

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



And we're off!

After five years of preparation, development, application, consultation, discussion and much honing we have finally made it to the point of work beginning on site.

The contractors have now set up their office space on site, where they can monitor the works as they progress. There will also be Council staff and members of the project team visiting the site regularly to monitor the progress.

What is happening when?

Each element of work has now been scheduled. Here are some upcoming key dates to be aware of!

Mid-September: Dredging of the lake and stock pond commences, with silt relocated within the park for drying.

End of September: Work on the churchyard extension commences.

September/October: Improvements to entrances and pathways.

Mid-October: Re-landscaping at the lake and stockpond.

December: Playground works commence.



Please bear in mind that there are factors, such as weather, that could cause delays or changes to the timetable of works. We will keep you updated should any significant changes occur.

You can learn more about some of the key areas of work on the next page.

A reminder that the scale of some of the works will, invariably, lead to disruption to daily park activities and usage. Signage on site will indicate where and when areas of the park might be closed off to public access.

Keep an eye on the temporary notice boards for regular updates and information as the delivery progresses, as well as online and via twitter -

[@beddington_park](#)

Beddington Park HLF project – key areas of work



The Playground

- Extension of the playground around the side of the Pavilion
- Addition of new pieces of equipment including zip wire, nest swings, trail play, water play, sound play and a wheelchair accessible roundabout
- Installation of a shade structure and new benches



The Churchyard Extension

- Creation of new herbaceous borders
- Pathway reconstruction
- New entrance from side pathway
- New seating



The Grange Garden

- Herbaceous planting for seasonal variety in existing flower beds
- Pathway improvements
- Creation of a new apple orchard and pear tree walk, in homage to Smee who created the garden



The Stock pond (pictured) and lake

- Dredging of the stock pond and lake to remove silt, litter and organic matter
- Use of silt to re-landscape the lake islands, planting with new trees, shrubs and marginal aquatic species
- Marginal and aquatic planting in the stock pond with different water levels to create a more diverse habitat

The above is a basic overview of the key project areas. Visit the Council website or read information on site for more details.

Get involved at Beddington Park!



Rotary Club Task Day, Autumn 2017

The Rotary Club task day returns on October 22nd. Location to be confirmed but all are invited to help spruce up the park through a big litter pick and general maintenance. Equipment is provided, but please wear sturdy shoes and warm/waterproof clothing. Refreshments are also provided.

Sunday 22nd October, 11am – 2pm

Email sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk for more info.



Volunteer stewards needed for Big Bicycle Cinema event

This September we're bringing the Big Bicycle Cinema to Beddington Park and we need your help to make it a success. Volunteers will be needed to help steward the event. Refreshments will be provided and there will be ample opportunity to sit and enjoy the film!

Volunteers will be need from 6-10pm on Saturday 23rd September.

Email sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk to get involved.



Thanks to NCS young volunteers!

A big thank you to the young volunteers who helped run a photography workshop and delivered an anti-litter campaign to support our wonderful park. Thanks to Ramsha, Leanne, Rose, Mark, Becca, Vijay, Firaz, Mez, Deeya, AJ, Lain and Eric.

Events – a highlight of upcoming activities & events



For more detailed information on any events please see our monthly 'What's On' guides or contact sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk. All activities are free unless otherwise stated.

Big Bicycle Cinema

For the first time, outdoor cinema is coming to Beddington Park – but with a difference! Chosen by the people and now powered by the people - get your legs ready for a spot of cycling to pedal your way through E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial (U)! Take it in turns racing on the bikes to keep the film running. Or bring a picnic blanket and some snacks and sit back, relax and enjoy the film. Please note that parking is very limited. You are encouraged to arrive by public transport, bicycle or on foot.

Saturday 23rd September.

'Gates' open at 6.30pm, film starts at 7.30pm.
Opposite Carew Manor Academy, Church Road

Free Regular Exercise Opportunities

Fridays

Melanie's Walks, 10am, outside St. Mary's Church.

Nordic Walking, 1pm, outside the Pavilion Café. £3

Saturdays

Bootcamp (9am) and Yoga (10am) classes.
Booking required at www.ourparks.org.uk

Every third Saturday

CTC led *beginner's cycle ride* through the park and surrounding area. Meet 2pm, outside the Pavilion café.

London Open House

Tours of the Dovecote and Carew Manor's Great Hall.

See inside the Great Hall of Carew Manor – the only Grade I listed structure in the borough – and discover more about the Carew family. Plus see inside the Grade II* listed 18th century dovecote.

Sunday 17th September.

Tour times: 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm
Call 020 8770 4297 to book.

Autumn Lecture Series

Discover the Sources of the River Wandle

Sat 9th Sep, 7.30pm, St. Mary's Church.

What has Biodiversity done for us?

Sat 14th Oct, 7.30pm, St. Mary's Church

Please call **020 8770 6060** to book a place at either of these talks.

Willow Weaving Workshop

Discover the art of dry willow weaving with this drop-in workshop, open to all ages, young and old! Help building willow structures inspired by the park's 18th century dovecote. Workshop runs from X until X or until materials run out. Find us by the Pavilion Café!

Sunday 8th October, time TBC.