



ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD 20 MARCH 2023

Report Title: CEO's Report

Report of: Emma Dagnes, Chief Executive Officer

Purpose: To update the Trustees on Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust activities and the events programme.

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

1. Recommendation

- i. To note the content of the report.
- ii. To consider and approve the Health & Safety Policy Statement at Appendix 2, for signing by the Trust and APTL Chairs and the CEO.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 This report includes a general update on Creative Learning and Park activity, including events and noise complaints, the Palace's 150th Birthday Party and the recent workshop held with Consultative Committee members to improve the Committee's functioning.

2.3 Health & Safety Policy Statement Review

2.3.1 The Health & Safety Policy Statement is also attached at Appendix 2 for approval and signing by the CEO and the Chairs of the Trustee and APTL Boards. No significant amendments have been made to the Policy Statement, which has been considered by FRRAC and the APTL Board.

2.3.2 Trustees are reminded that under the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 s3(2) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 s5) Alexandra Palace is required to have a written Health and Safety Policy Statement. This is a summary document which communicates to a wide range of both internal and external stakeholders how health and safety arrangements are managed within the organisation and details the responsibilities for discharging those requirements.

3. General Update

3.1 Following approval of the financial statements in December the Trust published the 2021/22 Trustees' Annual Report, with the Charity Commission and an end of year video for 2022 has also been produced. The 2-minute review, "A Year in the life at Ally Pally", can be seen at this link: <https://youtu.be/EJmZVzrmFq4>

3.2 As in previous years, Alexandra Palace Way was closed to traffic between 9pm on New Year's Eve until 2am on New Year's Day (except for the W3 bus), it was, however, still busy with approximately 4000 people on site to view the fireworks across London. The police provided a presence and barriers were erected to keep crowds away from the building.

3.3 Alexandra Palace 150th

3.3.1 2023 marks the 150th anniversary of Alexandra Palace's first opening to the public on 24th May, 1873.

3.3.2 We will be celebrating this landmark occasion with a free, Birthday Party event for all on Saturday 27th May between midday and 10pm. The day will feature an eclectic range of Creative Learning activities, tours, live music, entertainment and more across the Park and Palace for people of all ages to enjoy.

3.4 Trustee workshops are being arranged in March to review the Vision and receive presentations on recent work by fundraising and impact consultants, the work will inform the development of the Strategic Business Plan.

4. **Planning and Development**

4.1 The Listed Building Consent application to create a new opening from the East Court into the South East Office Building (reference HGY/2022/3927) was approved in February and work has started.

4.2 Planning and advertisement consent for the Parking Management System (parking charges) are awaiting approval and the car park charging scheme is expected to be in place approximately 6-8 weeks after permission has been granted. The original proposals are available to view on our website and <https://www.alexandrapalace.com/restoration/parking/> .

5. **The Park & Environmental Sustainability**

5.1 At its meeting on 17th November, the Joint Committee received a presentation on the Environmental Sustainability Policy which focuses on five strands: Reduce First, Our People's Commitment, Collaboration, Being Bold and Ambitions, Continuously Improving. We continue to review energy data from the 80 electrical meters across the Park and Palace to understand the baselines and, in time, set priorities for improvements.

5.2 A tender exercise is currently underway to procure a specialist consultant to undertake a green energy feasibility study for the Park and Palace. This project is in partnership with Haringey's Carbon Management Team, following an award of £85,000 secured from the GLA's Local Energy Accelerator (LEA). The Trust has also applied to the Haringey Community Carbon fund for funding towards solar panel feasibility work.

- 5.3 A Swap Shop for staff has also been established for staff to exchange items they no longer want for something they need. A quarterly progress report will be provided at the next Trustee Board meeting and will be shared at the subsequent SAC/CC meetings.
- 5.4 We continue to experience challenges with the lighting infrastructure in the Park and as we become aware of faulty lights, these are being replaced with LED lights, including decorative Victorian lights on the paths in front of the Palace building and the non-decorative lights in the playground and skate park.
- 5.5 Temporary repair work has been carried out on the surface water drain at Gate 1. Alexandra Park Road. The pipe is severely degraded and 70 metres of pipework will need to be replaced at some point.

6. Creative Learning

- 6.1 45 members of the Young Creatives Network (YCN) produced a series of podcasts in BBC Academy workshops in December. The podcasts, called Culture Bubble, are centred on topics such as football, travel, friendship, self-growth, film & TV, cancel culture and mental health, are available to listen to via Spotify and Anchor. In March John Offord from BBC academy is returning to delivery 6 more sessions for young people, this time the workshops will be full day sessions and give the young people a chance to create longer podcasts about life as a young person, the issues they and all of us face in these challenging times as well as dive into culture and how the experience it. This opportunity will provide training for 90 young people who are all member of our YCN or will join it.
- 6.2 In January Alexandra Palace launched its Performing Arts School, Young Stars, where more than 60 young people attend the Saturday sessions. aged from 7 to 18.
- 6.3 35 people attended the re-opening of the Wellness Café in January, now called Café Palais, in February, which aims to encourage older people, people living with dementia and their carers to explore their creativity and improve their well-being. February's 1920s themed life drawing session was supported by artist and painter Quentin Martin, who provided advice on basic skills and techniques, alongside burlesque life model, performer Petit Pois. Future workshops (27th March and 24th April, 2-4pm) will feature cabaret, poetry, pottery-making, dancing and jazz.
- 6.4 Other fun activities planned in the Café Palais include a four-week Drama for Anxiety programme called Centre Stage, and a Drumming for Anxiety course called Off-Beat, these will happen alternate months throughout the year. We're also running a free Events Management Course for 20 16-18 year olds, where they will learn from AP industry professionals and an events management tutor about everything they need to know to put on a successful event. The group are currently working on two events to take place in Wood Green Library and programming The People's Stage at the 150th.
- 6.5 Biblio-buzz 2023, the Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award, launched in January at Wood Green Library and continues until 25th March with a series of workshops, online challenges and performances that are on offer in the lead up to the book awards finale taking place in Alexandra Palace Theatre in March.

- 6.6 Short film-making was the theme for February's half term creativity camp which was attended by 10-13 young people on each day. During the Easter Holiday an organisation called Rap Yoga will deliver Express Yourself, a creative day for 8-11 year olds focussing on wellbeing, creativity and confidence.
- 6.7 Forestry school taster sessions are being held between 22 February and 29th March to broaden the range of outdoor provision and engagement.
- 6.8 We are partnering with Area 51, specialist SEND college based in Wood Green to deliver a 6 week visual art project to create two 3D sensory sculptures for their changing rooms. Students are working with professional artist Alison Lam and designing and creating the work with her and her two assistant artists who are both members of our YCN and are using this opportunity to learn from Alison and gain experience working with PMLD (profound and multiple learning disabilities) students.
- 6.9 Through our partnership with Area 51 we are also delivering a 4 week filmmaking project for their P19 Creatives, a group with mild to moderate learning disabilities who are also wheelchair users. The students are learning from professional artist and filmmaker Joe Bloom and will learn the basics of filmmaking and editing skills. They will use these skills for their project 19 Ways and create short films to be used by Islington Council to train their staff and assist businesses and organisations in the local area to become more accessible. The P19 Creatives will be visiting the Cycle Show in April to test out how AP's accessibility and will create a short video/blog about their experience.
- 6.10 Belmont Infants School joined us on 27th February a workshop in their Nature Connections series. With artist and educator Laura Fox the children studied how our Wild in the Park space changes throughout the seasons in a creative way. They visited in November and will join us again in May and finally in July.

7. Maintenance, Repairs & Improvements Since Last Reported

December

- Great Hall main roof – double glazed unit replacements (Phase 3 – 18 units)
- BBC Studios Ground floor - ceiling repairs and testing
- Level 1 - excavations/drainage works
- Great Hall/North Service Yard Bridge – trial holes and metal sampling
- AP Way – renewal of lighting heads to LED

January

- Back of house lift servicing
- External periodic inspections to the front and rear of the building (east and west)
- North Wall - external masonry repairs
- Internal bi-annual inspections – Theatre ceiling, walls and proscenium arch
- North West Hall - shutter repairs
- Building - fire alarm testing

February

- Panorama Room - roof and gutter repairs
- South West Pavilion/ Palm Court Suite 5 - external redecoration
- Theatre - inspections continued
- Palm Court (Indoor Beer Garden & Fountain Servery) - fabric roof repairs
- East Court East Atrium - scaffold and wall repointing/SEOB door openings
- Palm Court - drainage works to security office
- Palm Court - glazing and vent repairs
- Theatre corridor - floor repairs
- East Car Park - replacement of lamp column
- BBC fire escape cage - additional security grilles
- Level 1 – drainage bund installation

8. Consultative Committee Workshop

- 8.1 Consultative Committee Members were invited to a workshop on 19th January to consider its own functioning and how to increase diversity and engagement with the Committee. The workshop suggested some quick-win actions including:
- separate meetings of the Advisory and Consultative Committees, which has been considered by both committees in the past;
 - an annual meeting to report specifically on the previous year's achievements and plans for the upcoming year, and;
 - hybrid meetings.
- 8.3 A fuller report on the recommendations of the workshop will be considered by the Consultative Committee at its next meeting.

9. Event Activity

- 9.1 The East Court saw 34,000 visitors for Bugsy Malone – The Musical (in the Theatre), Santa's Grotto, Rapunzel On Ice and ice hockey matches.

9.2 Event Noise

- 9.2.1 45 complaints have been received about event noise in the current year:

Event Noise 1 April 2022- 31 March 2023		
Date	Event	Number of complaints
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
15 Dec-3 Jan	Darts	2
11 Feb	You Me At Six	1
22 Feb	Gojira	1
Total complaints to date		45

9.2.2 The complaints on 22nd, 23rd and 29th October were from same residential property and the complainant declined to be visited by the sound technician on each occasion.

9.2.3 The two Darts complaints were about noise during the egress period and not during the event.

9.3 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.

10. Legal Implications

The Council's Head of Legal & Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report and in noting that the legal implications in relation to the Health and Safety Policy Statement are set out in paragraph 2.3.2 of the report, has no comments.

11. Financial Implications

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

12. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Events

13. Background Papers – None

Appendix 1 - Schedule of events March 2023-January 2024

Event	Location	Date
Pendulum	Main Halls	5 March 2023
Grace Campbell	Theatre	11 March 2023
Crafterama	Main Halls	11-12 March 2023
Haringey Huskies v Invicta Mustang	Ice Rink	11 March 2023
London Festival of Railway Modelling	Main Halls	18-19 March 2023
King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard	Main Halls	22 March 2023
A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie	Main Halls	24 March 2023
Don Broco	Main Halls	25 March 2023
Toolfair	Main Halls	30-31 March 2023
Lemon Jelly Arts	Theatre	1 April 2023
Badly Drawn Boy	Theatre	4 April 2023
The Amazing Maurice – Live	Theatre	9 April 2023
Rainbow Nation Charity Gala 2023	Theatre	15 April 2023
Women's Yoga & Sound Healing Experience	Creativity Pavilion	19 April 2023
The Damned	Theatre	20-21 April 2023
The Cycle Show	Main Halls	21-23 April 2023
Asim Azhar	Theatre	29 April 2023
The Great British Tattoo Show	Main Halls	13-14 May 2023
Dave Gorman: Power To The People	Theatre	19 May 2023
Four Tet	Main Halls	23-25 May 2023
150 th Anniversary Event	All areas	27 May 2023
ABTT Theatre Show 2023	Main Halls	7-8 June 2023
Tim Key – Mulberry	Theatre	9-11 June 2023
Keith Brymer Jones	Theatre	15 June 2023
Haringey Boxing	Main Hall	16-18 June 2023
This Classical Life	Theatre	18 – 19 June 2023
Jen Brister – The Optimist	Theatre	29 - 30 June 2023
Bastille	Park	14 th July 2023
Kaleidoscope Festival	Park	15 July 2023
Provisional Concert	Park	21 July 2023
Ben Howard	Park	22 July 2023
Provisional Concert	Park	23 July 2023
Jimmy Carr	Theatre	28 July 2023
Sir Ranulph Fiennes – Mad, Bad & Dangerous To Know	Theatre	7 September 2023
Slowthai	Main Halls	22 September 2023
While She Sleeps	Main Halls	23 September 2023
The National	Main Halls	26-27 September 2023
Knit & Stitch	Main Halls	5 – 8 October 2023
Darts	Main Halls	9 December 2023-Jan 2024
Snooker	Main Halls	7-14 January 2024
Pierce The Veil	Main Halls	13 April 2024