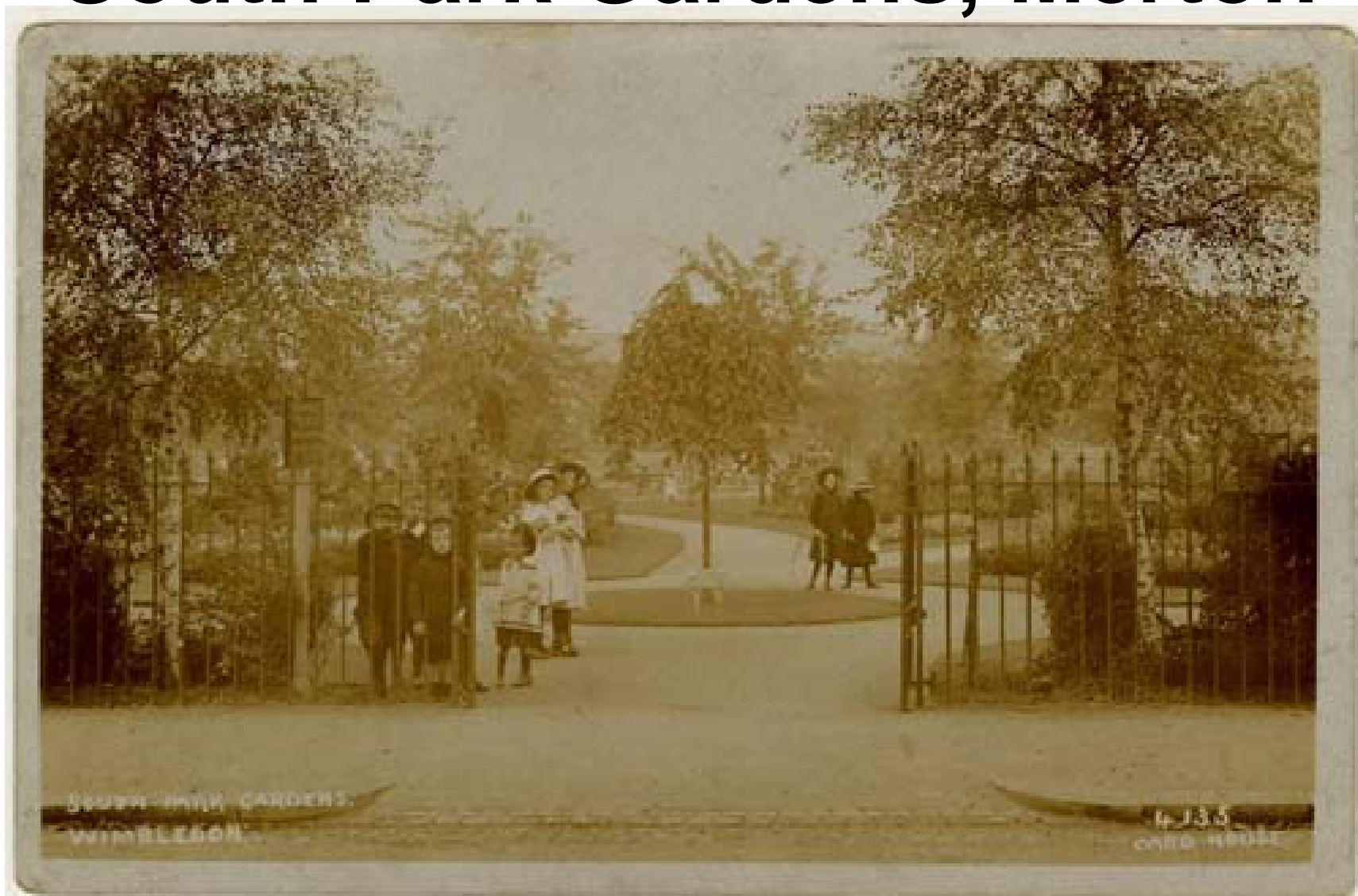


South Park Gardens, Merton



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- Gardens situated in Wimbledon
- Originally opened in 1901
- Grade II listed
- Restored and reopened in 2009

Action Plan

- Develop new audiences for the Gardens from under-represented and socially excluded groups
- Offer a wide range of facilities and activities for people to enjoy including current users of the Gardens
- Enable people to learn about and appreciate the Gardens' heritage
- Encourage more people to be involved in managing and making decisions about the Gardens
- Keep people informed about what is happening in the Gardens

So what did we do?

1. Paths – all dug up and re-laid – now smooth and even.
2. Installed a lot more seats – from 6 to 30.
3. Upgraded toilets, including disabled.
4. Re-planted flower beds.
5. Information and communications.
6. Invited them in.

Free Cream Tea Friday 26th June 2009

Invitations sent to:

- Old peoples' homes
- Sheltered housing schemes
- Churches, lunch and day clubs
- Door to door in roads around the Gardens

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- School children from 4 local primary schools invited
- Tea to form part of inter-generational history project
- Garden tours arranged
- Children served teas, did tours, interviewed guests























Conclusions

- Cream tea was a big success
- Elderly people enjoyed the afternoon and liked the improvements to the Gardens
- Children enjoyed being part of the event
- Good information obtained from interviews and follow ups possible
- Majority of attendees said they would make return visits to the Gardens

<http://www.southparkgardens.org/friends.html>