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For immediate release

Parks website receives award

It had already won the endorsement of children. Last week, it won the endorsement of the Corporation of London. The London Parks Discovery Project, a web-based learning tool, received an Archives Landmark Award, which rewards inspiring projects which have made use of archive collections to develop work benefiting the wider community.¹

The project, at www.parkexplorer.org.uk, is a collection of easy-to-navigate web pages, containing information about Greater London's parks. Through web activities and resource materials, it helps students and teachers at Key Stage 2 of the National Curriculum (7-11 years) to learn about a park's history, layout and uses.² The project officer, Deborah Jarman, worked with the IT company Footmark Media to develop the website, which was then used with children and teachers in 19 schools across Enfield, Greenwich, Newham and Wandsworth.

The website is a project of the educational charity London Parks & Gardens Trust.³ Barbara Simms, the chair of the Trust, hopes the award will mean more people learn about our great parks.

"We work hard to help people enjoy the capital's open spaces. We're very pleased this initiative has won this important award and hope the recognition will lead to more people making use of the site. The next step will be to expand the project to the whole of Greater London," said Barbara Simms.

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¹ The award was presented on 30 November by the Corporation of London at the London Metropolitan Archives. For more information about the award, please contact Jan Pimblett, principal interpretation officer at London Metropolitan Archives: 020 7332 3993, jan.pimblett@corpoflondon.gov.uk.


² A sample screen capture is attached.

³ London Parks & Gardens Trust works to promote and enhance the capital's green open spaces, helping people to learn about, appreciate and enjoy London's parks and gardens. Open Garden Squares Weekend is one of its most successful and best-loved projects. The trust, established in 1994, is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. London Parks & Gardens Trust is run by volunteers. Its patrons are Dr Simon Thurley, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, Hal Moggridge OBE and the Rev Canon David Hutt.


Park Explorer .. 

London Parks Discovery Project

- Homepage
- Theme menu
- Looking Around
- Teachers' area

 **Activity**


Behind the camera



This photo is taken from Greenwich Park. Explore behind the camera by moving round the scene and zooming in for details.

See if you can find the statue of Sir Francis Raleigh, Wordsworth's Walk, and the Thames.

Looking at the geography why do you think this was a good place to put a navel base?


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