

# THE BEDDINGTON PARK NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest edition of The Beddington Park Newsletter! Read on for an update on the HLF project, what's been happening and what's to come.

## HLF Update

On the 21<sup>st</sup> September Sutton Council received official permission to start on the HLF project. Much has been going on since, particularly behind the scenes. The design team have been working on a programme to determine the timeline for each piece of work, whilst also drawing up the more detailed design drawings to begin creating tender packages. The tender period will take place across November and December to allow for the main works to begin on site from February next year, with most capital works expected to be completed by January 2018. This November will see the start of tree removals on site, mainly focused on the island on the lake. You'll be able to read more about this on on-site signage.

The Capital works are complimented by a programme of activities and events, co-ordinated and delivered by the project support and volunteer co-ordinator, which have already started and will continue until late 2019. It is hoped that a number of new activities will be able to continue beyond the project with less staff involvement.

Monitoring and evaluation of the project will continue until 2021 when the project will be considered officially complete.

### A glossary of terms!

**Tender** – An invite to companies to bid to deliver the work.

**Tender Package** – the specification of works that companies address in their bid and deliver.

**Capital Works** – The physical works that will take place in the park.



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Information on which areas of the park will be closed to public access, and when, will be made available as soon as the schedule of works has been finalised. Keep an eye on our boards near the Grange lake for regular updates, drawings and information as the project takes shape, as well as online and via twitter - [@beddington\\_park](https://twitter.com/beddington_park).



## Summer excavation by CADHAS – report by John Phillips

This summer CADHAS continued work on the site north of the Carew Manor dovecote as part of the society's contribution to the HLF project. The work continued from last summer's excavations. We dug two new trenches. One exposed a 10m section of the foundations of the north wall of the building, the other, a short section of the south wall.



This allowed us to determine the exact width of the building and to fix the position of three of the bays or sub-divisions at the western end of the building. The building was huge – 11.56m (38ft) wide by about 70m (229ft) long.

Last year's excavation left us very uncertain about the date of the building as there was very little evidence. On balance it seemed likely that the building had been medieval but that it had been taken apart and erected on a new site in the early 18th century. However, at the very end of the excavation we found a piece of glass wine bottle attached to a lump of mortar in which it had clearly once been embedded. The mortar was the same as that in the barn foundation so it was good dating evidence. The shape of the wine bottle first become current about 1725 although the bottle is very likely to be later. This was a real surprise. We know that the lake in front of the house – the key element of the vista – existed by 1721, so it looks as if the barn was not, as previously thought, moved to make this.

The circumstances in which the barn was created or moved are therefore something of a mystery. Moved still seems more likely than created: a great many

### London in Bloom 2016

We are thrilled to have achieved a Silver Gilt award in London in Bloom this year for Beddington Park & The Grange. A big congrats and thank you to all who contribute to keep our park looking great, particularly the fantastic grounds team.

nails are likely to have been used in a new-built 18th century barn but very few were found on site. This suggests that the structure was held together with wooden pegs in the medieval manner. There is a good deal of thinking and some documentary research to do over the winter to try to understand the history of the barn and how it fits into the development of the Carew estate.

# Volunteering at Beddington Park!

## Monday Menders



This Summer we trialled our “Monday Menders” litter pick sessions. These were really valuable in helping manage the resulting litter from the (often very) busy weekends! So a big thank you to Hilary, Cris, Carol, Diana, Andrew, Gill, Richard, Brenda, Mark, Kailash, Danny, Jamie, Nakeeda, Nur, Martin, Duncan, Winnie and Jenny, who all took part at one or more sessions! These will make a return next Spring/Summer time.

## Tree Wardens

Our Tree Warden Scheme has now started. This is a great opportunity for anyone 16+ to help maintain, increase and care for the many trees in our park. The scheme involves training sessions (internal and external), group activities and materials and support for independent work. How much you get involved is up to you! To get involved email [sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk)



## Carshalton Park Rotary Club Clean-up Day

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 11am*

Join the Rotary Club for the annual autumn clean up. The task involves bramble and undergrowth clearance and litter clearance on a designated work space. To help out please contact [philblake1@hotmail.com](mailto:philblake1@hotmail.com).



## Photography Competition



Our photography competition is OPEN! Grab those Camera's and get snapping and submit photos in the following categories:

**Natural Wonders; A Park for People; A Built Heritage;**

OR dig out those old photo albums and submit your old snaps in our **Bygone Days** category!

Visit [www.sutton.gov.uk/photocompetition](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/photocompetition) for more details and information on how to submit your entries! Competition Closes on the **16<sup>th</sup> December**.

# Events

For more detailed information on any events please see our [“What’s On” Guide](#) or contact [sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk).

## Half-Term

We have three great half-term activities for children and families this October. All Free!

**The Big Draw:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10.30am – 4.00pm. Drop-In.

**Xplorer:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11.00am – 1.00pm. Drop-In.

**Leaf Painting Workshop:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10.30am – 12.00pm & 1.30pm – 3.00pm ([booking required](#)).

## Free Regular Exercise Opportunities

**Fridays** – Healthy Walks, 10.00am outside St. Mary’s Church.

**Saturdays** – Bootcamp (9.00am) and Yoga (10.00am) classes. [Booking required](#).

**Saturdays** – [Golf Skills & Cross Golf](#), 10.00am outside the Pavilion Café.

**Sundays** – [0-to-5k running group](#), 10.00am outside the Pavilion Café.

## Tree Planting

Join us as we develop a piece of land near the river into woodland. Get involved in this tree planting session supported by our Tree Officer and volunteer Tree Warden Team. Please wear sturdy shoes and waterproofs. All welcome.

*Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00am - 1.00pm.*

## Reminiscence Sessions

In November and December we are running four reminiscence sessions. Come and share and reflect on your memories of the park and how it has changed – for better or worse! – over the last 60+ years! Email [sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk) to get involved.

*All Saints Church Centre, Hackbridge: Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2.30 – 4.30pm; Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am – 12.30pm.  
St. Mary’s Church Centre, Beddington: Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 10.30am – 12.00pm; Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2.30 – 4.00pm.*



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