



Headstone Manor Park Project Update **01st March 2022 to 01st April 2023**

National Heritage Lottery Fund (Parks for People Project)

Wetland Area

The wetland area remain fenced with stock wire and post fencing to protect the new aquatic plants and to provide time for enable the wildflower / grass seed mix to establish as well as providing a physical barrier from the footpaths to the sedimentation ponds and reed beds which are designated as deep water areas. The footpaths provide a circular route around the wetland as well as a link into Harrow View West, the Orchard and wider park.

Overflow Carpark

The overflow carpark is now open and will be utilised during events being held at Headstone Manor & Museum (Weddings & Events). The first planting of trees and hedgerows has been completed and the newly formed Copse areas wood chipped.

There will be opportunities for members of the public to participate in additional maintenance activities (Details will be posted on our Website / Facebook page / Park notice boards).

Picnic Area

The materials for the replacement of warped timbers on the Picnic benches have been delivered and will be replaced in Spring/Summer 2023.

Children's Playground

The materials for the replacement of warped timbers on the Picnic benches have been delivered and will be replaced in Spring/Summer 2023. The vandalised trees have been replaced.

Yeading Brook

The FoHMP are undertaking monthly inspections of the Yeading Brook and organising clean up days, this will include the removal of unwanted material from the Brook and vegetation control to allow natural daylighting (Details will be posted on our Website / Facebook page / Park notice boards).

Orchard

The Fruit trees are now maturing well and will remain fenced off to provide additional protection, the Fruit trees will be maintained by the FoHMP in conjunction with Harrow Council.

We will be holding Fruit Picking Days in the future (Details will be posted on our Website / Facebook page / Park notice boards)

Headstone Lane Carpark

Rewilding works to the earth mounds will be undertaken in the summer of 2023 (Details will be posted on our Website / Facebook page / Park notice boards).

Flood Alleviation Scheme

Flood Basins

The majority of the landscaping works has now been completed with the remainder due for completion by Spring/Summer 2023. The temporary Heras Fencing will remain in place until all the works are completed.

Flood basin No.1 - The provision of a natural low flood flow channel from the bridge to the outlet to basin No.2 will be modified to add some contour and to take energy out of the channel when in flood, some boulders / Logs will also be installed to deflect flow and create some margins. These areas will be seeded with a Wetland & Wildflower grass mix,

There will be opportunities for members of the public to participate in the planting activities (Details will be posted on our Website / Facebook page / Park notice boards).

Football Pitches

The Football pitches have now been sand banded and seeded, however due to the extreme weather conditions in the Summer of 2022 and the wet weather in the Autumn / Winter 2023 remedial works are required in Spring / Summer 2023 before final inspection. The temporary Heras Fencing will remain in place until all the works are completed.

Wetland Monitoring – Phase 1

The aims of the Wetland Monitoring was to,

- Evaluate the function and impact of the wetlands on water quality, sediment, and biodiversity through sampling and analysis of data in comparison to relevant standards (where available).
- Deliver the monitoring with the help of local volunteers with the objective of developing protocols for citizen science monitoring of other wetlands in the Crane Catchment as they come online.
- Work collaboratively with local, regional, and national organisations and experts to bring skills into the Crane Catchment.
- Feed the findings back to LB Harrow to inform continued monitoring and maintenance of the site and share lessons learnt more widely to inform future urban constructed wetland projects.

An overview of the Project is available as a PowerPoint presentation on our website. (www.headstonemanorpark.org/projects-2)

The formal report by The Zoological Society of London (ZSL) will be published in May 2023

Wetland Monitoring – Phase 2

Following the completion of Phase 1 in January 2023, we are currently in discussions with ZSL to undertake Invertebrate sampling & monitoring later in 2023.

Phase 2 will commence with a Water Blitz event on the 01st June 2023 (Details will be posted on our Website / Facebook page / Park notice boards).

Rewilding Project

Overflow Carpark

In October / November we planted approx. 200 Tree whips which formed six mini Copse to add additional biodiversity to the space. Additional wood chippings will be added in June 2023 to help suppress the grass until the trees become established.

Pinner View Carpark

This area is being managed by pupils from Shaftsbury High School, as part of them undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (Bronze).

The Traffic islands have been cleared of weeds and planted with bulbs & shrubs.

The Verge along Pinner View has been cleared of weeds and the first batch of bulbs have been planted.

The Maureen Smith - Wildflower Area

Works on this area commenced in March 2023 with the installation of log edging utilising site won materials, works on the wildflower beds has now commenced with completion by June 2023. (This area is being funded by a donation from the family of Maureen Smith).

We will also be planting shrubs to provide all year round colour and providing two water butts for rainwater harvesting.

Yeading Brook Grove

In February / March over 6000 bulbs were planted by pupils from Nower Hill School as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (Bronze & Silver). The bulbs were donated by Jacques Amand. Additional planting will take place later in the year (Details will be posted on our Website / Facebook page / Park notice boards).

John Hollingdale Grove

Planning and design for this area is ongoing with work scheduled to be undertaken in 2024.

Headstone Lane Carpark

Planning for this area has been finalised following discussion with Harrow Council Biodiversity Officer (Steve Whitbread) with work scheduled for October/ November 2023 (Details will be posted on our Website / Facebook page / Park notice boards).

Parkside Way Entrance

Indicative proposals have been issued to Harrow Council Biodiversity Officer (Steve Whitbread) with regards to planting at the entrance and six feature trees along the route to the footbridge over the Yeading brook. (This formed part of our Green Grid proposal for 2023).

The Hedgerow Initiative

We have secured £1500.00 funding from CPRE to plant 100 Metres of new hedgerow, following consultation with Harrow Council Biodiversity Officer (Steve Whitbread) we have agreed that this will be planted along the boundary of the Children's playground and Bessborough Cricket Club, the hedgerow will obscure the view to the rear of the pavilion.

Planting will include: - Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Hazel, Dog Rose, Bird Cherry, Juneberry, Spindle.

Works are scheduled to commence late May / early June. (Details will be posted on our Website / Facebook page / Park notice boards).

Yeading Brook Unbound

Seeks not only to re-naturalise the western arm of the stream but - within the wider scope of the River Crane catchment - to celebrate what it adds to individual sites for people and for wildlife, now and for the future, and the connection it provides between them. Working closely with Parks and Allotment groups, The Crane Valley Catchment Partnership, and the Environment Agency, Harrow Council by 'rewigging' the stream or creating more natural banks - benefitting wildlife and reducing flood risk, undertaking instream interventions and 'daylighting' the water, tackling scrub encroachment and invasive species that impact adversely on water quality and on wildlife.

The project will focus on a c. 3.5 km of the watercourse between Headstone Manor and Roxbourne Park, identifying major works for contractors and creating survey, monitoring, training, and practical opportunities for volunteers.

The Yeading Brook Unbound project has been successful in receiving funding from the London Wildlife Trust and the Mayor of London, with works commencing in Summer 2023.

Lawn Tennis Association – Tennis Court Refurbishment

Following a public consultation regarding the Borough wide Tennis Courts, Harrow Council were successful in obtaining funding to refurbish 36 Tennis Courts across 13 Parks.

This means that the six Tennis Courts at Headstone Manor Park would be refurbished after years of neglect, works commenced in March 2023 with completion scheduled for summer 2023. Once Completed the Tennis Courts will be managed by an external contractor.