

Committee(s)	Dated:
Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee	7 March 2016
Subject: Superintendents update for March 2016	Public
Report of: Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	For Information

Summary

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

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of this report;

Main Report

Property

1. A programme of work to reduce erosion and improve the surface water drainage from the East Heath fairground has been completed. A drainage survey has been completed at the Kenwood Nursery Yard. The recommendations will be incorporated into a project to resurface the operational working area.
2. The tanking works at the Hill Garden Shelter and repairs to the Belvedere stairs are on-going and are scheduled to be completed by the 22nd April 2016.
3. There are on-going issues with the tiling at the Heath Extension changing rooms, a further area of 80m² is being re-tiled.
4. Two temporary outside hot 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, One O' Clock Club and on Sandy Heath have been completed.
6. Planning permission and Listed Building Consent have been obtained for the boundary walls at the Lido. The brick walls have been rebuilt and the coping stones and the security stainless steel security fence will be completed by the end of April.

Planning

7. The Superintendent will provide an update at the meeting on The Water House Planning Application.

Fees and Charges

8. Following a request from the Hampstead Rugby Football Club, the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee requested that a charge be established for Rugby matches with a 2pm kick-off. The charge is in addition to the fees and charges which were previously approved by the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee.
9. Members are asked to note 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 (£)	Approved 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

10. In partnership with Camden Council, Christmas tree recycling points were set up at the East Heath and Jack Straw's car parks over the holiday period. Staff shredded and recycled the chippings to cover tarmac paths on the route of the Southern Counties Cross Country Championship course.
11. The Southern Counties Cross Country Championships was held at Parliament Hill on Saturday 30 January 2016. With ten separate races a total of 5,115 runners took part in the event. Following the event the Superintendent arranged an inspection of the course and a programme of works were agreed to protect and restore Heath. The Superintendent will provide a further update at the meeting.

Constabulary update

12. 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.
13. A Constabulary Annual report will be presented to Committee at their meeting on 27 June 2016. The annual report will now cover a financial year, rather than a calendar year.

14. A successful prosecution relating to cycling was taken to court in December 2015.
15. An estimated 7,000 members of the public congregated on Parliament Hill to celebrate New Year's 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

16. 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

17. 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

18. The disabled car park landscaping works are due to take place 23 - 25 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 closure of the car park, and the works.

Projects

19. In addition, the Superintendent will provide an update on the following Programmes and Projects:
 - Implementation of the Open Spaces Department Learning Programme.
 - Sports & Physical Activity Programme.
 - Promoting our Services.
 - Fleet and Equipment Review.
 - Energy Efficiency.
 - Staff Working Arrangements.
 - Landscaping Projects.
 - Memorial Benches Project.

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