



Open Spaces in the Media

Summary of coverage April 2021 – June 2021

Visitors to Epping Forest urged to help Covid rates down

The [Epping Forest Guardian](#) published a column from Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, Graeme Doshi-Smith, which urges visitors to help keep COVID rates down.

Sporting facilities open once again at West Ham Park

The Chairman of the West Ham Park Committee Oliver Sells QC wrote in the [Newham Recorder](#) about apprentices and how sports facilities are reopening at West Ham Park.

Cinema set to be installed on Hampstead Heath

[Camden New Journal](#) ran an article about a temporary outdoor cinema set to be installed on Hampstead Heath in a bid to make up for lost revenue from a series of cancelled events. Hampstead Heath Management Committee Chair Anne Fairweather was quoted. Further coverage in [Islington Gazette](#) and [Ham & High](#) [both viewable internally only]

Legal challenge over Hampstead Heath Bathing Pond charges

[Ham & High](#) published a piece about a swimming group announcing a legal challenge to the City of London Corporation's decision last year to impose mandatory fees to swim in Hampstead Heath's bathing ponds. A City of London Corporation spokesperson was quoted. The story was mentioned in [BBC London](#) TV and [BBC London Radio](#) news bulletins [both viewable internally only]. Further coverage in [Evening Standard](#), [Ham&High](#) [both viewable internally] and [Camden New Journal](#).

Epping Forest: why car parking charges are needed

Epping Forest and Commons Committee Chairman, Graeme Doshi-Smith, wrote in the [Epping Forest Guardian](#) to explain why parking charges are needed at the forest and on COVID-19.

Fly tipping at Wanstead Flats

Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, Graeme Doshi-Smith, was quoted in the [Newham Recorder](#) in a piece on fly tipping at Wanstead Flats.

Highlighting the use of green spaces during the pandemic

[The Sunday Times](#) (£) featured the City of London Corporation's open spaces offer in a piece about how green spaces have been used during the pandemic.

Views sought on green blueprint for City's 'hidden natural world'

[City AM](#) and [City Matters](#) reported on the City Corporation's Biodiversity Action Plan consultation. Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee Chairman Oliver Sells QC and Planning and Transportation Committee Chair Alastair Moss were quoted. Also in [London Post](#) and [Horticulture Week](#) (£).

City announces future plans for Cemetery café

Chairman of the Port Heath and Environmental Services Committee Keith Bottomley was quoted in [City A.M.](#) and [City Matters](#) in news the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium is looking for a new proprietor to refurbish and operate its on-site café for visitors and mourners. Further coverage in [The Caterer](#) and the *Newham Recorder* ([1](#), [2](#)) where a City Corporation spokesperson was quoted (viewable internally only).

Restoration of Burnham Beeches underway after lockdown damage

Director of Open Spaces Colin Buttery was interviewed on [BBC Radio Berkshire](#) [Skip to 1.16.56] about work to repair damage to Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common. Further coverage in [Horticulture Week](#) (£) and [Bucks Free Press](#) reported [Slough Express](#) and [Maidenhead Advertiser](#). Chair of the City Commons Committee Graeme Doshi-Smith was quoted.

The 150th Anniversary of the Hampstead Heath Act

In a column in [Ham & High](#), Hampstead Heath Management Committee Chair Anne Fairweather talks about the forthcoming 150th anniversary of the Hampstead Heath Act 1871 which preserved the site as a public open space.

[Camden New Journal](#) (pages 13-20) carried an eight-page feature celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Hampstead Heath Act. The feature includes an article and Q&A with Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee Chair, Anne Fairweather.

[Ham & High](#) and [Horticulture Week](#) (£) report on City of London Corporation and Heath and Hampstead Society events to mark the 150th anniversary of the Hampstead Heath Act.

[Ham & High](#) runs an opinion piece on Hampstead Heath, saying there is now more woodland than heathland. The City of London Corporation is mentioned.

[Ham & High](#) publishes a story on the urban biodiversity of Hampstead Heath.