



ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE JOINT MEETING OF THE STATUTORY ADVISORY AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

4 OCTOBER 2021

Report Title: CEO's Report

Report of: Louise Stewart, Chief Executive Officer

Purpose: This report updates the committees on current issues and projects at Alexandra Park and Palace. It also provides additional information on the events programme and a range of activities of the Charitable Trust.

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1. Recommendations

1.1 To note the content of this report.

2. Pandemic Update

2.1 The East Court reopened to the public mid-September and will be open seven days a week, 9am-5pm. There is currently no food or beverage offer in this space other than when theatre events are scheduled. Future provision is being planned.

2.2 The Phoenix Bar & Kitchen was refurbished and reopened in time for the first big large music concert on 23 September. The Terrace bar closed on 12 September.

2.3 The Covid testing centre in The Paddocks has now closed. The weekly Farmers Market and Parkrun have returned.

3. Park Update

3.1 Thank you to the Friends of the Park and our volunteers who conducted visitor surveys in the Park in August. The results will play a part in helping us to prioritise future projects and improvements as well as giving an overall insight into visitor satisfaction, perceptions and user demographics.

3.2 We continue to regularly assess the lighting across the site and have been working through the backlog of faulty lights in the parkland. We are working on lighting

network plan. The Trust does not have the resources to implement improvements and will be applying for funding to make the necessary improvements.

4. Repairs, maintenance and improvements

- 4.1 The West Hall rewire and lighting project is complete (see images at Appendix 1). The discharge lighting has been replaced with LEDs to reduce our energy consumption and electricity costs, making us a more environmentally friendly and cost-effective.. The project has been delivered thanks to additional grant funding from Haringey Council from its own resources and via an interest free loan from Salix, with the capital costs repaid through savings in our utility bills in the coming years.
- 4.2 Decisions on the external signage, composting toilet, and outdoor beer garden (advertising, planning and listed building) applications brought to the SAC/CC in March have been deferred until 7 October. Due to annual leave on both sides (the Charity and the Council's planners) further conversations around the proposed festoon lightings and a site visit had not been able to take place until September.
- 4.3 Fire Alarm upgrades to West Hall have been installed and rewiring/new devices to associated spaces including Palm Court, and progress on Great Hall systems are being installed with rewiring/new devices to follow to associated spaces. Old systems will remain live until the planned change over to the new enhanced installations.
- 4.4 Other maintenance and repairs:
- Transmitter Hall external access ramp substantially renewed
 - Roof leak repairs: NW Hall/BBC Tower/Panorama Room lobby/Palm Court entrance, including replacing broken arctic glass to curved window
 - East Court domes and atriums – Glazing repairs & part resealing vents
 - Palm Court domes and atriums – Glazing repairs & part resealing vents
 - Event Control Room spaces - Large and Small refurbished
 - Rewiring to Great Hall serveries
 - Redecoration of degraded front and back of house areas
 - Great Hall roof – Glazing service (2 bays out of 30no.)
 - SE Office Building Staircase – Scaffold access and investigations to defective beam
 - Preventative masonry repairs to Palm Court Entrance/Great Hall North elevations
 - CCTV Future Proofing Upgrade works. New decoders installed, coupled with the latest touch screen controllers
 - GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) units installed in Passenger NW lift, Good NW lift, Area 7 lift and Marble Area 1 lift
 - PAVA fault investigation and rectification of Security Rack Controller fault
 - Replacement of Damaged Lamp post number 209.
 - Repair to Great Hall overhead door following insurance inspection.
- 4.5 At the last meeting we incorrectly reported that we had completed work on the Great Hall Bridge (renewed asphalt to steps/bridge landing, structural repairs to bridge arches, cast iron columns and beams). Work was not actually conducted but structural advice was obtained.

5. Creative Learning

- 5.1 Four week-long Summer Creativity Camps were held through the school holidays, with each week ending in a performance. This year's themes were: Theatre, Junkyard Orchestra, Outdoor sculptures and Breakdancing.
- 5.2 Artist Alix Smith has created a piece of art that is now displayed in a tree near the rose garden to launch the new 'Stories by Moonlight' project. The aim of the project is to inspire families to read bedtime stories together outside in nature and this is a soft launch through the autumn and will be rolled out in full next year.
- 5.3 A new partnership with Haringey's Global Cinema Club has been formed and is a volunteer led community cinema club that celebrates Haringey's cultural diversity. Their aim is to showcase some of the best non-English language films from around the world. The first film shown at Ally Pally was the Oscar nominated film Mustang on 16 September, which was attended by 47 members of the Turkish community.
- 5.4 In September the team also delivered a Park tour to a group of 15 people from an NHS Arts and Wellbeing group under the Social Prescribing scheme.
- 5.5 The Creative Learning Wellness Centre has reopened and is hosting a variety of events and activities.
- 5.6 Haringey Music Service returned this month, with a session on Diversity, Representation and Inclusion in Music Education.
- 5.7 More than 60 people attended the first 3 sessions Five Bells Computer Club, which will be running from the space every Tuesday. The initiative provides opportunities for older people and others to learn about accessing technology. Meanwhile, Singing for the Brain, a partnership between the Palace and the Alzheimer's Society, which runs a choir for people with memory issues, returns on 30 September.
- 5.8 Weekly workshops for young carers return to the Creativity Pavilion on Thursdays. The sessions are run in partnership between the Palace's Creative Learning team and Haringey's Early Help and Prevention team to provide a supportive and creative respite space for young carers from across the borough.
- 5.9 Culture Bubble webinar series has continued to provide opportunities for young people to debate key cultural issues and learn about careers in the creative sector. August's seminar was led by a panel of female backstage professionals. September's webinar will be an opportunity to hear from established artists working in Public Art.
- 5.10 120 Haringey school children participated in big tree climbing opera event, provided by The Great Big Tree Climbing Company, alongside expert singing leadership to explore simple folk songs of the forest as they climb.
- 5.11 Para Dance UK & Alexandra Palace partnered for the third year running for Youth Games Dance Competition 2021. Our theme this year is "Big Live Moments" celebrating the return of live performances and drawing from artists stand out live performances over time. 13 SEND schools have signed up with 257 learners with disabilities taking part in this year's event. Over the summer months we have been busy putting together lots of fun routines and creative content to get you all competition ready which launched in September.

- 5.12 A new group of Creative Learning Team volunteers have started monthly sessions in the Park, they are currently working on tidying up the Rose Garden.
- 5.13 In partnership with Haringey Council, the Ice Rink has seen a big take up of the subsidised ticket offer from the following groups:
- Early help Family Support workers – Work with vulnerable families
 - Adfam Family Support Co-ordinator – Families affected by a loved ones alcohol use
 - Haringey Gold – Community Safety youth intervention programme
 - Broadwater Farm Community Centre via Clasford Stirling MBE – part of youth intervention work for local young people
 - HR Sports Academy/Holiday Activity and Food Programme – Holiday initiative predominantly focusing on Family/young people on Free School Meals
 - Project 2020 – Homes for Haringey Youth centre based in Northumberland Park
 - Bruce Grove Youth Space – Haringey Council run Youth Centre in Bruce Grove
- 5.14 There have been 6 community group rehearsals in the Creativity Pavilion and Transmitter Hall.
- 5.15 Table of learning and participation events since the last meeting and upcoming (up to December):

DATE	Event	Area/ Additional information
13 September	Stories and Moonlight installation	Park (near Rose Garden)
Tuesdays weekly	Five Bells Computer Club	Creativity Pavilion
16 September	Haringey Global Cinema Club	Creativity Pavilion
Friday's weekly	Giant Tree climbing Song Sessions	Park
Thursdays (weekly)	Haringey Young Carers Event	Creativity Pavilion
Thursdays (weekly)	Singing for the Brain	Transmitter Hall
27, 29, September	First Step Classes	Transmitter Hall
29 September	Culture Bubble presents Artists Talk	Online

6. Activities and Events

- 6.1 The Outdoor Events programme is included in the events schedule attached at Appendix 2. Currently scheduled are 3 events at 75db, 1 event at 70db and 1 event at 65db, which fall within the permitted events within the variations in the outdoor events licence.
- 6.2 The SAC/CC are asked to note the dates for Primal Scream (16 July 2022), Fat Freddy's Drop (22 July 2022) and Kaleidoscope Festival on Saturday (23 July 2022) over an 11 day period. There are also discussions for possible events on Sunday 17 July and Sunday 24 July 2022. Rather than spread these events out over many weekends across the summer, it was felt that holding these events over a 2 week consecutive period would minimise any impact on the park, park users and our neighbours.
- 6.3 A road closure would be required for 8 days (6 full days) over that 11 day period to allow the events to take place. A day-by-day breakdown is shown below. The south slope area itself would be unavailable throughout this period with it fully lifted on Wednesday 27 July 2022.

6.4 July 2022 events impact table:

JULY 2022 MAIN PARK EVENTS PROGRAM										
DATE	Thurs 14 th	Fri 15 th	Sat 16 th	Sun 17 th	Mon 18 th	Thurs 21 st	Fri 22 nd	Sat 23 rd	Sun 24 th	Mon 25 th
EVENT	Build up	Build up	Primal scream	TBC	Breakdown	Build up	Fat Freddy's Drop	Kaleidoscope	TBC	Break down
LOCATION	South Slope	South Slope	South Slope	South Slope	South Slope	South Slope	South Slope	South slope South Terr / WH	South slope WH	South slopes
ROAD CLOSURE	From midday	In place All day	In place all day	In place all day	Lifted at midday	From midday	In all day	In all day	In all day	Lifted at midday
DB LEVEL	n/a	n/a	70db	65db	n/a	n/a	75db	75db	75db	n/a

6.5 Table of noise complaints calendar year to date:

Month	Event	No. of complaints
July	Kaleidoscope	0
7 August	Streatlife	1
22 August	Streatlife	2
Total number of noise complaints received (2020/21 1st Apr-31st March)		3

7. Legal Implications

7.1 The Council's Head of Legal & Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments.

8. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – West Hall lighting images

Appendix 2 – Schedule of events