

Appeal to create a legacy of Luke Howard, Namer of Clouds

- on the 250th Anniversary of his birth, 28th November 1772-2022

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In honour of Luke Howard, Namer of Clouds, Quaker activist and resident of Tottenham, Tottenham Clouds and Friends of Lordship Rec are applying for Lordship Recreation Ground to be named the first official Cloud Appreciation Park in the UK.

In the run up to the anniversary we will be installing Cloud Interpretation boards in the park and a Luke Howard Weather Station in the Lordship Hub, and then joining Bruce Castle Museum and The Room in commemorating his birth with a weekend of cloud and weather activities.

Luke Howard spent much of his life in Tottenham, recording the weather from homes on Tottenham Green and 4 & 7 Bruce Grove. He studied weather patterns and the types of cloud formations, giving them the Latin names they are known by today: *cumulus*, *stratus*, *cirrus*, *nimbus* etc. His system for identifying clouds is used across the globe.

Luke Howard was the first to recognize the effect that urban areas have on local climate as he travelled extensively around the country on Quaker business. Although his book, *The Climate of London*, is largely concerned with the weather and climate of London, his analysis of temperature records allowed him to detect, describe and analyse the urban heat island phenomenon many decades before others. Now, in an era of climate change, it is more important than ever to understand our climate and try to reduce and reverse the human causes of extreme climate events.

The Luke Howard Weather Station will enable the continuation of his enthusiasm for recording weather data from Tottenham in the 21st Century and the Interpretation Boards will help everyone to appreciate the clouds and skies which Luke Howard so much enjoyed watching. The weekend of events includes fun activities for children, speakers from the Meteorological Office, Cloud Appreciation Society and the biographer of Luke Howard, Richard Hamblyn, joined by a local member of the Luke Howard family. There will also be workshops on climate change and the Luke Howard Cloud Garden campaign, music and a special photographic exhibition.

The planned celebrations, all taking place in Howard's local neighbourhood, include the launch of the Luke Howard Weather Station and the new solar panels on the Lordship Hub, and will raise the profile and significance of this important and inspiring historical figure, to whom Goethe wrote the poem *In honour of Mr Howard*, as well as showcase current efforts to address modern-day concerns.

APPEAL To enable this to happen we are appealing for donations. Money raised will go towards the costs of the interpretation boards [£3k], weather station and public digital display [£3.5k already obtained] and associated resources and activities over the year [£2.5k], and the Lordship Recreation Ground events [£1k]. Tottenham Clouds will coordinate and control the funding, and the Friends of Lordship Rec have kindly agreed to hold the funds in their bank account. *Note: new solar energy panels at the Hub are also being installed, already funded.*

How to pay:

- Via our GoFundMe page - <https://gofund.me/093f7fef>

- Via bank transfer to: Friends of Lordship Rec Sort Code: 60 24 23 Acct No.: 7123 9375

Reference: Luke Howard 250 If you would like an acknowledgement of your donation please make an email request to tottenhamclouds@gmail.com with details so we can email our thanks to you.

Thank you for any support you can give.

Margaret Burr, Tottenham Clouds

For details of the events and to keep up to date with plans visit: www.tottenhamclouds.org.uk

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