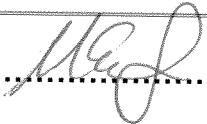


Report Title: PARK UPDATE (ACTIVITIES)
Report of: Mark Evison, Park Manager
1. Purpose 1.1 To inform the Board of the recent activities carried out in Alexandra Park
2. Recommendations 2.1 That the Board notes the report
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3. Executive Summary 3.1 This report details recent activities and forthcoming events in the park.
4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable) 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 26 February 2008

- 6.1 In light of the comments made in the previous Board Meeting, the following item can now be updated:

- Following the comments about a Redston Field a bench has been installed in the tree-line on a trial basis. There is a concern that it may become a focal point for anti-social behaviour in the evenings and as such this will be monitored. The Warner Estate Residents Association has been asked for feedback on this initiative.

Heritage Lottery Project

- 6.2 To celebrate the successful completion of the project a launch event is planned for Sunday 10th 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.

Community Events

- 6.3 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 (FoAP) and charity events organised by local community groups. FoAP are planning to start a monthly schedule of events and walks and to look for additional funding to help promote the park and improve facilities.

Grounds Maintenance Contract

- 6.5 Following the tender process, the successful contractor was **John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd.**
- 6.6 The contract started on 1st 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 enhanced requirements for regular weeding, litter picking and grass cutting across the site have been adopted by the team. In the first month they also delivered a new bedding scheme on the south front and carried out final preparation works for the Green Flag Award inspection.

- Green Flag Award**
- 6.8 The announcement of the successful Green Flag applicants will be made on the 17th July, the Board will be verbally updated at the meeting as to whether Alexandra Park and Palace has been judged to meet the standard required to receive a Green Flag Award for 2008-09.
- 6.9 If successful then it would be proposed that two new flag poles be installed and a photo opportunity organised to promote the Park.
- 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

Date	Activity	Partners
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