



ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD

13 December 2022

Report Title: CEO's Report

Report of: Emma Dagnes, Chief Executive Officer

Purpose: To update the Trustees on current issues and projects at Alexandra Park and Palace and provide additional information on the events programme and the Trust's activities.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - N/A

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the content of this report;
- 1.2 To approve the proposal to apply to the Local Planning Authority for Planning and Listed Building Consent to extend the use of the shaded wooden structure (the pagoda) on the space outside the Phoenix Bar and Kitchen known as "The Beach" for two additional months a year from March to November following consultation with the Advisory and Consultative Committees;
- 1.3 To approve the New Year's Eve road closure between 21:00hrs on 31st December 2022 and 02:00hrs on 1st January 2023, except for the W3 bus.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report provides a general update including Creative Learning and Park activity, the Christmas Programme and progress on planning and environmental sustainability projects.

3. Environmental Sustainability

- 3.1 The Trustee Board approved the Environmental Sustainability Policy in September, which was also presented to the Advisory & Consultative Committees in November with an update of the work undertaken to date, including an energy audit and LED lighting replacements across the site.
- 3.2 An energy action plan is in place and a Sustainability Working Group has been set up to examine ways we can reduce our energy costs. This will explore actions we can all do to help, short term wins and longer term projects.

3.3 Our Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability has been reviewing energy data from the 80 electrical meters across the Park and Palace to understand the baselines and, in time, set priorities for improvements.

3.4 The team have also been supported by the Council's Carbon Reduction team to apply for grants to fund feasibility work for sustainability projects such as renewable energy sources.

4. Planning applications

4.1 The Listed Building Consent application to create a new opening from the East Court into the South East Office Building and the planning and advertisement consent application for the Parking Management System (parking charges) project have been submitted.

4.2 On 15 July, a formal pre-application meeting with the Haringey team took place to discuss the skywalk adventure proposal. Representatives from planning, conservation and transport were present. In principle, there was unanimous support for the proposal, as the planning team appreciated how the project aligned with the Trusts objectives and that it was a new, exciting and innovative way for visitors to enjoy the heritage setting of the Park and Palace, whilst learning about its eclectic and inspiring past, present and future.

4.3 The Planning Authority has advised that to ensure the proposal is acceptable in planning and heritage terms, there needs to be an assessment undertaken on the existing make-up and condition of the Great Hall roof and a clear understanding of how new interventions into the listed fabric will be minimal, and the impact mitigated. It is also required that the proposal does not have a negative impact on the local views of the Palace. These are all matters and considerations that had been previously identified by the APPCT team and therefore we are confident that these matters will be addressed as part of the application.

4.4 On 17th November the Advisory and Consultative Committee were consulted on the proposal to apply for an extension to the time limit for the temporary pagoda on the Beach (the area in-front of the Phoenix Bar and Kitchen). Currently the Trust is permitted to have the pagoda in place during the months from March to September (inclusive). The Committees noted the proposal and had no objections to the proposal to apply to extend planning permission for the pagoda of 2 months (March – November inclusive).

5. Creative Learning

5.1 In November the shortlist was announced for Biblio-buzz 2023, the Alexandra Palace Children's Book Awards. It features six authors, whose books will be read by hundreds of young people across Haringey before the programme culminates in March at a ceremony in the Theatre, where the young people will meet the authors, take part in workshops and vote for their favourite book.

More information available at: <https://www.alexandrapalace.com/biblio-buzz-2023>

- 5.2 The Wellness Centre in the Transmitter Hall has been renamed 'Café Palais' and is now open for weekly afternoons of tea, coffee, cake, conversation and local performance.
- 5.3 The Young Creatives Network (for people aged 16 to 24 to participate in a range of cultural projects that take inspiration from the exhilarating events programme at the Palace) have a number of projects underway:
- Podcasting workshops with the BBC at Alexandra Palace
 - Event management workshops in Wood Green Library
 - Transforming Places: Spoken Word, Rap and Creative Writing Workshops in various Haringey libraries

Read our Young Creatives Network blog <https://www.alexandrapalace.com/blog/84907/>

- 5.4 The recruitment of co-opted trustees, including youth trustees, has been delayed due to the deferral of the November Full Council meeting to approve the additional co-optees.

6. Raising Our Profile

The Park and Palace continue to feature in high profile broadcasts

- 6.1 On 22nd November a performance in the Great Hall by artist, Central Cee's, was live streamed on Amazon Music.
- 6.2 On 25th November, as part of the celebrations of the BBC Centenary, a Television Special episode of QI on BBC 2, featured Alexandra Palace's TV cameras and a segment on broadcasts from the Palace. This was followed the following week by a segment on Dolly Shepherd.
- 6.3 Other appearances include: Strictly Come Dancing, starring roles on Celebrity Masterchef, the BBC 6 o'clock News and Antiques Roadshow as well as Later...with Jools Holland in the Theatre.
- 6.4 The Chief Executive also gave two talks in November about our activities and future plans to 200 members of the Crouch End University of the Third Age group and residents from the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Residents Association. Both talks resulted in new volunteers signing up to support the Charity's work.

7. Park Update

- 7.1 The Park is recovering well from the dry summer and in October the Creative Learning Team ran a successful Wetlands Activity Day to explore the south east corner of the Park as part of the research on creating a wetlands habitat area.
- 7.2 Resurfacing is underway along the lower road, funded by the capital grant from the Corporate Trustee.

7.3 The Sports Club have submitted a request to install new Cricket Nets, which has been considered by the Advisory and Consultative Committee with feedback provided in the board report, at agenda item 12.

7.2 The Petanque Court has been installed in the lower road (images below) and is available for free public use. The rules are on our website:
<https://www.alexandrapalace.com/things-to-do/petanque-courts/>



7. Maintenance, Repairs & Improvements Since Last Reported

- Asbestos removal and cleaning - BBC Studios, Ground floor
- Periodic inspections to external elevations - Building (Front) West, Rear of West, Rear East, Front East
- Urgent glazing works - Great Hall
- External repair & redecoration – SW Pavilion/PCS5
- Fire Extinguisher & Fire Alarm Service - all areas
- West Hall Shutter Door Replacements - Great Hall
- Roof vent upgrades - East Court Dome
- Glazing works - East Court Atriums
- Roof vent upgrades - Palm Court Dome
- Empty sump pit - Great Hall, North West Yard/Hall

8. Event Activity

8.1 New Year's Eve Road Closure

As in previous years, we will be closing Alexandra Palace Way to vehicles except the W3 bus during the hours 21:00hr on the 31st December 2022 until 02:00hr on 1st January 2023. Notices will be placed on site from 15th December.

8.2 Noise Complaints

41 complaints have been received about event noise in the current year:

Date	Event	Total Number
4 June	Streatlife	1
3 July	Red Bull	2
16 July	Primal Scream	6
22 July	Fat Freddy's Drop	15
23 July	Kaleidoscope	10
22 October	Aitch concert*	1
23 October	Paulo Nutini*	1
29 October	Kasabian*	1
4 November	Fireworks build (sound checks)	4

*complaints from same address, refused sound technician visit

8.3 The Christmas Programme has been launched, including:

- Bussy Malone The Musical in the Theatre
- Santa's Grotto in the East Court
- Toy making workshops, offering children the unique chance to make and race their very own wooden car
- Carol singing with local school choirs on 5, 6 and 7 December at 4.30pm.
- Christmas Club de Fromage Discos on ice

8.4 Ice Rink Pantomime

Ally Pally Amateur Productions will be re-telling of the story of Rapunzel by the Brothers Grimm put on by a cast of home-grown talent of all ages and Disney on Ice professionals.

8.5 On the west side of the Palace we welcome back the Cazoo World Darts Championships for this prestigious event.

8.6 The event schedule is attached at Appendix 1; however, the programme of events is ever evolving, and we encourage committee members to keep up-to-date by visiting www.alexandrapalace.com/whats-on.

9. Legal Implications

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

10. Financial Implications

The Council's Chief Financial Officer has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments.

11. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Events

12. Background Papers - None

Appendix 1 - Schedule of events December 2022-March 2023

Event	Location	Date
Sea Girls	ALL AREAS	1st December
Bicep	ALL AREAS	2-3 December
Rapunzel On Ice	Ice Rink	5-12 December
2022 – 2023 World Darts	ALL AREAS	15 December 2022 – 3 January 2023
Santa's Grotto	East Court	2 – 23 December
Bugsy Malone, The Musical	Theatre	3 Dec 2022– 15 January 2023
Make & Rach your Own Toy Workshop	East Court	3-23 December
Christmas Tales with Chickenshed	Transmitter Hall	10 December
Haringey Huskies v Chelmsford Warriors	Ice Rink	17 December
Club de Fromage: Christmas Ice Disco	Ice Rink	17 & 23 December
2023 Cazoo Masters	ALL AREAS	8-15 Jan 2023
The Manifest Workshop	Theatre	4-5 February 2023
Haringey Huskies v Guildford Phoenix	Ice Rink	11 February 2023
You Me At Six	ALL AREAS	11 February 2023
What's Love Got to Do with It	Theatre	11 February 2023
Carly Rae Jepsen	ALL AREAS	15 February 2023
Sticky Fingers	ALL AREAS	18 February 2023
Gojira	ALL AREAS	22 February 2023
Robyn Hitchcock	Theatre	25 February 2023
Easy Life	Main Halls	25 February 2023
Crafterama	ALL AREAS	11-12 March 2023
Haringey Huskies vs Invicta Mustang	Ice Rink	11 March 2023
Grace Campbell	Theatre	11 March 2023
The London Festival of Railway Modelling	ALL AREAS	18-19 March 2023
A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie	ALL AREAS	24 March 2023
Don Broco	ALL AREAS	25 March 2023

Additional information can be found at: www.alexandrapalace.com/whats-on