

Welcome to the new look Beddington Park Newsletter.

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

## HLF Project Update



### The Closing Stages

The main programme of works is now nearing completion, with the contractors due off the site in May.

The paths around the lake have now been reopened and water levels restored. A big thank you for your patience whilst the work has been carried out. The final step will be planting and landscaping the islands and edges to rejuvenate the habitat for the wildlife, which will happen later this year, when the silt has dried. Some final work is being carried out to the levels in the stock pond as well as planting to improve this habitat.



We apologise for the delay in the opening of the playground, which has been impacted by recent wet weather. The team continue to work incredibly hard to complete the playground as soon as possible.

Some of the final touches to happen will include new benches in the garden areas, directional signage, final landscaping touches and final touches to new volunteer bases.

There will also be ongoing work to make good areas damaged by vehicle movements and, as a reminder, the silt has to remain in place drying a bit longer (before it is relocated for landscaping in the woodland behind the café).

So, we still have some way to go before our park is back to its best, but we are sure it will be worth it when it gets there.



We hope that you are enjoying the lovely new noticeboards and interpretation panels. With such a rich heritage in Beddington Park we're pleased to be able to make this information more accessible to park users.

## What's been happening in the park?



### Tree Planting

It's been a very busy couple of months planting in Beddington Park. Alongside the larger trees planted by contractors as part of the project, volunteers have planted over 700 small trees across the site, focussing on woodland enhancements.

We've had community planting days, a day with Sutton Nature Conservation Volunteers and sessions with pupils from Beddington Infants, Hackbridge Primary and Sherwood Park School. Thank you to all those who took part and made this amazing feat possible!



### The Great British Spring Clean

Carshalton Park Rotary Club returned in March for their spring clean-up event – part of the Great British Spring Clean.

Large amounts of litter were cleared by a strong team of volunteers, with finds including a stair-lift chair!

A new hawthorn hedge was also planted at the London Road/Hackbridge Gate entrance.

A big big thank you to all who helped, the Friends for supplying refreshments and Phil Blake and Rotary for leading this invaluable volunteer session.



Get involved in Beddington Park!



### May Fayre

It's that time of year again!

Carshalton Park Rotary



Club return with their popular May Fayre, this Bank Holiday Monday, 7 May, 11am-4pm. Entrance to the Fayre is free. There's plenty to see and do with a range of stalls, games, arena displays a dog show and of course the traditional crowning of the May Queen, so make sure to come on down!

### The Big Beddington Park Lunch



The Big Beddington Park Lunch is back! Sunday 3 June. Fun for the community, by the community. Bring a picnic and enjoy a traditional afternoon together. With organised games by Be Epic, Xplorer Challenge and crafts by Samia Tossio and Savvy Theatre Company, there is lots of fun to take part in throughout the afternoon.

### Observation Surveys

Volunteers are needed to help us observe who is using the park and how. Each year we have to submit data to the Heritage Lottery Fund - our funding body - to show how use of the park is changing. If you enjoy walking round the park then you could help us by completing a survey as you go! This survey is by observation only and training is provided. A great way to support the project whilst enjoying the park!

Contact [sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk)

### A Midsummer Night's Dream

Celebrate Midsummer this June with promenade performances of A Midsummer



Night's Dream in Beddington Park, staged by SAVVY Theatre, 21 – 24 June. Plus free craft workshop opportunities on the lead up. See the What's On Guide for more details.

Tickets for Dream are from £5 - £15 and are available at

[www.savvytheatre.co.uk](http://www.savvytheatre.co.uk)

## Events – a highlight of upcoming activities & events



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

### Regular Exercise Opportunities

#### Mondays

*Forever Fit walk & gym sessions*, 10am,  
Meet outside the Pavilion Café. Free.

#### Fridays

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

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

#### Saturdays

*Bootcamp classes*, 9am. Free. Booking required through [www.ourparks.org.uk](http://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. Free.

### Summer Lecture series

We've an exciting programme of lectures this summer, so be sure to book early.

**4 June – Roses Grow on You**

**9 July – The Calico People**

**14 August – Urban Birds**

All talks take place at St. Mary's Church Hall (behind the church), SM6 7NJ, and start at 7.30pm. Please book your place – 020 8770 6060.

### Dovecote Opening

The dovecote will be open to the general public for viewing this May. Drop-in to see inside this amazing Scheduled Ancient Monument. If you've always wondered what it is, and wished you could see inside, this is the perfect opportunity!

**Sunday 6 May, 10am–1pm.**

### May Half-Term

#### Xplorer

Explore the park, find the markers, complete the challenge, have fun together. Start point by the Pavilion Café.

**Tuesday 29 May, drop-in 11am–1pm.**  
Free.

#### Dream with SAVVY

Collect sticks and transform them into twirling ribbon sticks and wands with artist Samia Tossio. At the Pavilion Café.

**Wednesday 30 May, drop-in 10.30am–12.30pm.** Free.

#### Scavenger Hunt

Get hands on with nature this summer half-term with this self-led family fun scavenger hunt. Grab a starting pack from scavenger "HQ" outside the Pavilion Café.

**Thursday 31 May, drop-in 1–4pm,** Free.