

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee	23 November 2015
<b>Subject:</b> Superintendents update for November 2015	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	<b>For Information</b>

### **Summary**

This report provides an update on management and operational activities across Hampstead Heath since September 2015.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of this report.

### **Main Report**

#### **Property**

1. Works to rebuild the Lido East Boundary wall commenced on the 3 November 2015. The design of the new railings has been discussed with stakeholders, who are supportive of the proposed design.
2. A programme of work to reduce erosion and improve the surface water drainage from the East Heath fairground are scheduled to commence 16 November 2015.
3. The tanking works at the Hill Garden Shelter commenced on 13 October 2015. Works are expected to continue until the end of February 2016.
4. The tiling repairs at the Heath Extension changing rooms were completed in October 2015.
5. Vegetation and moss has been cleared from the Viaduct Bridge parapet in preparation for painting. The Superintendent will provide an update at the meeting.

#### **Planning**

6. The Superintendent will provide an update at the meeting on the Water House, Athlone House and 2-3 Heath passage.

## **Projects and Programmes**

7. The Superintendent will provide an update on the following Open Spaces Department Projects and Programmes.

- Learning

Four weeks of professional consultation has now finished, and the Superintendent is reviewing the feedback received from staff, prior to commencing personal consultation.

On Monday 9 November a petition (To fight against the proposed reduction in service of the Peggy Jay centre, one O' Clock club and Adventure Playground, Hampstead Heath) signed by XX people was received by the Superintendent and a further xx signatures received the following day. In parallel 2,213 people have registered their support of the petition through Facebook.

- Sports
- Open Spaces Bill
- Promoting our services
- Fleet & equipment review
- Energy efficiency
- Wayleaves
- Lodges and operational property review
- Car Parks
- Cafes
- Operational Facility Improvements

## **Events**

8. A summary of the 2015 events has been prepared for this Committee meeting.

## **Constabulary update**

9. A total of 2,062 incidents were dealt with by the Constabulary from 1 January 2015 to 31 October 2015. Of the enforcement incidents recorded 159 related to dog control enforcements.
10. A successful prosecution relating to dog control was taken to court in September 2015.
11. Six Constables will be on Duty on New Year's Eve. Constables will patrol Parliament Hill where large crowds usually gather.

## **Sports**

12. The City of London will be introducing an application that will allow tennis users to book online, through a partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association. Consultants have been appointed to engage and consult with tennis users

across the Open Spaces Department. The outcomes from the survey will assist the City of London with the introduction of online booking.

### **Swimming**

13. The de-silting at the Men's Pond commenced on Monday 9 November. Consequently the Mixed Pond is now operating as a Men's Pond. The de-silting works are expected to take four weeks.

### **Staffing**

14. The Projects and Management Support Officer started on 20 October 2015. They will be leading on the review of the Hampstead Heath Management Plan as well as a range of projects and programmes linked to the Open Spaces Department Business Plan.
15. The Communication and Information Officer post is currently vacant and measures have been put in place to cover this position in the short term.
16. As part of the Hampstead Heath Ponds Project we are requiring for an Apprentice to join our Ranger Team. Interviews will be held on 4 December 2015.

### **Golders Hill Park**

17. The west facing herbaceous border within the formal garden has been replanted using perennials lifted from the flower garden.
18. A phased approach has been adopted in relation to the landscaping works to the disabled car park in Golders Hill Park. A short closure of the car park will be necessary whilst the tree felling is completed.
19. Works to install a holding tank at the Zoo Loos were completed on 12 November 2015.
20. Staff from Golders Hill Park collected a further trailer load of stumps from Epping Forest on 14 October. These will be used to complete phase three of the stumpery.

### **Parliament Hill**

21. The first phase of the landscape restoration works at Kite Hill commenced on 15 October 2015. Additional fencing will be erected prior to New Year's Eve to protect the restoration works.
22. The Superintendent met with the Heath & Hampstead Society, Heath Sub Committee on the 21 October 2015 to discuss the management of the tree canopy impacting on the Parliament Hill Strategic View. An action plan was also agreed for updating the signage at this location.

### **Hampstead Heath Extension**

23. The path at the very north eastern corner of the Heath Extension, where the path beside the Great Wall reaches Wildwood Road has been resurfaced by the Conservation Team to alleviate flooding.

### **Art Installation – ‘Empty Lot’**

24. Soil from Hampstead Heath and Highgate Wood has been used in the newly opened art installation ‘Empty Lot’ by Abraham Cruzvillegas. The installation is situated in the Tate Modern Turbine Hall and will be on display until 3 April 2016.

### **Highgate Wood**

25. A report summarising the operational activities in Highgate Wood since April 2015 has been included in the November Committee meeting papers.

### **Queen’s Park**

26. A report summarising the operational activities in Queen’s Park since April 2015 has been included in the November Committee meeting papers.
27. A proposal on the introduction of Zippo’s Circus to Queen’s Park has been considered by the Queen’s Park Joint Consultative Group. Members are asked to consider and support the proposal.

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