

Welcome to the latest edition of the Beddington Park Newsletter.

Read on for an update on the HLF project, what's been happening and what's to come.

## HLF Project Update



### A step closer to kick off...

The current stage of the project is a quiet one on the surface. Whilst it may not look like lots is happening, it is a very busy time for the project team. The tender returns – from sub-contractors bidding to deliver the work – have now all been received and these need to be reviewed with a fine toothcomb to ensure that value and quality is achieved.

Following this intensive review, and a sign off meeting with HLF, the sub-contractors should be appointed in the next 2-3 weeks.

### HLF talk – part of the lecture series

The rescheduled lecture on the HLF project, being delivered by the lead landscape designer, is now scheduled to take place on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm** at St. Mary's. This is a great opportunity to hear about the detailed design elements ahead of the start of the works.

Please note that you must book your place for this talk. Call 020 8770 6060 or email [sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk).



### Where to find out more.

More detailed information on the main project areas has started to be displayed on site. This will be added to over the course of the next 4-6 weeks.

Information will include details on which areas of the park will be closed to public access, and when. So, keep an eye on the temporary fencing panels around the park, as well as in the café, for future updates, drawings and information as the project progresses, as well as online and via twitter - [@beddington\\_park](https://twitter.com/beddington_park)

You can also add your name to the mailing list to receive updates straight to your inbox. Do so [here](#).

## What's been happening in the park?



### The Beddington Park Big Lunch

On the 4<sup>th</sup> June the community came together to celebrate The Big Lunch. The weather held off and picnickers were treated to a range of activities such as crafts, golf, hand-drumming, rounders, volleyball and tug of war, all for free and provided by some of the amazing community minded organisations in the area. There were also interactive characters doing a range of activities from making a wish tree to partner portraits! If you did a drawing and didn't collect it on the day contact [sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk) to arrange to collect it.

A huge thanks to the members of the community who helped organise this event and to the following organisations for taking part: Gary Mason Charity, 350 Squadron Air Training Corps, Be Epic, Community Golf and The British Red Bus.

### Corporate Volunteer Task Day

We were thrilled to welcome 22 volunteers from Legal and General and Vodafone to Beddington Park. These volunteers did an amazing job cleaning the small ponds and streams in the Grange, removing silt and litter, and cutting back overgrown vegetation. They also planted a range of plants in and around the ponds and streams to improve the biodiversity. So keep an eye out for some new flowering plants there and please avoid disturbing them as they settle in! Thank you to all who took part.

If you run a business and would like to carry out corporate volunteering in Beddington Park then get in touch today – [sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk)



Get involved at Beddington Park!



### Buddy Walks

We are still recruiting volunteers for our new Buddy walking scheme. Walks have begun to assist local care homes in bringing their residents to enjoy this wonderful park. Our volunteers help by offering an arm to lean on or pushing a wheelchair and providing some social conversation. No special skills are required, just a patient and caring attitude, and weekday availability. If you like being outdoors and helping people then this is perfect for you!



### Visitor Survey 2017

As part of the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the HLF project we are carrying out visitor surveys, to observe any changes in the perception and use of the park.

Your feedback would be much appreciated so please help us by completing and sharing the survey. You can complete a hard copy in the café or find a link to the online version on our twitter page:

[@beddington\\_park](https://twitter.com/beddington_park)



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### Join the Friends of Beddington Park

Love Beddington Park and would like more involvement? Why not join the Friends of Beddington Park? Get involved in activities like maintaining the Friends' flower bed, and attend meetings and talks to discuss how to make Beddington Park the best it can be.

Contact [chairman@friendsofbeddingtonpark.co.uk](mailto:chairman@friendsofbeddingtonpark.co.uk) for more information.



## Events – a highlight of upcoming activities & events



For more detailed information on any events please see our 'What's On' guide – available on the Council website - or contact [sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk)

### Guided Walks – booking required

#### Grange Garden Heritage Walk

Do you know the history of the Grange Garden? Discover its origins as an extravagant Victorian Garden, created by Alfred Smee, on this guided walk led by local historian John Phillips.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm, FREE**

Call **020 8770 6060** or email **Sarah (above)**.

#### Bat Walk

Join the Sutton Biodiversity Officer on this guided walk to discover more about the bats in Beddington Park, and see if you can spot some!

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 8.20pm. £5.50**

Contact [biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk) to book

### Weekly Activities

#### Mondays

**Healthy Walks, 9.30am.** A short 1hr walk for those aged 50+. Meet outside the Pavilion Café.

**Forever Fit, 10.30am.** Introductory sessions for use of the outdoor gym equipment, led by an instructor. For ages 50+. Meet at the Café.

#### Fridays

**Social Walk, 10am,** starts at St. Mary's Church.

**Nature Play, 10am.** Child-led play, supported by a facilitator. Meet outside the Café.

**Nordic Walking, 1pm,** small fee applies. Meet outside the Café.

#### Saturdays

**Bootcamp, 9am,** booking required - [ourparks.org.uk](http://ourparks.org.uk)

**Yoga, 10am,** booking required - [ourparks.org.uk](http://ourparks.org.uk)

**Community Golf, drop-in 10am-12pm,** outside the Café.

### Summer Holiday Drop-in Kids Club

**Every Tuesday morning, 11am–2pm** during the school holidays this summer we'll be running a different drop-in activity. Sessions take place outside the café unless otherwise stated. Details of each session are listed below. *Parents/carers must remain with their children at all times.*

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – Make butterfly masks and caterpillar chains and take part in the Big Butterfly Count.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August** – Bug activity sheets (please note, this is self-led, sheets can be collected from the table in the café.)

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August** – Calico printing. Create printed patterns on paper and material. This week's activity takes place in the Grange Garden.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August** – Make a leaf crown and try your hand at tree identification.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** – Make a pecking pigeon and try out some bird watching.