

Report Title: **PARK UPDATE (ACTIVITIES)**

Report of: **Mark Evison, Park Manager**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 To inform the Committee of the recent activities carried out in Alexandra Park

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the Committee notes the report.

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**3. Executive Summary**

3.1 This report details recent activities and forthcoming events in the park.

**4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)**

4.1 N/A

**5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

5.1 No specific background papers were used in compiling this report.

## 6. Description

### Updated items from 12 February 2008

- 6.1 In light of the comments made in the previous Consultative Committee the various items can now be updated:
- New signs at the Alexandra Palace Way entrances were discussed. The Planning Department are currently considering the designs and will make a decision on whether a Planning Application is required.
  - The police occasionally locate a mobile speed camera in park to reduce speed down hill towards Bedford Road. New 20mph roundels have also been painted on the road.
  - Traffic Engineers have reviewed the crossing point on Alexandra Palace Way (below the Palm Court entrance) and feel a traffic island could be installed to provide a refuge for pedestrians. Quotations for this project are being sought.
  - Specialist leaflets on birds and trees in the park are being prepared by interested groups. These are expected in the next few months.
- 6.2 **Heritage Lottery Project**  
To celebrate the successful completion of the project a launch event is planned for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. This will involve a tour of the park to look at the project elements. The tour will be lead by the Principle Landscape Architect for the project.
- 6.3 **Community Events**  
A number of community events have been taking place in the park and details can be found in Appendix A.
- 6.4 The park events are a mixture of volunteer tasks, walks organised by the Friends of Alexandra Park and charity events organised by local community groups.
- 6.5 **Grounds Maintenance Contract**  
Following the tender process, the successful contractor was **John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd**. They made a good bid in the tender interview and unannounced visits showed a good quality of maintenance on some of their other contracts.
- 6.6 The contract started on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 and the incumbent staff all transferred to John O'Conner. A new fleet of vehicles with a consistent livery has been supplied.
- 6.7 The regular weeding, litter picking and grass cutting across the site has been carried out successfully. In the first month they delivered a new bedding scheme on the south front and carried out last minute preparation works for the Green Flag Award inspection.

- Green Flag Award**
- 6.8 The park was entered into the Green Flag Award scheme for the third time this year. Many improvements have been made since last year including the opening of the cafes, pitch & putt and boating facilities.
- 6.9 The submission included the re-written management plan, new park leaflets and programme events organised by the Friends of Alexandra Park. The Green Flag Award results are expected in mid-July and will be published on the Alexandra Palace website.
- 7. Recommendations**
- 7.1 That the Committee notes the report.
- 8. Legal and Financial Implications**
- 8.1 The Director of Finance and the Trust's Solicitor have been sent copies of this report.
- 9. Equalities Implications**
- 9.1 n/a
- 10. Use of Appendices/Tables/Photographs**
- 10.1 Appendix A: Park events list

## Appendix A: Park Events List

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Partners</b>
Second Sunday of each Month and continuing	Volunteer Conservation Tasks. Habitat management and access improvement works	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers
School Holidays	Children's funfair	John Manning & Son
Most Sundays	Farmers' Market	City and Country FM
5 April 2008	Information Centre Open Day. Building bird feeders, bug hunts and tree walk.	Friends of Alexandra Park (FoAP)
16 April 2008	Friends Focus Group: Tour of the Conservation Area	FoAP
3 May 2008	Public Bird Walk	FoAP and Alexandra Park Ornithological Group
4 May 2008	Fundraising Event. To start a new group to run activities for youths	Alexandra Youth Club
18 May 2008	Hornsey 10km run	Hornsey YMCA
22 May 2008	Park History Walk.	FoAP
14-22 June 2008	Tidy Art: Outdoor Art Exhibition	Lakeside Cafe
5 July 2008	Hornsey Carnival	Hornsey Carnival Assn
13 July 2008	Orienteering	London Orienteering Klubb
21-31 August 2008	Great Moscow State Circus	European Entertainment Corporation
Summer Holidays	Children's funfair	John Manning & Son
Tba	Friends Focus Walk: Boating Lake, Play Area and Deer Park	FoAP