

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee	<b>25 January 2016</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Superintendents update for January 2016	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	<b>For Decision</b>

### **Summary**

This report provides an update on management and operational activities across Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park since November 2015.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of this report; and
- Approve the proposed additional charge of £32.00 to hire the Hampstead Heath Rugby Pitch for 2:00pm kick-offs.

### **Main Report**

#### **Property**

1. A programme of work to reduce erosion and improve the surface water drainage from the East Heath fairground has now been completed.
2. The tanking works at the Hill Garden Shelter are on-going and are scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2016.
3. There are on-going issues with the tiling at the Heath Extension changing rooms, which require monitoring.
4. Two temporary outside showers have been installed at the Mixed Pond. This is to facilitate the Mixed Pond operating as a Ladies' Pond until May 2016.
5. Fence repairs at the Adventure Playground, and One O' Clock Club commenced on 11 January 2016.
6. The Superintendent will provide an update on the boundary walls at the Lido.

## Planning

- The Superintendent will provide an update at the meeting on The Water House.

## Fees and Charges

- At the 24 November 2015 meeting, following a request from the Hampstead Rugby Football Club, this Committee requested that a charge be established for Rugby matches with a 2pm kick-off. The charges for pitch hire and changing rooms were previously approved by this Committee.
- Approval is sought for the additional staff cost which would be incurred for Rugby matches with a 2pm kick-off time, which is detailed in the table below.

Hampstead Heath Rugby Pitch Hire	Approved charge for 1/4/14 (£)	Approved charge for 1/4/15 (£)	Proposed charge for 1/4/16 (£)
<i>1 pm kick off</i>			
• Reserved match pitch Adult (with goal posts)	70.00	72.00	85.00
• Private changing room with hot water (Keys – deposit or charge for loss)	42.00 (25.00)	43.00 (25.00)	43.00 (25.00)
<i>2 pm kick off</i>			
• Reserved match pitch Adult (with goal posts)	70.00	72.00	85.00
• Private changing room with hot water (Keys – deposit or charge for loss)	42.00 (25.00)	43.00 (25.00)	43.00 (25.00)
• Staffing (1 hour additional time)	-	-	32.00

## Events

- The Southern Counties Cross Country Championships will be held at Parliament Hill on Saturday 30 January from 11am.
- In partnership with Camden Council, Christmas tree recycling points have been set up at the East Heath and Jack Straw's car parks. Staff will shred and recycle the chippings to cover tarmac paths on the route of the Cross Country course.

## Constabulary update

- A total of 2,342 incidents were dealt with by the Constabulary in 2015. Of the enforcement incidents recorded 189 related to dog control enforcements.
- There were 18 enforcement incidents recorded at Highgate Wood in 2015.

14. A Constabulary Annual report will be presented to Committee at their meeting on 16 May 2016. The annual report will now cover a financial year, rather than a calendar year.
15. A successful prosecution relating to cycling was taken to court in December 2015.
16. An estimated 7,000 members of the public congregated on Parliament Hill to celebrate New Year Eve. The Hampstead Heath Constabulary were on duty until 2am, and no major incidences were recorded. The Constabulary are contributing to the wider London review of the impact of charging for viewing the New Year's Eve official firework display.

### **Swimming**

17. The Christmas day swim at the Hampstead Heath Men's Pond proved to be as popular as ever, and the event passed without incident.

### **Staffing**

18. A new Apprentice will be joining our Ranger Team, and this will be funded from the Hampstead Heath Ponds Project. The City of London has also taken on an additional Apprentice to join the Ranger Team as part of our commitment to developing skills in the open spaces sector.

### **Golders Hill Park**

19. The disabled car park landscaping works are scheduled to commence from mid-February 2016. A short closure of the car park will be necessary whilst the tree felling is completed. Signage has been erected on site to inform members of the public about the works.

### **Highgate Wood**

20. Due to high winds and stormy conditions, the Wood was closed to the public on 21 and 29 November 2015, and 5 and 22 December 2015.
21. The Highgate Wood Team have completed a project to renovate the under 5's sand pit. A new larger sand pit has been built by staff, and we are sure it will be popular with visitors.

### **Queen's Park**

22. The Woodland Walk was closed to members of the public on the 21 and 30 November 2015, and 5, 6 and 30 December 2015 due to high winds and stormy weather conditions.
23. 150 people attended the Christmas gathering, which was held in the Park on 12 December 2015. The Regent Community Brass band provided musical entertainment.

24. The collection of recycling via Brent Council's contractor has recommenced. The cost of this will be met from the Superintendents Local Risk Budget.
25. The Park is a designated collection point in Brent for Christmas trees following the festive period. To date 800 trees have been received, and these will be shredded by Brent Council's contractor, and the chippings recycled.

### **Projects**

26. In addition to the above matters, the Superintendent will also provide an update regarding the following projects during a later item in the Non-Public Agenda:
  - Lawn Tennis Association Partnership and online booking.
  - Implementation of the Open Spaces Department Learning Programme.
  - Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Café retendering.

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