



MEETINGS OF THE STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE & THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

25 JANUARY 2024

Report Title: General Update

Report of: Emma Dagnes, Chief Executive, Alexandra Park & Palace

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

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

1. Recommendations

- **Advisory Committee:**
To consider and note the content of the report and agree any comments / advice to the Trustee Board.
- **Consultative Committee:**
To consider and note the content of the report and provide any feedback to the SAC and Trustee Board.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Statutory Advisory Committee (SAC) was established by the Alexandra Park and Palace Act, 1985 and its remit includes advising the Trustees on activities and events, car parking arrangements, planning related matters and maintenance of the Park. SAC membership consists of 8 Council Members and 8 representatives from residents' associations from specified surrounding areas. The Consultative Committee (CC) was created to extend the Trust's engagement with a wider group of representatives of appropriate local and national organisations.
- 2.2 This report provides both Committees with a general update including Creative Learning, Park, Property and Events activity.
- 2.3 The SAC and the CC are invited to consider the information during their respective meetings and provide advice or feedback to the Trustee Board.

3. Planning and Strategic Project Updates

3.1 The Grove Masterplan:

The SAC & CC are invited to a Joint SAC/CC meeting in between their respective meetings on 25th January to meet the public engagement specialists undertaking the first phase fact-finding exercise to establish how users and non-users feel about The Grove, what improvements or changes they would like to see and provide recommendations on next steps.

3.2 North East Office Building Repairs:

Following a competitive tender exercise, ROOFF Limited have been appointed as the Main Contractor. The first phase of works will start in January after the Christmas break. The programme is expected to run until end of May 2024.

3.3 Campsbourne Building Reactivation

Discussions have been taking place about reactivating the building for community use. We are working to find a solution to a funding gap in order to bring the building up to the required standards for allowing public access.

3.4 Northern Area of the Park: Online visitor survey was launched in October to gather feedback and opinions on the northern part of the Park (skatepark, playground and Boating Lake). The purpose of the survey is to gather data that can be used to build the case for moving forward with improvement projects and to help with funding asks.

3.5 The People's Picture (150 Lifetimes)

The project will culminate in the installation of a giant mural in the East Court, as well as the replacement of the various interpretation / information boards located around external areas of eastern end of the building (the BBC Tower, Transmitter Hall). Statutory applications including Listed Building Consent and Advert Consent will be required and, at the time of writing this report, are expected to have been drafted for submission to the Planning Authority in January.

3.6 Café Restaurant

A multidisciplinary team are currently working on layout designs (RIBA 0-2) which will be discussed with the Planning Authority prior to a formal application being made later in the year.

4. 2022/23 Annual Report

4.1 On 14 December 2023 the Trustee Board approved the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023. The report can be viewed on the Charity Commission pages <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/281991/accounts-and-annual-returns> and has been emailed to committee members. A summary report is being designed and copies will be available at the meeting if printed in time.

4.2 A snapshot of the year's achievements is attached at Appendix 1.

5. Maintenance, Repairs & Improvements Since Last Reported

November

- Fire alarm upgrades in Gracie Fields room (Theatre)
- Upgrades to lamppost cabling in the Park and on the South Terrace
- Upgraded cabling to link accessible WC's and alert Security Control
- Additional inspection and safety work to SW Colonnade interior elevations
- Completion of double glazed unit replacements to Great Hall roof (39no. in total predominately to northern bays)
- Masonry repairs to Great Hall and West Corridor plinths

December

- Panorama Room: foyer drape installation, renewed coverings and framework to roof link between Panorama Room foyer and Palm Court
- Metalwork installations including East Court door threshold plates to entrance, Level 1 floor grille and North Service Yard handrails
- West Hall and BBC Tower fire door remedial works
- PAVA (Public Address and Voice Alarm System) major service

6. Park & Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 The park crew have collected a total of 145 tonnes of rubbish (to November 2023) and, at the time of writing this report, another 10-15 tonnes were estimated for December. The expected 155-160 tonnes for the year is similar to 2022/23 figures (155.5 tonnes) and slightly higher than the pre-pandemic figure of 152.2 tonnes in 2018. The highest number registered was 181.9 tonnes in 2020.
- 6.2 This year the park team have increased collaboration with external volunteer groups, in particular the involvement of The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). Large corporate teams have provided support in expanding paths in the Blandford area, improving visibility, enhancing safety for the public, and maintaining tidiness. Gardening volunteers have been active caring for the Park's formal horticultural features, including the Rose Garden, south front lavender beds, and wildflower bed. They have also contributed to the installation of new planters by the Theatre Courtyard.
- 6.3 Significant efforts have been dedicated to enhancing traffic safety throughout the Park. In addition to the annual hard surface survey and repairs and continuous road signage maintenance, new road line markings were completed in April 2023. Temporary road safety measures were implemented near the farmers market site, and speed limit signs are currently being installed at the Paddocks slip road.
- 6.4 In 2023, eight new memorial benches were installed, and three benches were renovated with the financial support of bench donors. Additionally, three new rubbish bins were installed, replacing the most damaged ones. A process for refurbishing notice boards has been established; two signs will be taken off-site at a time for refurbishment and temporary signage will be in place during the process, which will include fundraising messaging to contribute towards the work.

- 6.5 Additional security staff were deployed on New Year's Eve to oversee the c6,000 people who attended the site to watch fireworks across the London skyline. The road was closed to traffic (with the exception of buses and emergency vehicles) from 9pm and the South Terrace was fenced off to protect the building. Whilst no major incidents were recorded, fireworks were launched from the South Slope and among crowds by many of the visitors and security officers were required to extinguish a number of residual fires.
- 6.6 We have published a new blog about our plans to improve the Park. <https://www.alexandrapalace.com/blog/improving-the-park/>

7. Creative Learning

- 7.1 Focus on projects to commemorative Alexandra Palace's 150th Anniversary continue including outreach towards an exhibition and mural concluding in the Spring of 2024. <https://thepeoplespicture.com/alexandra-palace-150/>
- 7.1.1 1,800 People have submitted photographs and memories of Alexandra Palace to help create the mural by artist Helen Marshall.
- 7.1.2 16 community curators have been working with the Curation and Interpretation Manager and Head of Creative Learning to mount a new exhibition marking the 150th, which will launch in March. The exhibition will celebrate 150 people, past and present, who have helped shape and safeguard the future of the Park and Palace. The exhibition will focus on broadening the discussion of the Palace's history to include previously unheard stories and voices. The community curation team meet once every week to hear from experts including those from other heritage venues and organisations such as Bruce Castle, The Irish in England, The Whitechapel Gallery and Avril Nanton the author of Black London.
- 7.1.3 Alexandra Palace's Young Actors Company are currently working with the former Associate Director of The Hampstead Theatre, Jonny Siddle, on a version of Macbeth based on the young peoples experience of living in Haringey. The performance will take audiences on a tour of the Palace's basements, opening this rarely seen space for visitors as part of the 150th programme.
- 7.1.4 150th Anniversary inspired tours will take place in January for schools pupils and the public. Fifteen volunteers will deliver the Theatre tours with a steward that will talk about the By The People: 150 Lifetimes projects. At the end of each tour the visitors will be encouraged to share their memories of Ally Pally with the volunteers so that these can be captured and become part of the project.
- 7.1.5 Schools taking part in our 2024 Biblio-Buzz challenge will also be encouraged to participate in By The People: 150 Lifetimes by visiting with groups of children bespoke tours. The tours will be followed by workshops with one of our education facilitators about how the

children can put together their own exhibition in school. Six volunteers are devising a new tour script to include stories that will capture the imagination of the children.

- 7.1.6 At the time of writing, five of the schools had signed up for the project. With schools coming from across the borough many will not have visited the Palace before, so this will be an opportunity for them to create their first memories of the Palace as we celebrate 150 years of memories!
- 7.1.7 Educational specialists, 2 Simple are creating a digital learning resource for primary and secondary schools to help pupils learn heritage skills in curation, interpretation and running a heritage venue, which will form part of the legacy of the 150th commemorative programme.
- 7.1.8 Residents at Latimer House retirement home worked with 'dance for camera' artists to commemorate their own experiences of living in Haringey as part of documenting people's lives from a range of backgrounds for the commemorative programme.
- 7.2 Rhythm Stick, our night club for adults with disabilities, took place on the 14th December in Marcus Garvey Library as part of the Young Creative Network (YCN) programme. The event programme included a performance by Alexis Taylor (from the band Hotchip and ambassador for the YCN) and DJ's from the disabled community.
- 7.3 Alexis Taylor also delivered a 'round table' discussion with YCN members about his experience of working in and breaking into the music industry.
- 7.4 Artist/filmmaker Joe Bloom has been working with YCN members who self-identify as disabled at the John Dewey Community College to create a film and mural for the College grounds.
- 7.5 The Creative Learning and Events teams supported delivery of the Haringey Feast event in November, assisting with administration, programming and event co-ordination.
- 7.6 36 Haringey Schools are participating in Biblio-buzz 2024 (33 in 2023), Alexandra Palace's Children's book awards, officially launched in December with an event at Wood Green Central Library on 12th December. 30 people attended the launch event and participated in a workshop run by Alix Smith, a specialist in learning through visual art, on how to design an eye-catching book cover.
 - 7.6.1 This year Enfield libraries will be participating in the programme which launches in Enfield Central Library on January 13th.
 - 7.6.2 A Biblio-buzz tour of literary based activities is currently being finalised with Haringey and Enfield Libraries which will include author readings, performances, crafts workshops, and creative writing activities. The tour runs from January to March 2024.

- 7.6.3 As part of Biblio-Buzz 2024 the Creative Learning Team will run a four-day book festival across a range of spaces in the Palace, including in the Theatre. The programme includes literary luminaries such as Lemony Snicket, Justine Thurston and Natalie Haynes.

7.7 Volunteering at the Palace

- 7.7.1 60 Active volunteers are embedded in numerous departments across Alexandra Park & Palace and delivering: stewarding in the theatre/events, archive and interpretation, image moderation, curation, supporting creative learning activities, assistants teaching, designing/running tours, and gardening.
- 7.7.2 21 Volunteers supported the delivery of the Haringey Feast with all volunteer opportunities delivered by the Creative Learning team.

8. Events

- 8.1 Events in the Park will require temporary closures of Alexandra Palace Way and areas of the Park as well as changes to car parking and public transport. Details including reopening times will be publicised in due course including on Park entrances and on the Alexandra Palace website.

8.2 Red Bull - Saturday 22 June 2023

The road will be closed on Friday 21 June until Sunday 23 June 2024

8.3 Summer Series 2024

- Friday 12 July Bombay Bicycle Club
- Saturday 13th July Kaleidoscope Festival

The road will be closed from Thursday 11th July until Sunday 14th July.

- Thursday 18 July Suede + Manic Street Preachers
- Friday 19 July Tom Odell
- Saturday 20 July Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds

The road will be closed from Wednesday 17th July until Monday 22nd July.

8.4 The Great Fete – Date & event TBC

8.5 Fireworks 2024 – Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd November

The road will be closed from the afternoon of Thursday 31st October and will reopen on Sunday 3 November in the afternoon.

- 8.6 21 noise complaints have been received in the current year (April 2023 to March 2024) and are attributed to the following events:

Noise complaints recorded for the 2023/23 Year, since 1 st April 2023		
Date	Event	Number of complaints
23 May	150th Celebration Party	2
30 May	Four Tet	1
10 June	Fatboy Slim	1
14 June	Bastille	2
21 July	Hozier	3
05 September	Fred Again	1
09 September	Fred Again	3
24 September	Cavetown	1
03 November	Fireworks	5
04 November	Fireworks	1
11 Dec-5 Jan	Darts	1
7-14 January	Snooker	0
Total complaints to date		21

- 8.7 The schedule of events is attached at Appendix 2.
Additional information is available in the What's On pages of our website:
<https://www.alexandrapalace.com/whats-on/> .

9. Legal Implications

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

10. Use of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – 2022/23 Annual Report Impact Matrix
Appendix 2 – Schedule of Events

11. Background Papers – None

Alexandra Park & Palace Charitable Trust – 2022/23 Performance Impact Matrix

Strategic Priorities	Inputs <i>Our resources</i>	Delivery activities <i>What we do</i>	Charitable outputs <i>What we deliver</i>	Impact <i>Wider public benefits</i>
<p>Strengthen our reputation and elevate our status in entertainment, heritage and recreation.</p> <p>Create a stronger lifelong connection with our visitors, supporters and community.</p> <p>Improve our overall resilience.</p>	<p>Board time & expertise</p> <p>Staff time & expertise</p> <p>2353 volunteer hours</p> <p>In kind support from partners and stakeholders</p> <p>Self-generated and fundraised income £551k</p> <p>Corporate Trustee Revenue Grant £1.755m</p> <p>Corporate Trustee Capital Grant £1,564,000</p>	<p>Deliver a repair programme to overcome the historic backlog.</p> <p>Ensure the building fabric remains safe and watertight.</p> <p>Improve and upgrade critical support infrastructure across the Park and Palace.</p> <p>Deliver quality events, leisure experiences and activities throughout the year to bring the venue to life for the purposes it was created.</p> <p>Manage the environmental impact of the organisation and leaseholder activities in the Park and the wider environment.</p> <p>Raise and generate funds to support the restoration and development of the charitable assets.</p> <p>Improve the energy efficiency of the building.</p> <p>Deliver a programme of restoration of the derelict areas of the Park and Palace.</p> <p>Deliver a programme of creative learning activities to engage a broad audience in the history and heritage of the Park and Palace.</p> <p>Record our history, conserve our historic records and make them accessible to the public.</p>	<p>The Park was open 365 days providing valuable green open space for recreation and enjoyment by .</p> <p>0% of Palace restored out of dereliction in year.</p> <p>£1,148,000 invested in services, repairs, maintenance and on capital improvements.</p> <p>4.7m beneficiaries</p> <p>4 (Park) designations/awards achieved for the historic & natural environment</p> <p>Heritage tours of the Palace for more than 60 visitors</p> <p>462 Creative Learning events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,676 school pupils engaged with local history • 3,852 participated in adult engagement programmes • 1,717 Young People aged 16-24 engaged • 2,051 took part in outdoor learning sessions • 297 volunteering opportunities provided 	<p>Health & Wellbeing impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of site for low-cost physical activity - contributes to reducing mental health distress, depression and obesity. Supports and improves wellbeing • Improved mental health and happiness through connection with nature <p>Economic Impact (based on 2019/20 assessment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site employment 230 full time equivalent (FTE) including agency & tenant employment. £11.2m GVA (Gross Value Added) • Supply-chain-expenditure: Haringey £.51m, London £3.88m, outside London £5.81m • £70m Off-site visitor expenditure <p>Environmental Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in wider visual amenity of Park and Palace engenders local pride • Pollution amelioration and cleaning of air of natural environment in urban areas • Provision of habitat for wildlife <p>Educational impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational resource and venue for school outings positive impact on child physical and cognitive development <p>Profile Raising impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to raising the profile of Haringey and North London as a cultural destination • Mast/ building lit to raise awareness of 7 causes <p>Social Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual and physical amenity for local people and visitors (Park 3.8m, Ice Skating 146,000, Ice Hockey 51,598, Creative Learning 12,055, Theatre 73,000, Events 630,000, Phoenix Bar & Kitchen 15,000) • Reaching diverse groups and communities formally and informally - creating social opportunities to improve sense of inclusion in society • Venue for community events and meeting other people • 70 individuals regularly volunteering and engaged in activities, 40 volunteer newsletters • Offering cultural and curatorial experience for young people wanting a creative career

Appendix 2 - Schedule of events January – December 2024

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
11 Dec -5 January 2024	World Darts Championship	Palm Court ALL AREAS
20-31 January 24 January	Theatre Tours (with afternoon tea) Relax, Restore Reset: Breathwork & Sound Healing	Theatre Creativity Pavilion
8 February	What's Love Got to do with It	Theatre
17 February	Roisin Murphy	Palm Court ALL AREAS
20 February	Masego	Palm Court ALL AREAS
23 February	PinkPantheress	Palm Court ALL AREAS
1 March	The Ronnie Scott's Story	Theatre
9 March	Sarah Jane Morris – Sisterhood	Theatre
16-17 March	The London Festival of Railway Modelling	Palm Court ALL AREAS
20 March	Relax, Restore Reset: Breathwork & Sound Healing	Creativity Pavilion
23 March	Concert: The Smile	Palm Court ALL AREAS
28 March	Concert: Neck Deep	Palm Court ALL AREAS
29 March	Concert: Sonny Fodera	Palm Court ALL AREAS
30 March	Concert: Hybrid Minds	Palm Court ALL AREAS
1 April	London Squash Classic	Palm Court ALL AREAS
6 April	Concert: Underworld	Palm Court ALL AREAS
11 April	Nitin Sawhney	Theatre
12 April	Concert: Declan McKenna	Palm Court ALL AREAS

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13 April	Pierce The Veil (concert)	Palm Court ALL AREAS;
16-17 April	Tommy Tiernan: tommedian	Theatre
26 April	Concert: Sampha	Palm Court ALL AREAS
4 May	Johnny Flynn & Robert Macfarlane	Theatre
16 May	Ivo Graham: Organised Fun	Theatre
22 May-1 June	The Glass Menagerie	Theatre
13 June	Jimmy Carr: Laughs Funny	Theatre
22 June	Red Bull	Park
12 July	Bombay Bicycle Club	Park & ALL AREAS
13 July	Kaleidoscope Festival	Park & ALL AREAS
18 July	Suede + Manic Street Preachers	Park & ALL AREAS
19 July	Tom Odell	Park & ALL AREAS
20 July	Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds	Park & ALL AREAS
30 Aug-21 Sept	An Inspector Calls	Theatre
28 Sept	Concert: The The	Palm Court ALL AREAS
18-20 October	Vegan Life, OM Yoga Show, Mind Body Soul Experience	Palm Court ALL AREAS
26 October	Concert: Beartooth	Palm Court ALL AREAS
9 November	Whitney: Queen of the Night	Theatre
29 November	Concert: IDLES	Palm Court ALL AREAS

