

Lorraine Worpole 1942 – 2025

Vice Chair and Chair of Clissold Park User Group 1994 – 1997



With great sadness but also huge gratitude, we remember Lorraine who died in October. Lorraine was a dedicated and energetic supporter of the Park and the User group for many years, still until very recently participating in CPUG meetings. As a photographer, Lorraine also leaves us with hundreds of beautiful pictures, documenting the life of the Park over many years.

Here's a [selection of Lorraine's park photos](#)

As she came to the end of her term as Chair, Lorraine's comprehensive annual report for September 1997, closes as follows:

I shall be standing down as Chair of the User Group this year after 3 years, to join the past 3 chairs, Christine Disney, John Field and St .John O'Rourke, who all battled with the Council to little avail.

Lorraine certainly battled! Like all seeds, it takes time before the fruits appear – but in her time, agenda items reflected the fact that at that time the Park and the House were in a very sorry state, with neglected trees, lakes and paths, and lack of care by Hackney Council. From initiatives taken in that early CPUG work we now see a vastly improved Park in very many ways, and transformed Council Parks department, Heritage Lottery

funding finally resulting in 2012 in a fully repaired and beautifully restored House. During that time too, there were many lovely events, festivals, play days and celebrations in our Park, as we can see from Lorraine's photographs.

There were of course the old perennials – dogs, cycling, playground, animal enclosures, vehicles in the Park, toilets... which Lorraine and chairs before and since and continue to grapple with on behalf of and for the benefit of all those who love and enjoy our beautiful Park.