



Chairman's Report – 01st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Firstly, I would like to thank all off the Committee Members and Volunteer's for their support over the past year.

I would especially like to thank: -

Sara (Speedy) Smallwood for keeping us feed and watered (Tea, Coffee & Biscuits) during our Volunteering Events as well as ensuring the Noticeboards are kept up to date with all the relevant information.

Adrian Doyle for his dedication in updating the Website in preparation for our relaunch at the Coronation Event on 08th May 2023.

Peter Elton & David Meyer for there hard work on the Rewilding Projects.

Over the last 12 months a vast amount has changed within the park these include the finalisation of outstanding items from both the National Heritage Lottery Funded Park for People Project and the Flood Alleviation Scheme, there however remain a few outstanding items which are currently preventing the removal of the Heras fencing around the Flood Alleviation Scheme and the Football pitches it is anticipated that these works will be completed over the next few months.

We have once again provided a full event schedule over the last 12 months as detailed below: -

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April 2023 – Wednesday Wander Spring Flowers, Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Shaftsbury High School Horticultural Training, QiGong & Over 60's Mobility, Walk & Yoga, Dog meet & play, Volunteering Days.

May 2022 – May Day at the Manor, Wednesday Wander Tres & Leaves, Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Shaftsbury High School Horticultural Training, QiGong & Over 60's Mobility, Walk & Yoga, Dog meet & play, Volunteering Days.

June 2022 - Wednesday Wander Bees & Butterflies, Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Shaftsbury High School Horticultural Training, QiGong & Over 60's Mobility, Walk & Yoga, Dog meet & play, Orchard Training Stone Fruits, Wetland Water Monitoring, Volunteering Days.

July 2022 - Wednesday Wander Wetland Walk, Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Shaftsbury High School Horticultural Training, QiGong & Over 60's Mobility, Walk & Yoga, Dog meet & play, Wetland Water Monitoring, Volunteering Days.

August 2022 - Wednesday Wander Summer Nature, Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Storytelling in the park, QiGong & Over 60's Mobility, Walk & Yoga, Dog meet & play, Wetland Water Monitoring, Headstone Village Show, Volunteering Days.

September 2022 - Wednesday Wander Trees & Hedgerows, Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, QiGong & Over 60's Mobility, Walk & Yoga, Dog meet & play, Wetland Water Monitoring, Volunteering Days.

October 2022 - Wednesday Wander Bird Watching (Ian Jackson RSPB), Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Shaftsbury High School Horticultural Training, Wetland Water Monitoring, Duck Pond Market, Bat Walk, Volunteering Days.

November 2022 - Native Hedgerow planting (200 Whips), Wednesday Wander Winters Harvest, Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Shaftsbury High School Horticultural Training, Wetland Water Monitoring, Volunteering Days.

December 2022 – Orchard Maintenance, Wednesday Wander Christmas Walk, Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Shaftsbury High School Horticultural Training, Wetland Water Monitoring, Volunteering Days.

January 2023 – Bulb Planting, Inspection, and repair of 14 Bird Boxes, Wednesday Wander welcome to 2023, Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Volunteering days.

February 2023 – Bulb, Planting, World Wetland Day, Wednesday Wander, The Wetlands, Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Volunteering Days.

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March 2023 – Bulb Planting, Native Hedgerow planting (175 Whips), Wednesday Wander Bird Watching (Ian Jackson RSPB), Yeading Brook Water Monitoring, Shaftsbury High School Horticultural Training, Volunteering Day

In June 2022 we had our formal Green Flag Inspection, and we were awarded Green Flag status in July 2022 at our first attempt, the work to retain the Green Flag status continues with regular volunteering days held on Thursday mornings, which include litter picking, general park maintenance and working on projects agreed with Harrow Council in accordance with the Management & Maintenance Plan.

In July 2022 we commenced the Wetland Monitoring project in conjunction with the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) which included water sampling, fixed point photography, with completion in January 2023. We have produced a PowerPoint presentation which is available on our website. The formal report from ZSL is due for publication in May 2023

In November 2022 we commenced our Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze) volunteering event with 14 pupils from Nower Hill School this continued until March 2023 when all the pupils completed their 12 hours of volunteering (Total hours completed 200).

In January 2023 we commenced our Duke of Edinburgh Award (Silver) volunteering event in conjunction with 6th Harrow Scouts (Archers Explorers) to date we have held three events (Total hours completed 36)

We have many more events scheduled over the coming months which will include: -

Over 60 Mobility & QiGong classes (Tuesday) – May to September

Walk & Yoga (Wednesday & Sunday) – March to September

Walk & Yoga (Saturday) – May to September

Wednesday Wander – 2nd Wednesday of each month

Yeading Brook Water Monitoring – 2nd Friday of each month

Volunteering Days – Thursday mornings

Shaftsbury High School Horticultural Training (Tuesday) – Term Time only

Story Telling in the park – August summer holiday, October half term.

Harrow Childrens Centre Activities - August summer holiday, October half term.

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We will be attending,

Coronation Celebration (May Day at the Manor) – Headstone Manor & Museum (08th May 2023)

Summer Fayre – Pinner Park School (01st July 2023)

Headstone Village Show – Headstone Manor & Museum (28th August 2023)

Duck Pond Market – October & December 2023

We are currently planning the following events for later on in the year.

Activities with Harrow Children's Centres

- Pond Dipping
- Litter Picking
- Crafting Workshops

Football / Cricket Workshops - TBC

Bat Walk (October 2023)

Harrow Council have also been successful in securing funding for the park.

1 - Yeading Brook Unbound project which will provide a back wash pool in flood basin No.1 which should help increase the biodiversity to this area (Completion of the project is anticipated by March 2024)

2 – Tennis Court refurbishment in conjunction with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) commenced in March 2023 (Completion of the project is anticipated by Summer 2023).

3 – River & Wetland Community Days, will empower existing volunteer groups and recruit new volunteers to:

- Map and tackle invasive plants.
- Commence Riverfly water quality monitoring at 6 new sites, evidencing improvements from above projects.
- Make regular quantitative measurements of ammonia and phosphate.

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We have also been successful in securing funding for the park.

1 – CPRE Hedgerow Initiative £1500 for the planting of 100 metres of native hedgerow within the Children’s playground which will obscure the view to the rear of Bessborough Cricket Club Pavilion. (Project to commence in May 2023 with completion by July 2023)

2 – Donation from Local resident £1000.00 for the planting of a Wildflower Meadow adjacent to the public toilet block (Project to commence in March 2023 with completion by June 2023)

The two printed leaflets to complement the 3 No. formal walks around the park and the wild fun activities are almost depleted and we are currently in the process of updating these to reflect the changes these should be available for approval by the committee in August 2023, printed copies of both are available from the Moat Café as well as a downloadable version on the Website.

The new website is now nearing completion and we intend to formally relaunch the completed version in June 2023 (Adrian will provide us with an update later in the meeting).

In total we have contributed 5614 volunteering hours (equates to 3.25 full time members of staff) over the last 12 months with a financial value of £67,087.03.

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