MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDEN
Working together for a healthier future

Marlborough Sports Garden is a hub for affordable, accessible sport minutes from busy Borough High Street. Run by environmental and volunteering charity **Bankside Open Spaces Trust**, the garden is just one of 16 public open spaces we manage in an area where **91% of homes are flats, with no private gardens**. This lack of space has a real impact on health and wellbeing locally – **Southwark has the highest rate of childhood obesity at Year 6 of any local authority in England**.

Gifted to the community in 1921 by the Duchess of Marlborough, the sports garden attracts thousands for sport and play each year. **We know it has the potential to do so much more**. We have ambitious plans to reach thousands more people, particularly those excluded from sport, through sustainable redevelopment. This includes indoor facilities, income generating activities and site-wide greening. **We want to be part of a brighter future for young Londoners**.

Marlborough Sports Garden – the facts

1 A free public space, open 7 days a week, with 12 schools within walking distance.

2 Pitches available to hire at affordable prices.

3 Visited by over 55,000 people annually, making it a vital place for our community's physical, social and mental wellbeing.

4 Over 500 children and young people stay active with us each year through free afterschool sports, weekend and holiday coaching.

5 **Our community sports model is designed to be rolled out across other deprived urban areas.**

Marlborough Sports Garden: the plans

Working with award-winning architects Cullinan Studio, we've drawn up a £5m+ plan to upgrade existing facilities and boost the site's reach and income through a new sustainably built and run building. We'll play an even greater role in tackling inactivity and obesity locally by **growing visitor numbers to 75,000 and increasing the number of people taking part in activities by at least 50%.** Our build is due to start August 2025, the garden reopens August 2026.

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Site location
and other Bankside Open Spaces Trust sites

Tate Community Garden

Red Cross Garden

MSG

Waterloo Green

Our spaces spread from Waterloo to London Bridge across London's Bankside and include:
1) Red Cross Garden
2) Crossbones Graveyard
3) Marlborough Sports Garden
4) Winchester Palace Garden
5) Tate Community Garden
6) Diversity Garden
7) Waterloo Millennium Green

Spaces we care for in partnership
8) Mint Street Park
9) St Georges Garden
10) Christ Church Garden
11) Little Dorrit Park
We also support community green spaces & street planters in partnership with residents.

Design proposal

GREEN ROOF WITH SOLAR PANELS

A NEW 300M² COMMUNITY HUB COMPRISING:
• Flexible indoor studio space
• Outdoor classroom
• Viewing platform
• Spectator seating
• Community café
• Events space
• Accessible toilets on all floors

A NEW WELCOMING ENTRANCE

FOOD GROWING

SAND COURT

PLANTED EDGES

FOUR SQUARE COURT

CLIMBING WALL

40M FOUR-LANE RUNNING TRACK

RESURFACED NETBALL COURTS
• Demountable basketball hoops
• Cricket and tennis nets
• Roller-hockey goals.

4G FOOTBALL PITCH

SHADED SEATING

WALL BALL AREA