

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



Time to get finished!

It's the news that you have all been waiting for; a schedule is now in place for moving the remaining silt and reinstating the grass areas that have been used as the drying lagoons.

Please do keep in mind that the weather could still delay this if significant wet weather prevails across May, so please cross all fingers and toes for some dry weeks!

Land and Water return to site this week – w/c 29th April – and anticipate completing the remaining silt relocation work in four weeks.

Hopefully you will have seen that the terracotta rosettes have now all been replaced on Canon Bridge's Bridge. It looks much smarter!

What remains?

Just a few landscaping elements remain before the capital works can be considered truly complete. Firstly, wildflower meadow seed will be sown around the lake island planting. It's great to see the main planting there establishing and being appreciated by the waterfowl already. The benefits of

the work are starting to show with waterfowl numbers picking up again.

Once the silt work is complete the wooden fencing will remain in place a little longer so that the grass can grow back.

Some further gap-filling in the new flower beds is taking place, and the proposed tree planting on the silt mound in the depot, bringing this area back as part of the woodland, will take place in the autumn.

The project continues with activities and events beyond the completion of the capital works on site, so don't miss out on some of the great opportunities taking place such as art workshops, guided walks, talks and the Big Bicycle Cinema in September!



What's been happening in Beddington Park



The Great British Spring Clean – Rotary Clean-up

The Rotary Club completed their largest clean-up event to date in February and what an amazing day it was! The weather was beautiful and over 100 volunteers took to the park to help tidy it up – a testament to the care our community has for its wonderful park. A large amount of litter and waste was cleared, maintenance was carried out around new tree planting, work was started to plant the flower beds outside the Pavilion Volunteer Room and 15 bird boxes were erected in the northern woodland. We are so grateful to the hard work put in by all those involved to achieve so much in the space of three hours. Particular thanks must be extended to Phil Blake and the teams from Carshalton Park Rotary Club and the Round Table, who run this event, and to the Friends of Beddington Park for putting on the refreshments. Thanks also to the local groups and organisations who took part!



Gardening Club planting in the Grange Garden

Volunteers from the gardening club have been busy improving the inner rose beds in the Grange Garden. With a number of these beds containing large gaps and many roses struggling, work has been carried out to change four of the beds into herbaceous borders, complementing the outer beds. The volunteers worked really hard getting this done during the planting season and most the plants have established well. A few may need replacing but the team are monitoring to see how the plants get on. Hopefully there will be some great colour over the summer – the orange geums are looking beautiful in the Grange Garden right now! If you are interested in joining the Gardening Club:

Email sarah.wheeldon@sutton.gov.uk

Call 200 8770 6060



Get involved at Beddington Park!



May Fayre

The annual May Fayre returns to Beddington Park on the 6 May, a great community event with fun for everybody! There are arena acts, the crowning of the May Queen, traditional May Pole dancing and the popular dog show with many great classes to enter; plus a whole range of stalls, games and food/drink stands. The day is delivered entirely by volunteers, co-ordinated by Carshalton Park Rotary Club. They'll be there whatever the weather so do come down to the park and enjoy what is always a fantastic and fun day with a great community atmosphere. There is additional parking provided, but access is really easy by bus (407, 410, 463).

Beddington Park
Fun DOG SHOW
 6th May AND Security run
 Free parking
 £2 per class entry.
 Cutest puppy up to 1 year old
 Best veteran over 10 years old
 Prettiest girl
 Dog show starts at 12-30
 Most handsome boy with check in from 11 am
 Waggiest tail
 Judge's favourite.
 Rosettes awarded to third place except Judge's favourite.

Beddington May Fayre
 6TH MAY 11am-4pm
 Crowning of May Queen & Maypole Dancing Various stalls
 Dog show
 Duck racing
 Red dog show
 L&S man standing
 Donkey rides
 Inflatable slide
 Bouncy castle
 Radio 5 Live
 Free parking
 Free entry
 The Paddocks Church Road Wotton 526 770

Friends of Beddington Park

Are you interested in volunteering opportunities in the park? Have you helped previously and are interested in getting more involved? A great way to do this and support the park is to join the Friends of Beddington Park. The Friends Group are a growing team of regular park users who love what the park offers and help support and protect it. They meet regularly to discuss park activity and opportunities, help with clean-ups and the May Fayre, maintain their own flower bed and carry out a range of other ad hoc activities.



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.wheeldon@sutton.gov.uk

Regular Exercise Opportunities

Mondays

Health walk, 10am, meet outside the Pavilion Café. Free.

Fridays

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

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

Saturdays

Cycle Skills for Adults, 9.30am (beginners) and 10.30am (improvers). Free. Please visit the [Council Website](#) to book.

Every third Saturday

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

Walks and Talks

Spring Bird Walk

Sunday 5 May, 8am

Learn about the native birds in Beddington Park with Sutton's Biodiversity Officer.

Lecture Series – Wonderful Weeds

Monday 13 May, 7.30pm

A fascinating talk delving into the wonderful folklore and uses of plants commonly considered weeds. Delivered by botanist Roy Vickery

Bat Walk

Saturday 25 May, 8.45pm

Head out bat hunting with Sutton's Biodiversity Officer and learn more about our flying mammals.

Summer Trees – Guided Walk

Saturday 22 June, 10am

Enjoy the trees in their summer glory whilst enjoying a walk jam-packed with info by Sutton's Tree Officer.

All walks and talks require booking.

Call 020 8770 6060 or

email sarah.wheeldon@sutton.gov.uk

Half Term

Xplorer

Wednesday 29 May, 1-3pm

Explore the park and hunt for the hidden markers. Fun, family challenge. Free. Starts outside the Pavilion Café.

Earth Dance Line Draw

Thursday 30 May, 2-4pm

Connect with nature and your inner-self as dance and art collide in this fun workshop combining Biodanza with large scale drawings on the ground. Please help us by registering to attend, although drop-ins will be accommodated where possible. Email sarah.wheeldon@sutton.gov.uk to register.