

THE BEDDINGTON PARK NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest edition of The Beddington Park Newsletter! Read on for some exciting news, info on what's been happening and what's to come.

IT'S A SUCCESS for Sutton Council's HLF Bid!

We are delighted to finally be able to announce that, on the 29th June, Sutton Council received the news we've all be waiting for. After nearly 4 years of hard work the proposals for an array of improvement and restoration works can go ahead after successfully securing £3m of funding from the HLF, towards a £3.7m project. Works will include enlarging the children's playground, dredging the lake, restoring the Grange Garden, improving entrances and access and installing interpretation on site, as well as delivery of a three year programme of activities and events. For full details visit the parks page on the Council Website - www.sutton.gov.uk.



Read on to find out what happens next. But first...

...A Big Thank You

The project team would like to thank the members of the Steering Group, Friends of Beddington Park, community groups and the volunteers who have been involved in consultations and in the delivery of taster activities. This result couldn't have happened without the tremendous level of passion, support and commitment from the local community. Long may this continue!



What happens next?

There are a number of processes to be carried out now to initiate the delivery of the restoration and improvement works in Beddington Park. Once we have received permission from HLF to begin delivery the design team will be back in action finalising designs and specifications, whilst specialist companies are recruited to deliver the works.

When will you notice changes?

Increases in activities and events should begin across the next few months whilst *November and December* should see the start of clearance works on site. The main works, including the lake, playground and formal gardens, will be undertaken throughout 2017 with the aim of completion by early 2018.

How can I be kept up to date with progress and areas of closure?

If you haven't already, join the park's mailing list for updates by contacting sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk. Also, keep an eye out in the park for posters offering updates.



The Rotary Club ran another successful May

What happened in May and June?

Fayre. Despite an unpromising weather forecast, the rain mostly held off and hundreds enjoyed the stalls, activities and performances that were on offer. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time to make this a success.

The first week of June saw activities take place in celebration of London Tree Week. Volunteers learned, and put into practice, some young tree maintenance skills, sprucing up an area of mixed trees near the flint bridge. The community were also given the opportunity to learn more about the trees in Beddington Park through a guided tree walk. It seems there is a lot more than just conker trees and acorn trees to learn about!



We have now had three Xplorer sessions in Beddington Park. Two sessions were blighted by terrible weather, but it was clear that there are some brave, hardy children around who aren't afraid of a little rain. Much fun was still had hunting for the markers and putting map reading skills to the test. See below for Xplorer dates during the school holidays.

Diary of Events

Below are a range of activities coming up in Beddington Park over the course of July and the Summer Holidays, with more events to be announced soon. Activities are free, unless otherwise stated. For more information, or for how book, please contact sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk, unless otherwise stated.

DATE	EVENT	COST
July		
Sunday 17th - August 9th	The Big Butterfly Count – Take part in this national butterfly count. Pick up an ID chart in the Pavilion Café, find a sunny spot, and count the butterflies you see!	FREE
Wednesday 27th 11am - 1.15pm <i>By the Pavilion Café</i>	Golf in the Park – Join Community Golf for Fun skills and drills at 11am & Cross Golf at 12.15pm. Wednesdays, during the school holidays. www.communitygolf.net .	FREE
Wednesday 27th 10am - 2pm <i>London Rd Car Park</i>	Alien invaders – Come and learn about invasive species with the Wandle Trust and watch alien species control in action. Games, crafts and hands on learning.	FREE
August		
Monday 1st until completion <i>Near the Dovecote</i>	Archaeological Dig – Watch CADHAS carry out further excavations on land near the Dovecote. Take a look at their discoveries and discover more of the park's history. Email john@johnrp.demon.co.uk to get involved.	FREE
Tuesday 2nd 2pm - 4pm <i>By the Pavilion Café</i>	Xplorer – Explore the park, find the markers, complete the challenge, have fun together. A great event for children & families. Starts by the Pavilion Café.	FREE
Thursday 4th 10am-2pm <i>Near the Dovecote</i>	Mini Archaeologists – Take part in your own archaeological excavations. Have a play and a dig in our excavation crates and take part in crafts and games.	FREE
Wednesday 17th 11am - 1pm <i>Grange Garden</i>	Xplorer – Explore the park, find the markers, complete the challenge, have fun together. A great event for children & families. Starts in the Grange Garden.	FREE
Sunday 27th 8pm - 10pm <i>Meet by Riverside Animal Centre.</i>	Bat Walk – Join our local bat expert for a short walk and talk about how bats live. Bat detectors will be provided. Booking required; contact biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk or call 020 8770 5329.	£5
September		
Saturday 3rd 11am - 1pm <i>Grange Garden</i>	Xplorer – Explore the park, find the markers, complete the challenge, have fun together. A great event for children & families. Starts in the Grange Garden.	FREE

Regular Activities	
Day	Event
Every Wednesday, 11am/12.15pm School Holidays only	Community Golf – Join Community Golf for fun skills and drills at 11am & Cross Golf at 12.15pm. Meet outside the Pavilion Café. www.communitygolf.net
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 9am and 10am	Free exercise classes - Bootcamp (9am) and yoga (10am) classes in the Park. Must be booked in advance at www.ourparks.org.uk .
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. Contact biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk .

Volunteer at Beddington Park!

Calling all budding volunteers! Over the course of the next year we will be introducing a range of volunteer opportunities including regular events such as gardening and tree wardens and occasional volunteering opportunities delivering activities or stewarding for events. Many will offer training opportunities to support your involvement in Beddington Park.

Our first regular activity to begin is **Monday Menders**. Did you know, after a recent, busy, sunny weekend, it took 5 staff a full day on the Monday clearing over two tonnes of litter from Beddington Park? This means less time maintaining plants and flower beds to make our park look lovely. Beginning this summer, on the 1st August, join Sarah outside the Pavilion each Monday at 9am to help pick up litter, then recover over a cuppa in the Pavilion Café. Dogs are welcome, and bags, litter pickers and gloves will be available.

If you would like to be added to the volunteer mailing list then email sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk.

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