

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



Goodbye to the silt!

It's been a long wait to get to this point, but the programme is finally in place to move the silt mounds that remain in the park.



Contractors will begin their site set-up and extension of the haulage route, to the depot behind the Pavilion Café, on the 5 November. The route will follow the edge of the northern woodland boundary.

There will be no closure of pathways but vehicles will cross the main pathway, between the Café and London Road, and you may be held here whilst this happens.

The movement of the silt should take 3-4 weeks and is expected to commence w/c 12 November.

Preparation of the islands will also take place during this time, ready for planting in December.

We are really grateful for the patience and support you have offered in waiting for this phase to be completed. We can't wait to have the park back to normal for you to make full use of and enjoy.

Ground repairs and reinstatement of the drying compounds and haulage route will take place in December. Whilst the grass re-establishes some fencing will need to remain in place.

There will continue to be some ongoing maintenance and repairs as part of the wider project, such as replacing new trees that have not survived the dry summer or were, unfortunately, vandalised.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who has been part of this big project to date, whether through participation in consultation, assisting communications or actively volunteering. It's great to see the physical works nearing completion! Don't forget the continuing activities, events and volunteering opportunities.

Get involved



Community Tree Planting Day

We kick-start the planting season with a community tree planting day on the 24 November, linking in with National Tree Week. Help us plant 400 young tree whips to enhance the woodland and habitat in the park.

Equipment provided. Please wear sturdy shoes and warm waterproof clothing.

Saturday 24 November, 10.30am.

Meet outside the Pavilion Café.

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



Autumn Specimen Tree Walk

Have you spied the magnificent colour of the glorious liquid amber? Do you know the two deciduous conifers in the park? Wondered about the tree with the long bean ponds?

Discover all this and more on this guided Autumn Specimen Tree Walk, taking in some of the more unusual and attractive trees in the Grange Garden.

Call 020 8770 6060 to book your place.

Saturday 3 November, 2pm.



Volunteering in Beddington Park

Did you know there are many volunteering opportunities in Beddington Park, offering a great way to contribute to your local environment, keep fit and build skills? Opportunities include joining the Tree Wardens or Gardening Club, becoming a walking buddy for care home residents or joining the Friends of Beddington Park. There's also numerous one-off opportunities to take part in planting, clean-ups, events and other task days.

Contact sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk for more details.

What else has been happening in the park?



The Big Bicycle Cinema

In September the Big Bicycle Cinema returned to Beddington Park. With a lovely warm evening on hand the local community packed out the park to watch (and sing along to!) The Greatest Showman, whilst also powering the film on 16 bicycles. Thankfully they did so with great success, despite a few panicked moments in the red!

The event was greatly enjoyed, with a real buzz in the park. We expect our cyclists slept well after the hard work they put in!



Rotary Autumn Clean-Up

Saturday 28 October saw Carshalton Park Rotary Club and The Roundtable return to Beddington Park for their bi-annual clean-up.

They have been giving back to the park for a number of years now and we are lucky to have a passionate group continually working to make our park better.

It's wonderful to see other members of the community coming to support this. This autumn's group braved some rather chilly and wet weather to help clear litter from the woodland, clean up all the bottle caps and little bits of plastic around the BBQs and prepare the ground for November's planting day.

A huge thank you to all who were involved and to the Friends of Beddington Park for providing refreshments.

Next clean-up will be 24 February. Pop it in the diary now!

London in Bloom

Following on from successfully securing a Green Flag Award, Beddington Park was awarded a Silver Gilt in this year's London in Bloom, and was just 9 points off from Gold! With the work nearly complete, here's aiming for gold next year! Well done to all the staff and volunteers who have kept the park at this standard.

Events – a highlight of upcoming activities & events



For more detailed information on any events please see our latest *What's On* guide or contact sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk

Regular Exercise Opportunities

Mondays

Forever Fit gym sessions, 11.15am,
Meet outside the Pavilion Café. Free.
For 50+

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

Every third Saturday

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

Tree Planting

Plant a tree for the future at our
community tree planting day. We have
400 tree whips to plant. All are welcome
and encouraged to take part.

Saturday, 24 November, 10.30am

Meet outside the Pavilion Café.
Equipment provided but please wear
sturdy shoes and warm clothes.

Guided Walk

Autumn Specimen Trees

Join this guided walk around the Grange
Garden to identify some of the more
unusual specimen trees there, looking
particularly at those with great autumn
colours and features.

Saturday 3 November, 2pm, starts at the London Road Car Park.

Free, but booking is essential. Call 020
8770 6060 or email Sarah (above) to
book

Autumn Lecture Series

The final talk of the year takes place in
November and is all about our Urban
Wildlife. Delivered by Mathew Frith, the
Director of Conservation from the
London Wildlife Trust, this is an
interesting talk about the challenges our
wildlife faces in the urban environment.

Monday 12 November, 7.30pm, St. Mary's Church Centre, SM6 7NJ.

Free, but booking is essential. Call **020
8770 6060** or email Sarah (above) to
book.