

Committee(s)	Dated:
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee	14 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 January 2016.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of this report;

Main Report

Property update

1. 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 22 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. 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 palisade will be completed before the start of the summer swimming season.

Planning

5. The Superintendent will provide an update at the meeting on The Water House and Heath House Planning Applications.

Events

6. 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.

7. During January 2016 the Constabulary dealt with 107 incidents. Of these 14 related to cycling and 14 to dog control.
8. A vacant Constable post is currently being advertised.

Swimming

9. The Superintendent will provide an update of the issues discussed at the Swimming Forum on the 29 February 2016.

Golders Hill Park

10. The Superintendent will provide an update on the landscaping works around the disabled car park and phase three of the stumpery.

Highgate Wood

11. Due to high winds, the Wood was closed to the public from midday on the 6 February, and all day on 8 February.
12. New maps and signage have been installed at all of the entrance gates, and a new interpretation board have been installed on the exterior of the information hut.

Queen's Park

13. Due to high winds, the Woodland walk was closed to the public 6, 7 & 8 February.
14. A range of pollarding, hedge laying and hedge reductions works are currently being undertaken as part of the Annual Work Programme.
15. The Lytch gate has been refurbished and the entrance signs have been repainted.
16. To protect the memorial benches an additional piece of trim trail equipment, which can be used for "step ups", is being added to the trim trail.

Projects

17. The Superintendent will provide an update on current Projects.

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