work placements during the last twelve months:

*Vauxhall City Farm; The Chelsea Physic Garden (right); The Royal National Theatre; The Royal Hospital, Chelsea; J. Sainsbury PLC (New Cross); The Courtyard Cafe; Walnut Tree Walk School; Ms. Lyn McWilliam; Axis UK; Waterers Landscapes Ltd.; The London Wildlife Trust.*

We would like to extend our thanks for the considerable time and effort they have all put into working with the trainees.



**Friends of Roots and Shoots** is a group committed to supporting our organisation. Keep in touch through our regular newsletters with advance notice of events and developments. Organise guided tours of the garden with the Wildlife Outreach Worker. Details: 0207 587 1131 or view *The Friends* page on [www.roots-and-shoots.org](http://www.roots-and-shoots.org)

Roots and Shoots is now the base for the *London Beekeepers Association*. They will be holding meetings at Roots and Shoots and from January will be running evening courses in beekeeping and the natural history of bees. The facilities at Roots and Shoots have enabled the association to reform and revive their activities.



Plant sales have been very healthy this year. We have been producing more herbs, wild flowers and unusual plants in response to demand.



A Grand Day Out - superbly organised by a good friend of Roots and Shoots - to HMS Ocean and Victory in October.



School groups can enter the apiary in the Wildlife Garden wearing full protective bee suits. They can get very close to the sights and sounds of the hive. Staff and trainees can also learn more about honey bees.



### Roots & Shoots Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2002

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2002	2001
	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>				
Local Authority Grants	0	111,534	111,534	157,708
Donations	0	278,463	278,463	51,505
Investment income	1,711	0	1,711	556
Sales/Other incomes	17,539	0	17,539	4,138
Community Fund	0	15,889	15,889	0
	19,250	405,886	425,136	213,907
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<b>Outgoing Resources:</b>				
Direct Charitable expenditure	0	392,528	392,528	198,512
Fund-raising and publicity	206	0	206	318
Administration & management	0	25,019	25,019	3,311
	206	417,547	417,753	202,141
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Transfer between funds	-6,805	6,805	0	0
Net Movement in funds	19,044	148,339	167,383	11,766
Balance forward	33,163	4,856	38,019	26,253
	45,402	160,000	205,402	38,019
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### Roots & Shoots Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2002

	Notes	2002	2001
		£	£
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets:</b>			
Fixed Assets	(11)	34,472	2,820
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Prepayment/Debtors		60,602	19,134
Cash at bank - Current Account		4,152	1,798
- Deposit Account		115,782	24,853
		180,536	45,785
<b>Creditors - ( amounts due under 1 year)</b>		9,606	10,586
		170,930	35,199
		205,402	38,019
		=====	=====
<b>Reserves:</b>			
Unrestricted funds	(9)	5,402	23,163
Restricted funds		160,000	4,856
Designated Funds		40,000	10,000
		205,402	38,019
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Accounts audited by Michael Bell & Co., Chartered Accountants, 56 St. James' Street, London E17 7PE

**Notes on the above accounts:** Any financial reserves and surplus shown will be put towards Roots and Shoots activities to meet its charitable objectives. The above balance sheet is an extract from the Roots and Shoots accounts, they have not been qualified by the Auditor. For a full copy of the accounts please request a copy from the Manager at the registered office.



Three views of the 'Lambeth Hot-beds' outside the office of Roots and Shoots, July 2002  
Planting sponsored by the Metropolitan Gardens Association



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