

Epping Forest and the Commons media coverage

This document summarises the media coverage for Epping Forest and the Commons in the period from July 2022-February 2023.


Visitors urged to help protect native English bluebells

The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee wrote in his February [Epping Forest Guardian](#) column on the importance of protecting the Forest's bluebells.


Visitors warned to stay off frozen ponds in Burnham Beeches

[Maidenhead Advertiser](#) reported on a warning by the Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee that people should stay off ponds that have frozen over at Burnham Beeches.

Queen's Green Canopy

[Horticulture Week](#), the  [Epping Forest Guardian](#) (viewable internally) and [City Matters](#) reported on the planting of 70 Silver Birch trees on Wanstead Flats. The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, and the Chair of the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee were pictured with HRH the Duke of Gloucester. The story was also featured on [Royal.UK](#) and was tweeted by [BBC Essex](#).

The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee also wrote about the Queen's Green Canopy in his January [Epping Forest Guardian](#) column.

 [Epping Forest Guardian](#) also reported a tree has been planted on Epping's Town Green as part of the nationwide Queen's Green Canopy initiative. The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee was referenced (viewable internally).

Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge

The City Corporation was referenced in [Essex Live](#) in a feature on Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge in Epping Forest.

Wanstead Park Ponds

[My London](#) reported on works at Wanstead Park Ponds to reduce flood risk. A City Corporation spokesperson was quoted.

Car park vandalism

A City of London Corporation spokesperson was quoted in [Everything Epping Forest](#) on vandalism in Epping Forest car parks.

Christmas in the Forest

In his December [Epping Forest Guardian](#) column, the Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee highlighted how readers can contribute to the Epping Forest charity this Christmas.

New Lord Mayor supports Epping Forest

The Chairman of the Epping Forest Committee wrote in his November [Epping Forest Guardian](#) column about how Lord Mayor Nicholas Lyons is supporting the Forest during his mayoral year.

Avian Flu outbreak

The [Evening Standard](#) reported on the death of a rare black swan after an avian flu outbreak in Epping Forest. The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee was quoted. Further coverage appeared in [BBC Radio Essex](#) (listenable internally only), [Time Out, Essex Live](#), [MSN](#), [My London](#), [Waltham Forest Echo](#), and [Yahoo News](#).

Impact of fungi foraging

[BBC Essex](#) (starts at 20:20) interviewed the Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee on the harmful impact of foraging in Epping Forest. Also in [Epping Forest Guardian](#), [Air Quality News](#), [Waltham Forest Echo](#) and [This is Local London](#).

Tree planted in memory of former Lord Mayor Sir Roger Gifford

The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee wrote in his October [Epping Forest Guardian](#) column about the Lord Mayor (at the time of writing) Vincent Keaveny planting a tree in memory of former Lord Mayor Sir Roger Gifford. Also in [This is Local London](#).

Car parking scam warning

[Epping Forest Guardian](#) reported on a warning to motorists visiting the forest about scammers mimicking a parking app that steals money. A City of London Corporation spokesperson was quoted.


Reflections on Queen Elizabeth II role in Epping Forest

The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee wrote in his September [Epping Forest Guardian](#) column reflecting on Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth's II relationship with Epping Forest.

Green City opens in Epping Forest

[City Matters](#) and [This Is Local London](#) reported on a new outdoor exhibition, which has opened at Epping Forest and has been curated by the City Corporation's London Metropolitan Archives. The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee was quoted. Further coverage in [IanVisits](#) and [Heromag](#).

Fire safety

 [BBC Radio Essex](#) interviewed the Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee on fire safety at Epping Forest. [Listenable internally].

This was also the topic of the Chairman's July [Epping Forest Guardian](#) column.


Epping Forest pond algae

[My London](#) ran a story about concerns over algae in ponds at Epping Forest. Further coverage in [LBC News](#), [The Daily Mail](#), [The Evening Standard](#), and the [Mirror](#). The story was removed from the [My London](#) site following a complaint on grounds of inaccuracy by the Town Clerk's Media Team.

Battle of Britain airfield restored

Coverage of the restoration of a Battle of Britain airfield in Croydon, partly funded by the City Corporation, appeared in [My London](#), [South London Press](#), [Sutton and Croydon Guardian](#) and [MSN](#). The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee was quoted.

Green Flag Awards

The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee was quoted in the  [Epping Forest Guardian](#) (viewable internally), [Bucks Free Press](#), [Slough Observer](#), [Windsor Observer](#), [Inside Croydon](#), [Slough Express](#) and [In Your Area](#) on the Green Flag Awards won by Epping Forest and the Commons. Further coverage appeared in [City Matters](#), [Horticulture Week](#) (£), and [Pro Landscaper](#).

Green belt development blocked by the Planning Inspectorate

[BBC Radio Essex](#), (listenable internally), [Essex Live](#), [City Matters](#), [Epping Forest Guardian](#), and [Hertfordshire Mercury](#) reported on the Planning Inspectorate's decision to block a planned retail distribution centre near Epping Forest. The Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee was quoted.