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| Committee(s) | Dated: |
| Epping Forest and Commons | 15/11/2021 |
| Subject: Epping Forest - Superintendent's Update for August to September 2021 (SEF 51/21) | Public |
| Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly? | 2, 5, 11 & 12 |
| Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending? | No |
| If so, how much? | N/A |
| What is the source of Funding? | City's Cash Local Risk |
| Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department? | N |
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| Report author: Paul Thomson – Superintendent of Epping Forest | |

Summary

This purpose of this report is to summarise the Epping Forest Division's activities across August to September 2021.

Of particular note was successful arable reversion works at Patmore's Field as an inaugural scheme for the Carbon Recovery project, public consultation on the Manor Road Gating Order and Red Route Traffic Orders, the start of repairs to Forest damage by the failure of a Thames Water Main laid through the Forest; research by Historic England's survey team on Copped Hall Park historic landscape features; further detailed responses to Local Plans for Epping Forest District and Enfield and Waltham Forest Boroughs and the wide ranging coverage of the Wanstead Flats wildflower meadow planted on the site of the former Temporary Mortuary Facility.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report

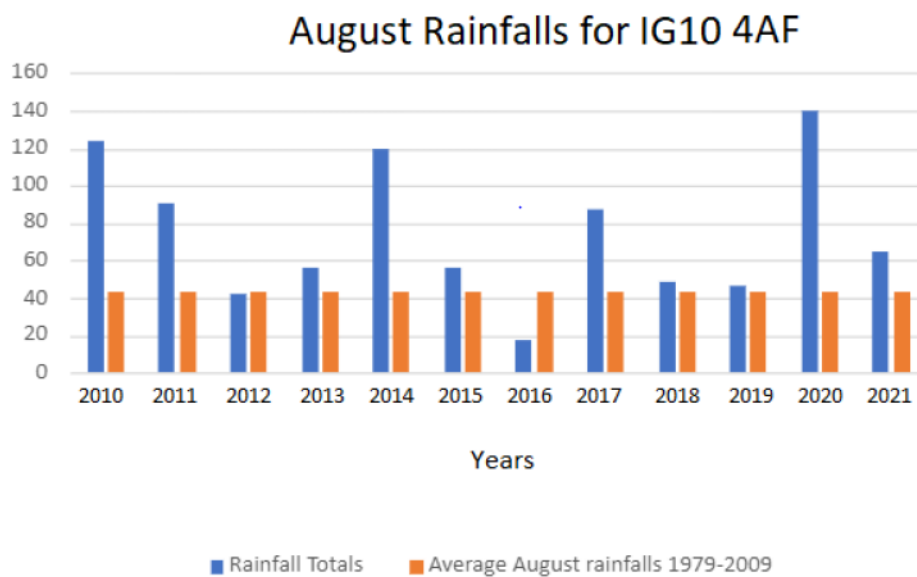
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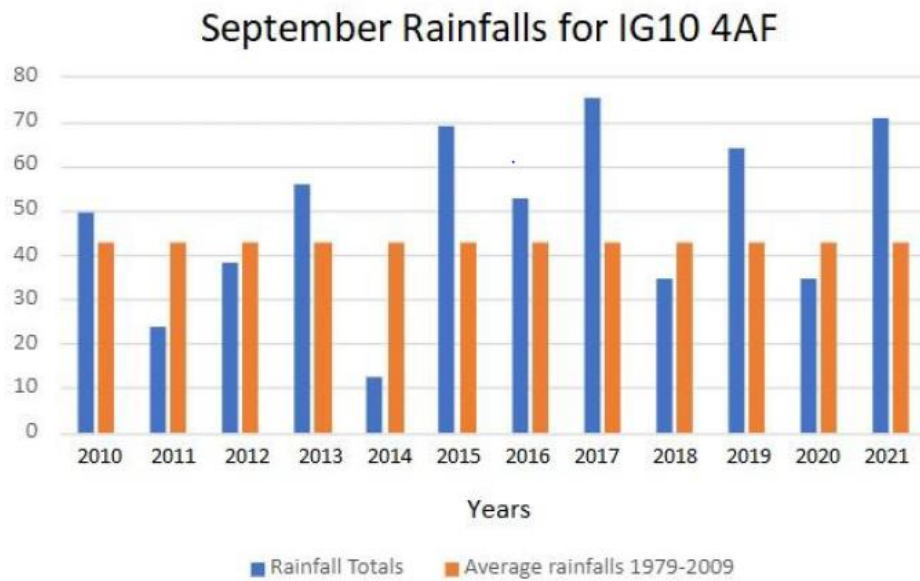
1. The Epping Forest Charity is at 38% budget at the financial year halfway point, but with some significant expenditure awaited. For example, the commencement of leasing agreements for the replacement of non-ULEZ compliant vehicles and plant. There are a number of vacancies being carried, leading to an underspend in employees and car parking is currently performing better than budget. Delays to lodge rentals and commercial wayleave however means budget lines are behind in this area. Overall confidence is high that the budget demands will be met this financial year.

Weather

2. August 2021 was slightly wetter than the average for this time of year with a total of 64.6 mm. There was a total of 14 days of rain with the wettest day being the 7th with 17.6 mm of rainfall.



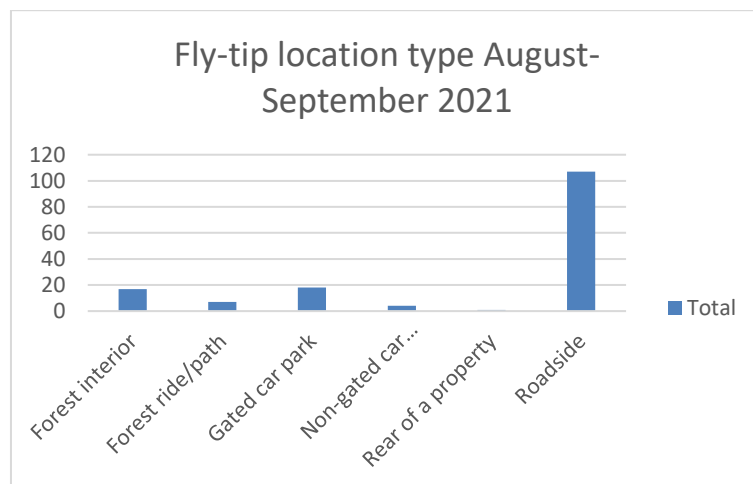
3. September 2021 was wetter than the average for this time of year with a total of 70.6 mm. There was a total of 12 days of rain with the wettest day being the 28th with 15.8 mm of rainfall.



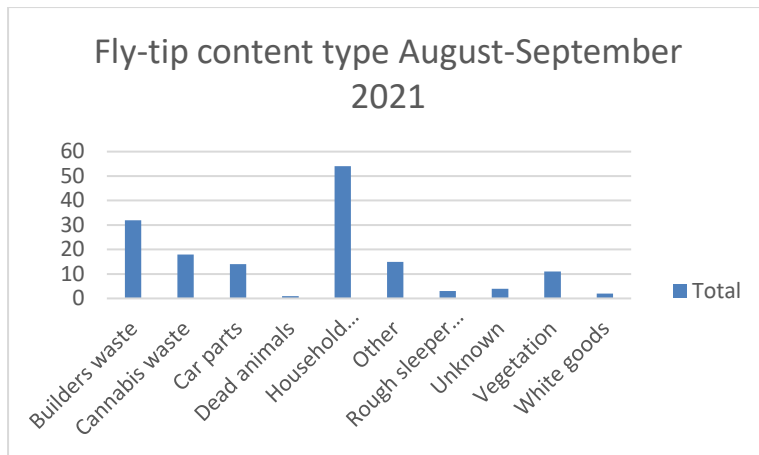
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Fly-tipping

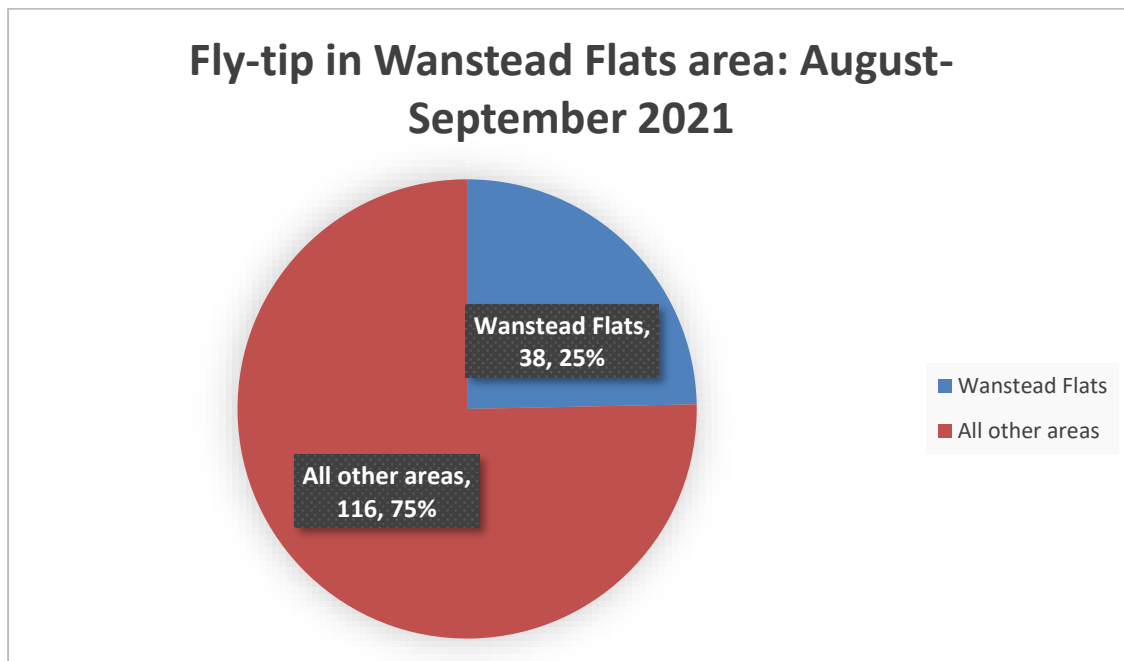
4. There were a total of 154 fly-tips recorded over the period of August – September 2021, this represents a 103% increase over the same period in 2020.



5. Roadside locations represented 66% of the tip locations over the period.



6. Household waste represented the largest category of items tipped over the period at 59 (39%), while 'Other waste' (concrete, polystyrene, wires etc.) represented 20 tips (13%).



7. There were 38 fly-tips in the Wanstead Flats area over the period which represents 25% of all tips. 16 of these tips were on Forest Land adjacent to Highway Land on Capel Road.

Enforcement Activity

8. No prosecutions were heard during this reporting period.

- 3/8 21 - Warning letter - tree cutting
- 22/09/21 - Warning letter – removal of wood
- 1/9/21 - FPN – Placing Garden waste £50 (reduced early payment fee)
- 22/9/21 - Conditional Caution – waste on Forest Land £200

Licences

9. A total of 52 licences for events were issued during the months being reported, which yielded an income of £60,786.12 plus VAT. 51 licences were issued

during the same period in 2020 yielding an income of £16,018 which reflects the impact of COVID-19 restrictions.

Unexplained Deaths

10. There were 2 unexplained deaths in this period. Locations (Capel Road and Knighton Woods).

Rough Sleepers

11. There were 4 rough sleeper camps located during the reporting period compared to 10 for the same period in the previous year. A number of these cases have been supported by Street Outreach Service (SOS), the London Borough of Waltham Forest's new outreach partner. The recent easing of current COVID-19 restrictions could be a contributing factor to why there are less this reporting period compared to the same period last year:

- 06/08/2021 Centre Road
- 06/08/2021 SSSI site Due North Jubilee Pond
- 30/08/2021 SSSI site Due North Jubilee Pond
- 27/09/2021 SSSI site Due North Jubilee Pond

Unauthorised Occupations

12. There have been no Traveller Incursions during this reporting period.

13. There has been 1 reported Unlicensed Music Events (UMEs) on Forest Land.

- UME, North of Rangers Road (took a team of 5 keepers and litter cart to clean)

Dog Incidents

14. There have been 1 recorded dog related incidents during this reporting period.

- 24/08/2021 Pitt Bull Terrier at Wanstead Park police report

Deer Vehicle Collisions

15. Epping Forest staff dealt with a total of 7 deer vehicle collisions (DVC) during this reporting period.

- 31/08/2021 Lower Wood near Thornwood Common
- 09/09/2021 Coppice Row/Wake arms
- 15/09/2021 B181 Epping Road near Pretloves removals
- 15/09/2021 B1393 High Road down from The Small Holding
- 18/09/2021 A121 Woodredon Hill at the bottom
- 18/09/2021 Crown Hill
- 19/09/2021 Epping New Road between Lincoln's Lane and Robinhood roundabout

North Essex Parking Partnership Red Route Figures

16. There have been 48 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued manually during the reporting period. These figures do not include PCNs issued from the NEPP camera car footage. The total number of PCN's issued on the red route to date now totals 55 PCNs were issued between 01/08/21 and 30/09/21. A review by NEPP of the Red Route Scheme is planned for late summer.

Car Park Charging Scheme

17. Connaught Water, Hollow Ponds and High Beach Pillow mounds were the busiest car parks during this period.

| | Hourly P&D Income** £ | Permit Income £ | Penalty Notices £ |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| August | 29,811.21 | 1,779.17 | 3,335.76 |
| September | 25,265.20 | 1,588.37 | 4,269.60 |

** Hourly P&D income includes income from the RingGo systems and car payment machines at High Beach (collected by Horizon).

Net income from the scheme currently stands at £172,372.10, as of October 2021.

Gating Order, Pillow Mounds Car Park

18. Public Consultation on The Essex County Council (Wake Road, High Beech, Waltham Abbey) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 2021 in operation on the Pillow Mounds car park either side of Manor Road has closed at the end of October. The Community Safety Partnership has responded on behalf of the partners sponsoring the Order indicating the success of the initiative in restricting evening and night-time Anti-Social Behaviour at the car park.

Heritage; Landscape and Nature Conservation

Climate Action Strategy

19. The first work of the *Carbon Removals* Project has been done with the reversion of Patmore's Field from cultivated, arable to a newly created 14-hectare wildflower meadow, which will in time complement the existing wild margins around the field. This creation of a wildflower meadow will also extend the area of diverse grassland in the local landscape, being adjacent to the species-diverse grassland of Trueloves and Fernhills. This initial reversion will reduce the carbon emissions of this site significantly and carbon will be captured from the atmosphere as the meadow develops locking it into the soil.

20. The aim is to benefit local species of interest including skylarks, Cuckoos and Yellowhammers. The seeding work was captured by a professional videographer and the footage will be used for use in future communications about this important project. Other delivery work for the *Carbon Removals* Project has

included completion of ecological baseline monitoring of Patmore's ahead of the seeding work described above and also recording species at Gifford's Meadow. This work was carried out by local ecological consultants. The recording verified the importance of flora of Gifford's Meadow and therefore this site will be left as grassland to safeguard these flower species and this declining habitat.

21. A key part of the project-working is to compare notes and examine lessons learned at other sites to ensure the best options are chosen. Open Spaces officers visited the National Trust's Wimpole Estate, another Registered Park and Garde, where a similar project to that proposed for Copped Hall is already underway and where the National Trust is working closely alongside the Woodland Trust. The day provided a valuable learning opportunity with a series of presentations from National Trust and Woodland Trust project managers followed by a site visit covering all aspects of the project.

Biodiversity

22. After a dry and slow growth start to the year, this period saw rapid late grass growth. Many perennial plants that had not appeared at the usual time in spring also showed themselves. For example, Lousewort which had hardly flowered at all in April or May and at one location could not be re-found in spring, was abundant in its main location at Almshouse Plain with vigorous vegetative growth. It will be interesting to monitor how this affects the rate of flowering of this rare species next spring.
23. The later-flowering grassland species had to compete with the extra grass growth and other mid-summer species which dominated the swards that remained uncut. At Almshouse Plain west, Devil's-bit Scabious flowers were more numerous than usual, although there did not seem to be a greater spread. However, GPS recordings of the locations of this scarce plant were taken so that future monitoring can pick up any expansion, which the light grazing of this area should encourage. The late-flowering Pepper Saxifrage, at Yates's Meadow, was in the meantime struggling to compete with vigorous extra growth of Bristly ox-tongue and Carrot, that have both spread in recent dry hot summers.
24. A monthly record of 104 bird species was recorded by local birdwatchers, including members of The Wren Group, across Wanstead Park and Flats (Compartments 37 and 38 respectively) during September. This total demonstrates the crucial importance of this area as a bird migration stop-over, for feeding and resting, as summer migrants head south and prepare to cross the Channel.

Damage to Forest and Buffer Lands habitats

25. Following the damage in July to Warren Wood Slope grassland from a Thames Water mains leak, negotiations continued during this period on the methods of repair and reinstatement of the SAC/SSSI grassland area. The repairs are expected to be completed in October. Reinstatement of the grassland may have to wait for a spring re-seeding, and this is unlikely to resolve all the damage and so further compensation will need to be considered.

Agri-environment Schemes

26. Grazing has been undertaken over a large part of the wood pasture, grassland, and heathland Countryside Stewardship grant sites during 2021, with cattle being moved off most sites by the end of September (see more on grazing below).
27. The first contractor-delivered work on wood pasture started in September at three locations with two different contractors being coordinated: Bury Wood, Warren Hill and Rushey Plain. These contracts are being 100% funded by the Stewardship grant, thus allowing significant time-consuming works to be undertaken. The work, involving tree felling to protect older ancient trees and allow ground flora to recover, involves preparation of these sites for future wood-pasture management by in-house teams.
28. The work is continuing the wood pasture restoration programme started many decades ago, which is aimed at increasing the light at the sites to promote ground flora and to create the next generation of pollards. In addition, the rhododendrons at Paul's Nursery were removed thereby significantly reducing the risk of Ramorum disease to our SAC-designated beech woodland. Another contractor has been undertaking grassland management of Stewardship sites.
29. The Head of Operations is preparing details of a Countryside Stewardship application for Wanstead Park, the details of which are being presented to the Wanstead Park Liaison Steering Group and will be presented to this Committee in the near future.

Grazing

30. Grazing returned to Barn Hoppit which has not occurred since the 1990s. Seven cows grazed throughout this period among the oak wood pasture through to the meadows of Whitehall Plain, a total of 30.11Ha. Half of Whitehall Plain was cut for hay by contractors whilst the cattle remained on-site, the cut area was removed from the allowable grazing area using the GPS collars and by adjusting the boundaries of the grazing area – an achievement that would not have been possible even two years ago.
31. Several reports were made of cattle “not being where they should” as members of the public got used to seeing the animals on the grass plain on the corner of Rangers Road and Forest Side. However, the security of the system has been excellent, with no animal escapes occurring during this reporting period when visitor numbers were at their peak in this area. The cows were also able to use naturally-available water on site at Warren Pond and The Ching.
32. A *Nofence* demonstration day was hosted at Epping Forest (Barn Hoppitt) by the Grazing Team. There were 14 attendees from several high-profile organisations and conservation groups who came to learn about the innovative GPS containment system and the ways in which the Epping Forest Division is using it to deliver conservation grazing management in a high visitor density and urban area. There was much appreciative feedback about the day from the attendees.
33. In addition to containing adult cows, *Nofence* Sheep/Goat collars have been trialled on 7-9 month old calves grazing alongside their mothers, who also have

been wearing the normal *NoFence* cow collars. Although Sheep/Goat collars are designed for a smaller 25kg animal (the Longhorn calves weigh in at 150+kg), the collars have kept calves within the virtual boundaries successfully. Trials were conducted first in a fenced field at Trueloves before being used at Copped Hall – 39 acres field - which has historically had to be electric fenced along the private road. The *NoFence* system allowed visitors to Copped Hall to have an uninterrupted view of the historic landscape below the northern aspect of the Hall as a result.

34. Three cows returned to Wanstead Park in mid-August which is several weeks earlier than the previous year due to high vegetation growth (see *Biodiversity* Section above). Volunteering has again been incredibly popular and well supported, with daylight vigils being held which has created a hub of interest around the cows. This report would like to record the gratitude of the officers to the volunteers coordinated by The Wren Group and Friends of Wanstead Park.
35. Those involved with checking the cows are helping to spread knowledge of the benefits of cattle grazing and share stories of previous free roaming cattle in the Forest. One cow “Nutty” was taken off at the end of September because her calving date was early November. The two remaining cows, that are not in calf, will continue to graze late on into October. With two grazing seasons completed and an increased area successfully grazed this year, it is envisaged that next year will see an increase in cow numbers in the Park to help secure the favourable condition of the important acid grassland habitat and continue to restore the heritage parkland landscape.
- 36. Heritage**
 37. Historic England (HE) have confirmed they will be undertaking a desk-based assessment of the earthwork features in Rookery Wood at Copped Hall. Some of these earthworks date back to the Tudor period, with later phases of earthworks, and HE will be identifying to which phases each set of earthworks belongs. Furthermore, they will advise on any historical needs for the repair of culverts on the site, and appropriate management of the site as a whole. They aim to finish this by February 2022. This research work being undertaken by HE represents a considerable cost saving for the Copped Hall project as specialist consultants do not need to be engaged.
 38. In addition, an informal advisory meeting was held with EFDC heritage officers on 27th September at Copped Hall to consider the scope of the Copped Hall Carbon Removals Action Plan. The meeting provided an opportunity to consider the heritage across the wider Conservation Area to ensure all features could be integrated into future *Carbon Removals* plans for the site (see *Climate Action Strategy* and *Carbon Removals* section above).

Forest Protection and planning matters

Town & Country Planning – Local Plans

39. The SAC Mitigation Oversight Group met again on 10th September to consider the distribution of tariffs across the six participating local authorities (competent authorities under the Habitats Regulations 2017). A request was also made by these authorities for the SAMMS mitigation costings (on site Forest mitigation measures) to be re-examined and for consideration to be given for phasing in some of the mitigation costs, particularly the costs of the proposed posts of SAC Ambassador.
40. Progress was also made with the governance agreement at this Oversight Group meeting. It was proposed that at the next meeting of 21st October that the Governance Agreement in draft be agreed so that City of London Corporation could consider its role as both banker and delivery body and whether becoming a signatory was appropriate. In relation to the financial arrangements, discussions were begun with Chamberlains in September as to the most appropriate arrangements for holding and/or investing the mitigation monies to ensure the costs of the mitigation could be covered across the 'in perpetuity' period.
41. **Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) Local Plan:** having been approved by your Committee in outline, with delegated authority granted, a detailed response to the EFDC Local Plan Main Modifications consultation was sent from the Chairman on 23rd September. The response considered that the Local Plan Submission Version, even with the proposed Main Modifications, still failed the test of legal soundness for two policies. The issues of recreational pressure and air quality remained the focus and the concerns on these issues could be encompassed by two key themes:
- the certainty of implementation of the mitigation measures proposed for adverse impacts on Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation (EFSAC)
- and
- the timing of mitigation delivery and whether such mitigation would be secured prior to the relevant developments.
42. **London Borough of Waltham Forest (LBWF) Local Plan:** at your Committee's September meeting the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) was approved between the City Corporation, as The Conservators, and LBWF in relation to the latter's Local Plan Submission Version. It was subsequently signed by the Superintendent and counter-signed by LBWF Head of Planning. The SoCG sets out both progress with protection of the SAC but also it highlights outstanding concerns and their significance.
43. **London Borough of Enfield (LBE) Local Plan:** A response by the Conservators to the Regulation 18 consultation was approved and signed by the Chairman on the 21 September, under delegated authority from your Committee. The Conservators approach focused on Enfield as a very large borough with amongst the largest proportion of greenspace of any London Borough, providing significant opportunities for space to absorb increased potential of recreational impact on the Forest from the proposed 25,000 new dwellings between now and 2039.

Town & Country Planning – Development Control

44. In EFDC' area three objections were made, as follows:

- EPF1869/21 - Former Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool, Roundhills. This was a Local Plan allocation. Decision yet to be determined.
- EPF1271/21 - 67 Lower Queens Rd, BHH: additional dwelling house, very near to the SAC.
- 69 Church Hill, Loughton: appeal by developer to Planning Inspectorate (PI) - further representation sent by Conservators to PI.
- During this period Fairview Homes was successful in its appeal in relation to the two Epping Forest College development sites, following no decision by EFDC. This allowance has changed the housing provision allocations for EFDC under the Local Plan, specifically for the level of contributions that need to be made under SAMMS and SANGS provisions.

Land Registration, Access Audit & Wayleaves

45. No further Land Registrations were made during the period.

46. Wayleave Working Group has received further QCs advice which will be published as part of a wider Open Spaces Review.

47. Progress on commercial wayleaves reviews continues to be made with a significant increase in future annual wayleave income, with Savills providing reports on 5 premises which will be submitted to EFCC for decision in November 2021

Operations

CSS Works

48. The in-house Operations Teams completed the annual cutting of the wood pasture areas at various locations across the Forest. These are woodland areas where the understory woody vegetation was cleared to encourage the development of the ground flora. The annual cutting keeps the woody regrowth and brambles under control. Ultimately it is hoped the grazing cattle will achieve more of this in future years.

Insurance works

49. The annual work program to maintain vegetation in areas with active subsidence claims was completed. We undertook work at 18 locations, and this involved cutting back woody to reduce the impact of tree roots on the adjacent land.

Risk Management Works

50. Oak Processionary Moth (*Thaumetopoea processionea*) (OPM): Contract surveys of OPM nest were completed during this period. Limited nest removal was undertaken this year due to staff pressures and only nests in very prominent/high risk locations were the subject of responses.

51. Tree Safety: Reduced staff resources has meant that tree safety work has started slowly this year with a small backlog from the previous year to catch up on as well. During this period, we completed tree safety work on all the education areas, one of the higher risk areas to be managed. We also completed a program of roadside tree safety works on Blake Hall Road and Bush Road. This is however a difficult year with just over 1,300 tasks identified by our surveyors and we are looking into the use of Agency staff and contractors to help make a more significant impact on this key safety activity.
52. The six-monthly reservoir inspections were undertaken by the Consulting engineer. Routine maintenance work was completed on all reservoirs bar two by the time of the inspection. (Works are now all complete). Works advised by the consulting engineer are due to commence in Oct on Connaught Water dam to repair the wharfing along the dam. In house arborist staff also completed preparation works for the planned dam improvement works at the Deer Sanctuary. These need to be completed well in advance of the works starting to avoid bird nesting and difficult access issues.
53. Highway verge cutting: Our new contractor commenced work on the highway verges during this period with the program scheduled for completion in October. The change in contractor has resulted in a few issues to discuss however our contractor has been helpfully responsive on these
54. Johnson Pond: Works were completed on Johnsons Pond, Woodford Green, to reduce it overflowing onto the nearby road. The pond was leaking out under the wharfing and the thick tree root mass that was present at this point meant we had to create a new section of pond edge. We were also able to lower the pond outflow and we are monitoring the effectiveness of this work with some scope to lower the outflow further if required. For the Spring 2022 we will back fill the eroded section across the green.

Access Works

55. Path verge management. The contract cutting of the path verge was completed during this period. The work was focussed on the ground-based verge vegetation and not the overhanging woody vegetation. The intention is that this latter work is undertaken during winter by in house staff, however staff pressures this year will restrict the capacity to complete this. Staff have however undertaken a significant opening of the path on either side of Baldwins Hill pond. This work is required for dam engineering works in 2022 but the path is also one of our most poor paths in a popular part of the Forest and it is hoped the open conditions will help it to dry out quicker. Further improvement works will take place as part of the planned reservoir safety works.
56. Cycle racks. The London Borough of Waltham Forest kindly provided 12 cycle racks for use at locations across Epping Forest within the Borough. There were installed during this period by inhouse staff. We are discussing with other local authorities to see if we can achieve a similar outcome in their boroughs.

Wanstead Park Ponds Project

57. The Ornamental Water and River Roding interaction study has been completed during this period. This is covered on the main agenda. In summary no major works have been recommended to the Ornamental Water. This is because the modelled flow of water between the two is of a velocity which is not considered high enough to cause damage to the two embankment walls adjacent to the River Roding.

Sir Roger Gifford Memorial

58. The Head of Operations has been working with Lady Clare Gifford and Common Councilman Caroline Haines on a memorial for the late Sir Roger Gifford at Epping Forest. Initial thoughts are to host an event in Spring 2022 where a tree will be planted in Gifford Wood as part of a wider program of improvements to the wood. The City of London's Education Unit are also looking at hosting an environment day at Gifford Wood for children from the City's primary schools in the summer term 2022 as part of the memorial program. A report on the full proposal will be made to your committee in January 2022.

Visitor Services

Learning and Education (Learning Team)

59. The learning team ran a successful summer holiday programme, bringing young people who have particularly struggled during the Covid lockdowns to Epping Forest. The team worked in partnership with 'Ambition Aspire Achieve' in Newham to engage young people struggling with anxiety and depression, as well as engaging Young Carers from Enfield and Waltham Forest. Recent studies have highlighted the increased burden that the pandemic placed on young carers, and the sessions enabled participants to take a break and connect with nature. Feedback was very positive:

60. *"I've never done anything like this before, but it's so nice to get outside and do something different from what I have to do every day"* Participant, Young Carers programme, Epping Forest.

61. The new school year began in September, with schools enjoying Tudor, Iron Age, and eco-art sessions. The sessions enable the students to develop key skills including team working and problem solving, and to build their understanding of the heritage and environment of Epping Forest.

Chingford Golf Course

62. Total income generated from green fees and shop related sales amounted to £59,078.85 for August and September compared to £68,440.60 in 2021 a decrease of £9361.75. Online bookings decreased this financial year compared to the previous year by £8,806.

63. Ground staff have been carrying out regular cutting requirements to tees, fairways, rough, aprons and greens in order to keep the course set up for play with favourable growing conditions this year. However, for August and September this year, staff used an extra 750 litres more of diesel to carry out cutting requirements compared to the previous year. In doing this machinery repairs and

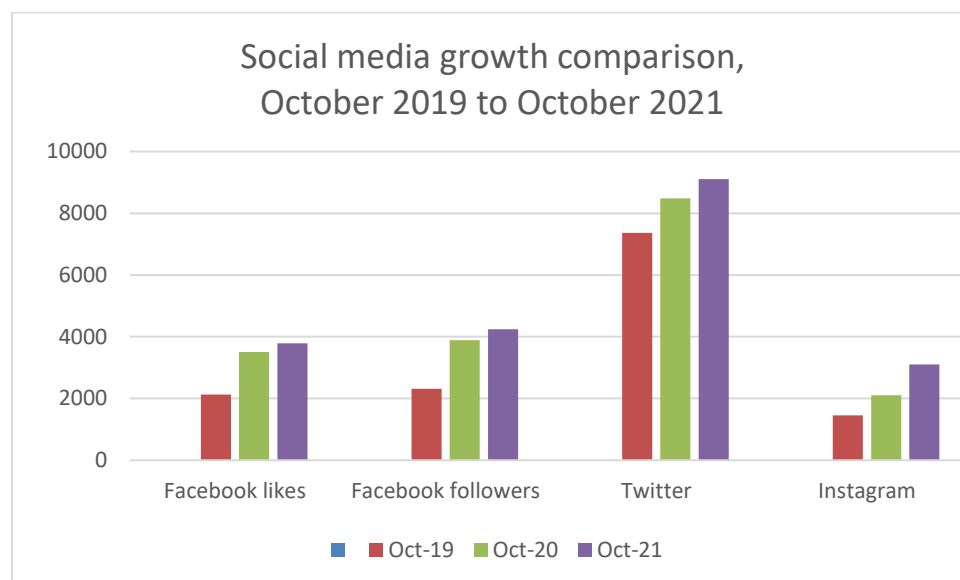
downtime have increased due to the extra workload. Yearly planned aeration work was carried out in September by verti-draining the greens to a depth of 10 inches, then re-seeded and dressed in sand to help improve drainage and the plant health. Tees were granular fed and Greens were sprayed 2 more times with plant feed, both to improve the quality of the surfaces.

Communications

64. As of 21 October 2021, Epping Forest social media following is:

- Twitter followers: 9103 (7% increase on 2020)
- Facebook likes: 3785 (8% increase on 2020)
- Facebook followers: 4245 (9% increase on 2020)
- Instagram followers: 3098 (47% increase)

65. The chart shows a comparison of our social media followers at the same point in 2019, 2020 and 2021:



66. Top posts on social media for this period included an informative post about harmful algae bloom at Strawberry Pond, notification of the felling of a tree on Theydon Green and a post celebrating the veteran trees in Epping Forest.

67. Epping Forest news continues to be delivered monthly via a digital edition of Forest Focus, in place of the printed magazine which had been temporarily stopped due to the pandemic. This continues to be well-received and an effective way of communicating seasonal messaging. The Communications team are currently working on a new, annual visitor guide printed publication and will continue to deliver the monthly, seasonal news in Forest Focus digitally.

68. Epping Forest marked the one year anniversary of the removal of the Temporary Mortuary Facility (TMF) which was located on Wanstead Flats at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, by releasing some beautiful photographs of the wildflower site that has now been planted there. The timing and sentiment behind the press release meant that media coverage of the story was exceptionally high

with national coverage in publications such as Mail online, ITV, Yahoo News, and the Evening Standard, as well as local media and specialist publications including Horticulture Week. The story was covered in over 200 media outlets in total.

69. There was a very successful news release around the recent fly tip prosecutions which even reached an international audience with coverage in the Washington Time and the New York Times Post.

70. Currently awaiting delivery of signage for the implementation of charging at Phase II car parks.

71. Wanstead Park signage has been received, awaiting installation.

Wanstead Flats

72. Football restarted on 18th September. 4 League bookings have returned, along with 10 individual club bookings however the impact of COVID-19 on the league's activity levels is evidenced by a 50% reduction in teams registered.

73. Ground staff carried out regular cutting duties, litter picking and pitch repair work and cleaning duties.

74. Parkrun attracted 1374 runners in the August & September with an average of 12 volunteers helping each week.

Horse Riding

75. Total income from horse riding licences for August & September amounted to £439 compared to £584 the previous year.

Visitor Numbers

76. Visitor Figures for August - September 2021 & 2020

| Visitor Numbers | QEH L 2021 | 2020 | View 2021 | 2020 | Temple 2021 | 2020 | High Beach 2021 | 2020 | Total 2021 | Total 2020 |
|-----------------|------------|------|-----------|------|-------------|------|-----------------|------|------------|------------|
| August | 0* | 0 | 2101 | 0 | 106 | 0 | 794 | 0 | 3001 | 0 |
| September | 0 | 0 | 1550 | 0 | 149 | 0 | 599 | 0 | 2298 | 0 |

*9 Tours of the Lodge in August, 7 tours in September.

77. The Temple, Wanstead Park Summer Opening

The Temple, Wanstead Park, was open to the public in the summer with three August weekdays aimed at a family audience with historic games and a September Open House weekend with archive and museum objects to embellish the Wanstead story to a focussed heritage audience. Visitor counts: 255 adults; 157 children, total: 412, with a good mix of adults and children across all five days with heritage stories

also appealing to visitors on family days and adults enjoying juggling balls, wooden hoops and building brick architecture. Staffing: Museum and Heritage Manager plus one Visitor Services team member. Friends of Wanstead Parklands ran two afternoons of mini-bug storytelling to coincide with the August opening.

Major incidents

78. None.

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