

Committee(s)	Dated:
Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee	9 November 2015
Subject: Superintendents update for November 2015	Public
Report of: Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	For Information

Summary

This report provides an update on management and operational activities across Hampstead Heath since September 2015.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of this report.

Main Report

Property

1. Works to rebuild the Lido East Boundary wall are scheduled to commence on the 2 November 2015. The design of the new railings has been discussed with stakeholders, who are supportive of the proposed design.
2. A programme of work to reduce erosion and improve the surface water drainage from the East Heath fairground are scheduled to commence before Christmas 2015.
3. The tanking works at the Hill Garden Shelter commenced on 13 October 2015. Works are expected to continue until the end of February 2016.
4. The tiling repairs at the Heath Extension changing rooms were completed in October 2015.
5. Viaduct Bridge parapet painting is due to commence on 26 October 2015.

Planning

6. The Superintendent will provide an update at the meeting on the Water House, Athlone House and 2-3 Heath passage.

Projects and Programmes

7. The Superintendent will provide an update on the following Open Spaces Department Projects and Programmes.
 - Learning
 - Sports

- Various Powers
- Promoting our services
- Energy efficiency
- Fleet & equipment review
- Wayleaves
- Lodges and operational property review
- Car Parks
- Cafes
- Operational Facility Improvements

Events

8. A summary of the 2015 events has been prepared for this Committee meeting.
9. The Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee agreed the Superintendent's report on Weddings and Civil Ceremonies on 21 September 2015. The Superintendent will provide a further update to the Consultative Committee.

Constabulary update

10. A total of 1,816 incidents were dealt with by the Constabulary from 1 January 2015 to 30 September 2015. Of the enforcement incidents recorded 139 related to dog control enforcements.
11. A successful prosecution relating to dog control was taken to court in September 2015.

Sports

12. The City of London will be introducing an application that will allow tennis users to book online, through a partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association. Consultants have been appointed to engage and consult with tennis users across the Open Spaces Department. The outcomes from the survey will assist the City of London with the introduction of online booking.

Swimming

13. The Mixed Pond was successfully handed over to the Hampstead Heath Winter Swimming Club on 21 September 2015.

Staffing

14. The Superintendent wrote to Members on 20 October 2015 providing details of the learning programme staff consultation.
15. The Projects and Management Support Officer started on 20 October 2015. They will be leading on the review of the Hampstead Heath Management Plan

as well as a range of projects and programmes linked to the Open Spaces Department Business Plan.

16. The Communication and Information Officer post is currently vacant and measures have been put in place to cover this position in the short term.
17. As part of the Hampstead Heath Ponds Project we are currently advertising for an Apprentice to join our Ranger Team.

Golders Hill Park

18. The west facing herbaceous border within the formal garden has been replanted using perennials lifted from the flower garden.
19. The disabled car park landscaping works are scheduled to commence on 2 November 2015. A short closure of the car park will be necessary whilst the tree felling is completed.
20. Staff from Golders Hill Park collected a further trailer load of stumps from Epping Forest on 14 October. These will be used to complete phase three of the stumpery.

Parliament Hill

21. The first phase of the landscape restoration works at Kite Hill commenced on 15 October 2015.
22. The Superintendent met with the Heath & Hampstead Society, Heath Sub Committee on the 21 October 2015 to discuss the management of the tree canopy impacting on the Parliament Hill Strategic View. An action plan was also agreed for updating the signage at this location.

Hampstead Heath Extension

23. The path at the very north eastern corner of the Heath Extension, where the path beside the Great Wall reaches Wildwood Road has been resurfaced by the Conservation Team to alleviate flooding.

Art Installation – ‘Empty Lot’

24. Soil from Hampstead Heath and Highgate Wood has been used in the newly opened art installation ‘Empty Lot’ by Abraham Cruzvillegas. The installation is situated in the Tate Modern Turbine Hall and will be on display until 3 April 2016.

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