



Open Spaces in the Media

Summary of coverage December – February 2022

150 years of Hampstead Heath

The City Corporation was referenced in a story in the [Financial Times](#) on the joys of Hampstead Heath, marking the 150th anniversary of the Hampstead Heath Act (£).

Epping and Wanstead fly-tippers fined £4,000 amid rise in illegal dumping

[Epping Forest Guardian](#), [MyLondon](#) and [World News](#) reported that four people have been fined a total of £4,000 for fly-tipping in Epping Forest. Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, Graeme Doshi-Smith, was quoted.

New Heath Superintendent welcomed

[Camden New Journal](#) (viewable internally only) reported on the appointment of Stefania Horne as the new Hampstead Heath Superintendent.

Christmas Fayre comes to the Heath

[Ham&High](#) reported on Hampstead Heath hosting its first Christmas Fayre, starting tomorrow. Chair of the Hampstead Heath management committee Anne Fairweather was quoted.

The continued importance of Epping Forest

[Epping Forest Guardian](#) ran a column from the Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, Graeme Doshi-Smith, who says that the site has “so much to offer walkers and sports people.”

Postman’s Park may feature NHS memorial

Chairman of the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee Oliver Sells QC was quoted in [Sky News](#) (viewable internally), [City Matters](#) and [Horticulture Week](#) [£] on plans for an NHS memorial in Postman’s Park being agreed in principle by the City Corporation. The story also appeared on [BBC London News](#) (viewable internally) and the [Ian Visits](#) blog.

Spotlight on Epping Forest

Epping Forest provided the focus for a feature in [The Guardian](#), which interviewed the City Corporation’s Head of Conservation, Jeremy Dagley. Eighteen other UK and international media outlets included related coverage.

Chair of Hampstead Heath Committee to step down [Ham & High](#) reported on the Hampstead Heath Committee Chair, Anne Fairweather, standing down at the next City of London Corporation elections. The Chair is quoted.

Serious collision kills horses in Epping Forest

[Horse & Hound](#) reported on a collision in which two horses suffered fatal injuries near Epping Forest. The City of London Corporation was referenced.

Epping Forest parking charges set to be introduced

The [Epping Forest Guardian](#), [London News Time](#), [BBC Essex](#) (link not available), [My London](#) and [This is Local London](#) reported on the City Corporation’s decision to introduce

payments at parking lots in Epping Forest. Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, Graeme Doshi-Smith was quoted.

Increased burial and cremation fees

The [Newham Recorder](#) reported that the City Corporation has decided to increase burial and cremation fees by up to £105. The rise covers all cremations, burials and new graves at the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium in Manor Park. Further coverage in [Ilford Recorder](#), [East London Advertiser](#), and [City Matters](#). [Barking & Dagenham Post](#) ran a story on increasing cremation and burial fees at the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium and quoted from a report by Superintendent and Registrar, Gary Burks. [viewable internally]

Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park get *After Life* benches

[Londonist](#) reported on three benches being installed at locations, including Hampstead Heath, to encourage people to seek help if they are struggling with poor mental health. The idea was inspired by the highly successful comedy-drama, *After Life*, written by and starring Ricky Gervais. Also reported by [Ham & High](#).

Green light for Sir Roger Gifford memorial plans

The [Evening Standard](#) reports in the Londoner's Diary section that late Lord Mayor of London Sir Roger Gifford's widow, Lady Clare, has put in an application for a memorial in Epping Forest to her husband.

Committee gives go ahead for natural play area at park

The [Wanstead Village Directory](#) runs an article on plans taken a step forward for a new natural play area in Wanstead Park

Wanstead Park amongst best birdwatching spots

[Countryfile Magazine](#) runs article looking at the best birdwatching spots and features Wanstead Park as one of its key locations.

Coulsdon's oasis 'saving the planet'

[Inside Croydon](#) writes a story about the importance of Fathing Downs and Coulsdon Common

The history of Wanstead Flats

The City Corporation is referenced in a story in [Wanstead Village Directory](#) on the history of Wanstead Flats