

The Beddington Park Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Beddington Park Newsletter!

Now that the Stage 2 application has been submitted to Beddington Park there is little to report on the Heritage Lottery Project. Instead this newsletter issue will focus on the activities and events that have happened, do happen and will happen in Beddington Park whilst we wait to hear the outcome of the HLF application.

What Happened in February and March

On February 18th Sutton Council submitted their Stage 2 application to the HLF. Whilst we wait to hear the outcome the Grounds Team are working hard to prepare for the works. The islands on the lake have been cleared, opening up views of the splendid Carew Manor. This work is essential to minimise nesting birds in this area over the next year as works to the lake would be disruptive to them. Work along the London Road Boundary has resulted in beautiful views into the park from London Road and the opening up of the space around the buddleia bushes gives commanding views across to The Grange (pictured). Aside from these ongoing physical changes there has been a range of activities and events. Read on for more.



Sherwood Park D of E volunteers

Students from Sherwood Park School have been volunteering their time in the park as part of their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award programme. So far they've helpfully completed a range of tasks including reed clearance, litter picking and removing deadwood, most recently seeing how the grounds team recycle the wood in the wood chipper to help feed our plants. A big thanks to all these students!



Max and
Nikhil helping
the grounds
team.





On March the 6th Carshalton Park Rotary Club led an extremely successful clean up as part of the Clean for the Queen initiative. Over 50 volunteers came together to clear rubbish from the park and cut back some of the overgrown shrubbery, with refreshments kindly provided by the Friends of Beddington Park. As you can see a lot was collected! A huge thank you to all involved for making Beddington Park a better place



for us all. As the Rotary Club run these events 1-2 times a year we hope to see some of the many new faces again and hopefully further new faces to come!



Friends of Beddington Park

The Friends of Beddington Park, first and foremost, all share a passion and care for Beddington Park. They meet approximately every three months to discuss what's been happening and any issues. Meetings are often accompanied by a speaker offering an insight into a range of topics about the parkland. They also act as a voice for the park at local committee meetings and often apply for funding from the local committee to use on enhancements and improvements.

The Friends have their own flower bed in the park, maintained by a small, dedicated team and they assist in other activities such as tree planting and tree maintenance.

Thanks to a team of Friends we have been able to start a new and exciting activity called Xplorer. This is a fantastic family activity challenging children and adults alike to explore the park and find hidden markers. The first Xplorer happened earlier this month and despite some rather wet and windy weather 50 people took part and had a blast!

If you love the park, joining the Friends Group is a great way to support it, helping represent the community voice and offering a gateway to hands on involvement through a range of activities and opportunities. Membership is just £5 per household. Find out more online: www.friendsofbeddingtonpark.co.uk and on [Facebook](#).

Diary of Events

Below are a range of activities coming up in Beddington Park over the next few months, with more events to be announced soon. Most of these activities are free to participate in. For more information, or for how book, please contact sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk, unless otherwise stated.

DATE	EVENT	CHARGE
May		
Monday 2 nd 11am-4pm	May Fayre – <i>The annual May Fayre returns. Stalls, entertainment, food and more!</i>	Entrance is free
Sunday 8 th 11am– 3pm	Wandle Trust Clean-Up Event – <i>For more info see http://www.wandletrust.org/events or call 07833 497 599</i>	Free
Wednesday 11 th 7.30pm	LIDAR: new discoveries about local parks using laser scans from aeroplanes – <i>An illustrated talk being held at Honeywood Museum, Carshalton, looking at use of laser scans to discover more of some of the local parks, including Beddington. 020 8770 4297.</i>	£3.50
Sunday 15 th 2pm	Archaeological walk – <i>Join this walk guided by local historian and archaeologist John Phillips. Call 020 8770 4297 to book.</i>	£3.50
Saturday 28 th 10am-12pm	Young Tree Maintenance – <i>Learn the basics of formative tree pruning from Sutton’s Tree Officer and help spruce up the young trees of Beddington Park. Please book your place via the email above.</i>	Free
Tuesday 31 st 2-4pm	Xplorer – <i>Explore the park, find the markers, complete the challenge, have fun together. A great event for children & families. Starts at the Grange Garden.</i>	Free
June		
Sunday 5 th 10am	Tree walk – <i>Join this guided walk to find out about the trees in Beddington Park and how to identify some of the most common species there.</i>	Free
July		
Saturday 9 th 11am-1pm	Xplorer – <i>Explore the park, find the markers, complete the challenge, have fun together. A great event for children & families. Starts at the Pavilion Café.</i>	Free

Regular Activities	
Day	Event
Every Friday, 10am	Sutton Healthy Walks – Popular Friday morning walking group. 60 minute walk in and around Beddington Park. Meet outside St. Mary's Church.
Every Saturday until June 9am and 10am	Free exercise classes - Bootcamp (9am) and yoga (10am) classes in the Park. Must be booked in advance here .
Every third Saturday of the month, 2pm	Beginners Cycle Ride – Led by CTC, a 3 hour cycle ride for beginners beginning outside the Pavilion Café and taking in the park and local surrounds.
Every second Sunday of the month, 10.15am	Conservation Task Days – Join Sutton Nature Conservation Volunteers in developing and maintaining the varied habitats of the Carew Manor Wetlands.

Volunteer opportunities

We are starting to trial some different opportunities for volunteers to get involved in in Beddington Park. Already we have had community litter picks, river clean-ups and planting events and will be carrying out a hedgehog survey with a number of volunteers this month.

Here are a few other opportunities coming up:

Delivery of children's activities – help deliver an exciting way for children and families to engage with Beddington Park. **Xplorer** is a fun family activity challenging participants to find the hidden marks scattered around the park. This event can only run with the help of volunteers. Upcoming dates: 31st May and 9th July.

Pruning sapling trees – a number of sapling trees planted by community volunteers in previous years now need a bit of sprucing up! Find out about tree pruning as you help maintain these trees for more healthy growth. May 28th.

Conservation – Join SNCV on their monthly task days maintaining and improving the habitat of the Carew Manor Wetlands, or help the Wandle Trust clean up the River Wandle to help protect this wonderful piece of habitat – next clean up event May 8th.

To get involved in any of these opportunities contact sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk

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