

THE BEDDINGTON PARK NEWSLETTER

HELLO!

Welcome to the first edition of the Beddington Park Newsletter – your regular update of what's happening with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Bid.



The Bid So Far...

The HLF Beddington Park project is a citizen-led project aiming to restore and improve Beddington Park.

2010: Stakeholders, park users and community representatives came together to decide what changes they would like to see in the park.

2013: A Stage 1 application was submitted.

June 2014: Notified by HLF of success at stage 1. The council were granted £251,000 development funding.

December 2014: A Steering group was set up to help shape the council decisions about the project. The group is made up of representatives from; The Friends of Beddington Park, Walking Groups, Sutton Council Officers and The Wandle Trust (amongst others)

January 2015: A Project Development Officer was employed to help develop the project.

Currently: In stage 2 of the process - “development phase”. This is where we carry out the consultancy work, specialist surveys and the costings of the works for the parts of the park you want changed as well as completing user surveys & visitor observation studies to show how the park is used.

The 5 things you have identified as a priority to be improved in the park are;

- Lakes and waterways
- Preservation and explanation of the history
- Access, safety & infrastructure of the park
- Conservation of wildlife
- Activities & events



What's happening now?

- Volunteers are helping to carry out visitor observation surveys.
- Specialist surveys are being carried out; topographic/hydrological/ecological/architectural surveys.
- The sample for the silt in the lake is currently being analysed. The results will tell us what the options are regarding any removal of the silt.
- Volunteers have attended a design and evaluation/monitoring workshop to help shape what the park should look like.



Featured activities at the park

Sutton Healthy Walks (With Melanie Nunzet) around Beddington Park every Friday Morning at 10am; Contact Melanie on: 07944 833 605 or mlnunuzet@gmail.com

Archaeology Dig with Carshalton and District History and Archaeology Society From 13th July – excavating for evidence of the manor house stables by the Dovecot – come along & watch the team at work!

News & Updates

Last month we said goodbye to our Project Development Officer – Idris Bhatti. We're glad to announce that Sarah Price has stepped in to take over his position. Find out a little about Sarah below!

We have had **over 400 responses** from the Beddington Park user survey!

More details about the project and park can be found here:

Twitter
[@SuttonCouncil](https://twitter.com/SuttonCouncil)

Website
www.sutton.gov.uk

FOBP
www.friendsofbeddingtonpark.co.uk

Next Steps

By September 2016, we need to complete;

- Conservation Plan
- Activity plan
- User surveys and visitor observation studies
- HLF Reports (quarterly)
- Specialist Survey work

If successful in our application we should begin delivery of the project by late 2016 with funding of £2.9 million.



How can you get involved?

There are lots of volunteering opportunities that you might want to get involved in to help the Beddington Park Project.

- Support the Friends of Beddington Park Group
<http://www.friendsofbeddingtonpark.co.uk/>
- Got expert knowledge of the park? Join the steering group and give your opinion on how you can help with the project
- Complete a visitor observation survey in the park
- Join the volunteering mailing list

If you would like to get involved or to be kept up to date with other volunteering opportunities, please contact: Sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk with your email address, and we can keep you on an interest list for future volunteering opportunities.

FAQ's...

Who is the Heritage Lottery Fund?

Heritage Lottery Fund uses money raised by National Lottery players to help people across the UK to protect & enjoy their local heritage <http://www.hlf.org.uk/>

Who is running the project?

The project is run by Sutton Council in conjunction with park stakeholders. Your ideas shape the changes within the park! Sutton Council carries out the administration for the project including management of the consultants.

I have some ideas about the park –can I submit my ideas?

Unfortunately we are no longer in the ideas phase, but you can still get involved during the delivery stage and during further consultations on the detail of works.

Meet Sarah



What is your role on the project?

I will be working alongside stakeholders and park users, keeping them involved and up to date on the project as it develops. I will also work with the consultants to help create the necessary documentation to progress to the next stage, in particular in the development of an activity plan.

How can we get in contact with you?

You can email me on; Sarah.Price@sutton.gov.uk or call me on; 0208 770 6060

What's your favourite part of the park?

The small streams and bridges of The Grange Gardens

