

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT GUNNERSBURY PARK

Your views are needed to shape the future of Gunnersbury Park.

We want you to take part in a consultation to help decide how best to preserve and improve the park, which is run jointly by Hounslow and Ealing councils.

A consultation questionnaire explains why action may need to be taken, and looks at the costs and benefits of proposals that have been laid out by a team of independent consultants appointed by the councils to look into the issue. It also covers what would happen if nothing was done.

The consultants drew up a shortlist of options that they thought best protected the heritage of the park, while making sure it remained open to the public. They also looked at whether the cost of such a project would be practical, and where funding for it would come from.

The following course of action was suggested by the consultants:

- Develop the large mansion house (currently the museum) into a functions and meeting venue with a restaurant
- Develop the small mansion house into a new home for the museum displays
- Use the stable block to display more of the museum collections
- Improve the park's landscape
- Build new changing rooms and an indoor games hall for sports

These proposals aim to tackle all the park's problems and maximises the true potential for community use, but it will be expensive. Investment by both councils and available partnership funding will still leave a significant shortfall. Alternative funding options could be considered including selling land for the continuation of the housing development along Lionel Road.

Although the consultants have made a series of recommendations, no decision has been made, so it is important that we know what you think.

We hope to find out your views on this and the other alternative options through this consultation, and also your views on why the park is important. There are 'do nothing' and 'continue as existing' options as well, and the consultation

explains the consequences of these.

Questionnaires will be distributed to people who live close to the park and it will also be available online for everyone else at www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury. Alternatively, you can get one by writing to Richard Gill, Gunnersbury Park Development and Regeneration Manager, Gunnersbury Park Museum, Gunnersbury Park, London W3 8LQ.

They will also be available at the café and museum in the park, many libraries and leisure centres, and at the Mela festival in August.

To view the options in detail, visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury or for more information, visit: www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations

An exhibition is being planned for August to give feedback from the consultation, or you can come to the next Stakeholder Forum on 30 July. Visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury for more details.



FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury



Mayor of London's
skyride
Hounslow
9th August

**HOUNSLOW
IS GETTING INTO
THE SADDLE**

The FREE family-friendly cycling day out for non-cyclists comes to Hounslow. Dig out your bike, dust it off and freewheel at the borough on a tour of closed roads along roads closed to cars for the day.

MAYOR OF LONDON'S
skyride
Hounslow

For information about the event, the route and your **FREE** Hi-Vis Vest, register at:

www.london.gov.uk/skyride

Or text **HOUNSLOW** plus your email address to **62967*** and we will send you a reminder email with more information and a link to the site

*Texts cost 10p plus your standard rate. Your details will only be used once to send you an email.

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MAYOR OF LONDON

ENJOY SUMMER WITHOUT THE PESTS

As well as warmer weather and lighter evenings, summer can mean an increase in insect pests.

One of these is the oak processionary moth, which is breeding in certain west London boroughs, including Hounslow. Its caterpillars (pictured right) feed on oak leaves and produce silken nests on the trunks and branches of affected trees. As well as damaging the trees, tiny hairs from the caterpillars can be blown on the wind and lead to itching skin, sore throats and eye problems.

If you think you have seen the caterpillars or their nests, contact us with the exact details of the location by emailing contingency.planning@hounslow.gov.uk or calling **020 8583 5555**.

It is important that you do not touch the caterpillars or their nests, or try to deal with them yourself. If you have been exposed and have an itching skin rash and/or eye problems (conjunctivitis) or other symptoms, contact your GP or call NHS Direct on **0845 4647**.

BEATING THE BITING BUG

Hounslow and Richmond councils have been working with Thames Water to help control mosquitoes in the area around the Mogden Sewage Treatment Works. Here are a few tips that everyone should follow



to help make sure that your summer evenings aren't ruined by these biting bugs.



Is it a biter?

Mosquitoes are typically up to 1cm long and have:

- 6 legs
- A long thin proboscis – or feeding tube – that looks like a seventh leg
- A long thin body and two wings

To stop mosquitoes breeding near your home:

- Turn over wheelbarrows, buckets, and other containers when you are not using them, as they can trap water. Young mosquitoes, or larvae, live in water and only need a small amount for a few days to develop successfully
 - If you have a water butt, make sure that it has a well-sealed, secure lid so that it won't allow mosquitoes to get in or out
 - If you have a pond, carp and

goldfish will eat any mosquito larvae that may be in the water. If you have a water feature, run it once or twice a week to kill any mosquito larvae

- Unwanted waste can create breeding areas for mosquitoes. Report fly tipping in your area by visiting: www.hounslow.gov.uk/online_forms, emailing streetcare@hounslow.gov.uk or calling **020 8583 5555**
- Blocked drains can trap water and also provide a place for mosquitoes to lay eggs. Report a blocked drain by visiting www.hounslow.gov.uk/online_forms, emailing drainage@hounslow.gov.uk or calling **020 8583 5555**

DID YOU KNOW...?

- Mosquitoes are more likely to bite at dawn or dusk
- Only the females bite
- Mosquitoes don't like moving air
- Mosquitoes won't breed in moving water
- Mosquitoes are most active between spring and autumn

IF YOU DO GET BITTEN:

- Try not to scratch the bite
- Bites do not normally require any medical treatment
- There are a number of over-the-counter products available. Your local pharmacist can offer advice
- There are a number of different types of products on the market to deter mosquitoes. If you chose to use any pesticides, repellents or bite creams, always read and follow the manufacturers' instructions

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about mosquitoes, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/mosquitoes, email pestcontrol@hounslow.gov.uk or if you don't have access to the internet call **020 8583 5082**

Sick of graffiti?



Help us wipe it out

visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/graffiti or call 020 8583 5555 to report graffiti today

WIPE OUT GRAFFITI WEEK

**Building Pride
Borough Wide**

Hundreds of people are expected to take part in our first ever Wipe Out Graffiti Week (6 to 12 July).

We've teamed up with an impressive alliance of organisations, businesses and local groups to help us Wipe Out Graffiti across the borough, and you can take part too.

The council, the police and local businesses have joined forces with organisations like Network Rail, Transport for London, Virgin Media and BT to find new ways to reduce the amount of graffiti in the borough.

You can also help our gang of graffiti-busters to tackle the problem head-on,

during Wipe Out Graffiti Week.

During the week, a range of different activities will be taking place including community clean ups, 'spot squads' recording and reporting graffiti, talks, school activities, test shopping to ensure businesses aren't selling spray paints to underage customers, and projects with young offenders cleaning up graffiti.

Cllr Peter Thompson, leader of the council, said: "It's really encouraging to see that people who are already working to Wipe Out Graffiti in Hounslow are prepared to come together and see what else can be done to tackle the problem.

"We hope that working more closely with other people will help us to achieve our ambitious goal of reducing graffiti in the borough by a massive 50%.

"Wipe Out Graffiti Week is a great opportunity for everyone who wants to make Hounslow a better place to come together and take action. In the meantime we are now removing twice as much graffiti every week, and want as many people as possible to report graffiti whenever they see it."

The week will also be supported by Hounslow Homes, John Laing, Continental Landscapes, MPM Graffiti Solutions, local schools and community groups, as well as council services.

To report graffiti, or find out more, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/graffiti and fill in an online form, email streetcare@hounslow.gov.uk or call on **020 8583 5555**.

HOW YOU CAN TAKE PART

You can be part of our campaign to Wipe Out Graffiti in Hounslow by:

- Organising a local event
- Organising a graffiti 'spot squad' to report graffiti in your area
- Giving a talk on graffiti at a local school or group
- Taking part in one of our Wipe Out Graffiti events

For more details and to be part of the campaign to Wipe Out Graffiti, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/graffiti, and fill in our online form, email communications@hounslow.gov.uk or call **020 8583 2196**.



WIPE OUT GRAFFITI WEEK IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO MAKE HOUNSLOW A BETTER PLACE



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MEET YOUR NEW MAYOR

**Building Pride
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Cllr Paul Lynch, ward councillor for Chiswick Riverside, has been elected as Hounslow's new Mayor.

Cllr Lynch takes over as First Citizen of Hounslow from Cllr Dr Genevieve Hibbs.

The new Mayor said: "My wife and I, together with my Deputy Mayor, Cllr Barbara Harris and her Consort, niece Michaela Murphy, are looking forward to the next twelve months.

"As you know, we are a beacon council for community cohesion. I take great pride in that, and my activities as Mayor will involve bringing people in the community more together."

Cllr Lynch also announced his charities for his mayoral year. They include: Nazereth House at Isleworth, which is a unique and caring place for the old; Momentum, a charity that supports families of children with cancer; and Hounslow Extra Club (HEC), a voluntary committee run by parents who provide a holiday play scheme for disabled young people aged between 11 and 21.

The new Mayor first became active in local politics after joining the Brentford and Isleworth Conservatives in 1983. In 1990 he was elected to the Riverside ward for the first time, and became leader of the Conservative group from 1995 - 1999. He was also narrowly beaten by Steve Norris as Conservative candidate for Mayor of London in a closely

fought contest.

Cllr Lynch became executive member for education and children's services in 2007, following the tragic death of his good friend and fellow ward councillor, Robert Kinghorn.

Born in 1947 in Islington, Cllr Lynch did his degree at the University of Surrey, followed by postgraduate studies at the University of Wales Institute in Cardiff. His early career was in the mining industry in Zambia and elsewhere in Africa, where he travelled widely between contracts. After returning to London, he married Prudence and started a career at the BBC, which spanned IT, communications, publicity and broadcast engineering. Cllr Lynch retired from the BBC in 2006. He is a keen race-goer and annually attends Royal Ascot.

He and his wife have two sons, James, 28, a diplomat in the British Embassy in Qatar and Harry, 25, a doctor.

Deputy Mayor, Cllr Harris, was born and bred in Feltham and attended Feltham Hill School and Longford Girls School.

She said: "In my lifetime I have seen many changes to the town that I love - some for the worse and some for the better. "I am very proud to be able to continue to represent Feltham West and also the rest of the borough in my new capacity as Deputy Mayor."



Cllr Paul Lynch



Cllr Barbara Harris



FOCUS ON FOOD WASTE

Building Pride
Borough Wide

Your food waste is collected on a weekly basis.
But do you know where it goes next?

Once it is collected from your outdoor food waste bin, your leftovers go into the back of one of eight split back vehicles – specially converted to prevent any liquid from seeping out. The waste is then taken to Transport Avenue, West London Waste Authority's waste transfer site in Brentford. It is tipped into a container and compacted before being sent for reprocessing at an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Plant in Northampton, operated by BiogenGreenfinch Ltd.

Here, food waste from a quarter of a million homes in Hounslow, Ealing and Richmond, is turned into electric power for the National Grid, or a nutrient-rich, liquid bio-fertiliser, instead of being dumped at landfill.



From this



To this

decomposing food in landfill gives off methane – a greenhouse gas twenty-two times more devastating than carbon dioxide. In the AD process, that methane is burnt instead to generate green electricity.

Cllr Barbara Reid, lead member for the environment at the council, said: "This is good news for us and a step forward for people living in our, and neighbouring, boroughs.

"The fact that our food waste is being used to make fertiliser and electricity, rather than being dumped in landfill, makes environmental and financial sense."

For more information about how AD works, visit:

www.biogengreenfinch.co.uk

TOP TIPS FOR SUMMER STORAGE

Following a few simple steps can make managing your food waste easier over the summer:

- Keep food waste bins locked and out of direct sunlight

- Wrapping food waste in a sheet of paper before putting it in your bin will help soak up any liquids and reduce fruit flies
- Regularly emptying and cleaning your bin will help prevent smells or sticky residues
- Pour liquid waste down the drain rather than putting it into the food waste bin
- Use biodegradable liners

SUMMER EVENTS

You can find out more about our waste and recycling services at the following events:

- Hanworth Carnival – 4 July
- Bedfont Lakes Country Fair – 26 July
- Brentford Festival – 6 September



THIS PROCESS IS REGARDED AS THE GREENEST OF THE RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES TO TREAT FOOD WASTE



This is good news for council taxpayers, as we will save money in landfill tax, which we would have to pay if the food waste was disposed of in the traditional way.

Treating the waste in this way is also good for the environment, as

BANK HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

To find out how the August bank holiday will affect collection, refer to your calendar or visit:

www.hounslow.gov.uk/collection_days

To find out more, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/recycling, email recycling@hounslow.gov.uk or if you have no internet access call 020 8583 5555



FINDING A VOICE IS BACK WITH A DIFFERENCE

The flagship information-sharing event for people approaching retirement and older people is happening again on 24 July.

Finding a Voice gives senior residents and their friends and family the opportunity to find out more about the array of health, social care, leisure, travel, safety and lifestyle services available to them. It also provides a platform for organisations to recruit and involve older people into the services and activities that they can access in the borough.

This year the free event, which is expected to attract about 300 people, will take place at the Green School for Girls in Isleworth, from 1pm – 5pm.

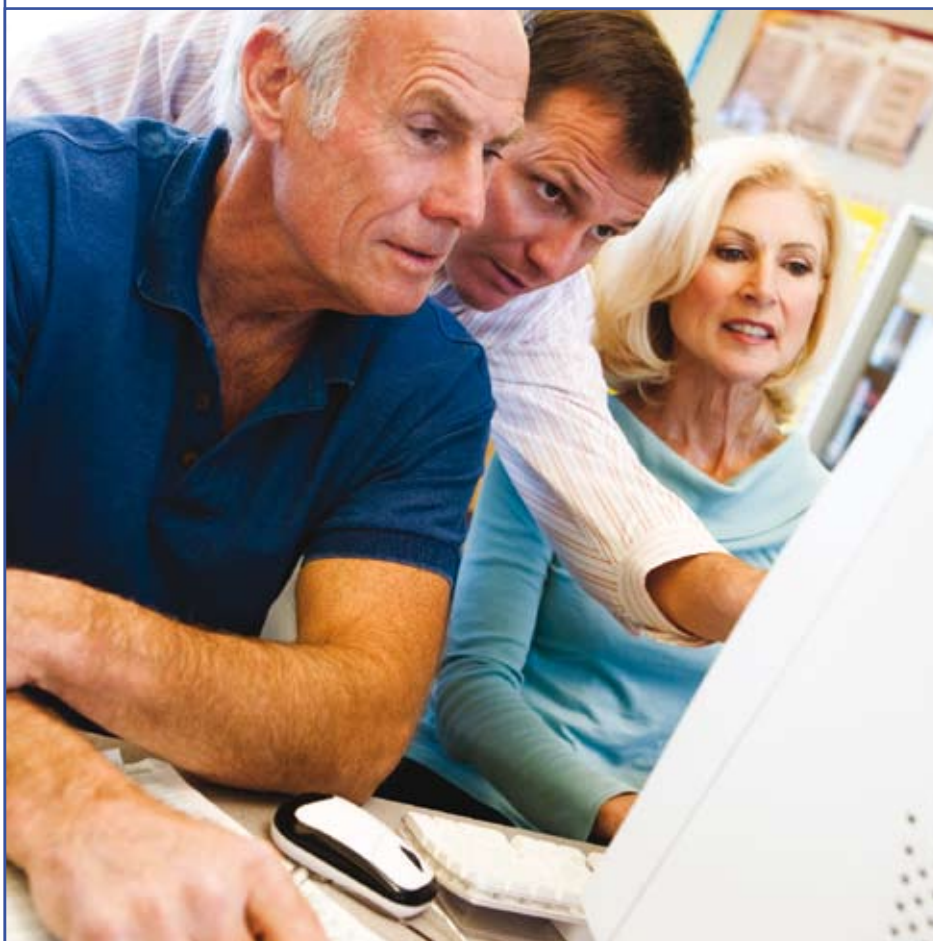
The theme is 'Staying Healthy, Staying

Active'. Interactive zones will be split into four areas: Health & Wellbeing; Safety; Learning and finally, a My Borough zone.

The zones will give people the opportunity to take part in taster sessions and book one-to-one appointments on the day for selected services. One-to-one sessions will include advice on arthritis, carers' rights, welfare benefits, pensions services and more. This year we will also be offering people the opportunity to learn IT skills, including shopping on the internet. We also hope to offer sessions in arts and crafts, yoga, chair exercises and more.

Cllr Pamela Fisher, lead member for adult social services and health at the council, will officially open the event. She said: "Finding a Voice is excellent from two perspectives. Firstly, it gives older residents an opportunity to learn more about the services available to them, and secondly gives them a chance to tell us where we need to improve. I am looking forward to hearing what people have to say."

Following a short presentation by Cllr Fisher, older people will be able to tour stalls. Subjects covered at the event include health, benefits, transport, mental health, community safety, falls awareness, pension advice, library services, adult education and more. There will also be activities for children aged between 5 and 11 for those wishing to bring them to the event.



IT GIVES OLDER RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THEM



Finding a Voice gives older people a chance to feedback their own thoughts on the day too, and comment on what they would like to see in future events.

For more information contact Tahmina Bhatti by emailing tahmina.bhatti@hounslow.gov.uk or calling 020 8583 3019.

Please tell us what you think about Seniors Matter. Email Rachael Graham at rachael.graham@hounslow.gov.uk or call 020 8583 2403



SUMMER IN THE BOROUGH

Want to spend this summer dancing, learning to rap, creating a news story, or just making some new friends? Then Hounslow is the place to be!

For the third year running, we are one of 33 boroughs in London to have signed up to the Summer Uni programme, thanks to funding received from Summer Uni – London.

Summer Uni is a programme of exciting, innovative and educational courses run specifically during the summer break, but also during other holiday periods. Aimed at young people between the ages of 8-25, the best thing about Summer Uni is that the majority of courses are run for free! So, if the thought of doing something new appeals to you this summer, read on to find out what's on offer.

Our Integrated Youth Support Service will be opening their Youth Centres and running five, week-long sports camps in different parts of the borough, with the opportunity to try out a variety of games. There will also be yoga classes and kayaking at Kew Bridge. Don't forget to look out for programmes at our local leisure centres and swimming pools.

It's not all about sport though, as Thames Valley University will be hosting one-day taster courses for the career-minded, called 'Junior CSI' and 'Life on the Ward'. They will also be providing help for young people heading off to university this year, with a new course called 'Grub on a Grant.'

Want to make the news? Then why not become part of the press team at the Griffin Park Learning Zone, who this year will be building on the success of The Buzz Newspaper, by adding a title for young people aged 14-plus.

For those with performance in their blood, there are drama workshops at the Watermans Art Centre, Paul Robeson Theatre and Feltham Community College,



and the chance to develop your audition skills at Gunnersbury Park Museum.

A whole range of dance classes will keep those toes tapping from Dance Fusion and Nu Skool to Hip Hop and Locking, along with the chance to get an AQA qualification in Contemporary Dance at Feltham Community College.

At the other end of the borough, young people can take part in street dance and performance at Watermans. You can also look out for the exciting courses run by The Mixx, including singing and song writing, African dance and film-making.

Perhaps you are more the calm and

creative type? Brentford and Feltham City Learning Centres are running courses in web design, music, film and video production, animation and Photoshop.

Create your own clothes at Feltham Community College or discover the secrets behind the engineering of historic fashion at a special 'Inspirational Fashions' one-day workshop at Gunnersbury Park Museum, with the chance to examine some of the museum's famous historic costume collection.

Make sure your summer is not a dull one! Keep an eye out for the summer 'what's - on in Hounslow' guide, complete with Hounslow Summer Uni listings, which is available in all our libraries and leisure centres now.



FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk

EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS 2009/2010



London Borough
of Hounslow



**Cllr Peter
Thompson**

LEADER

- Overall strategy and financial plans, vision and political leadership
- Co-ordination of Council policies, strategies and service delivery
- Liaison with central Government, West London Partnerships, Local Strategic Partnerships and MPs
- Regeneration, economic development and community cohesion
- Communications
- Corporate asset management strategy



**Cllr Mark
Bowen**

DEPUTY LEADER CORPORATE SERVICES

- Customer services and complaints
- Access Hounslow
- e-Government, e-working and I.T.
- Electoral services, electoral registration, births, deaths and marriages
- Emergency planning
- Legal & Democratic services
- Corporate HR



Cllr Lin Davies

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND FAMILY

- Statutory lead on integrated Children's services
- Fostering and adoption services
- Safeguarding children
- Unaccompanied asylum seeking children
- Children's Centres, nursery and 'early years' education, extended schools.
- Youth services and sports activities for children and young people
- Youth Offending Team and youth justice



Cllr Pam Fisher

ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH

- Adult social care including physical disability and mental health
- Partnership working with the PCT/NHS
- Elders' Champion



Cllr Paul Fisher

COMMUNITIES- ENGAGEMENT AND SAFETY

- Corporate grants and community relations
- Consultation with local people
- Community Safety and crime reduction
- Parking
- Liaison with Thames Water



Cllr Jon Hardy

HOUSING AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

- Lead member for ALMO strategy and development
- Tenant and Leaseholder participation
- Housing client-side, including homelessness, overcrowding, housing allocation and private sector housing
- Performance management
- Value for money and best value reviews



**Cllr Gerald
McGregor**

FINANCE

- Budget strategy and financial control
- Tax collection, debt and income arrangements
- Audit arrangements
- Benefits and money advice



**Cllr Robert
Oulds**

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND EDUCATION

- Partnership working with Schools, Further and Higher Education, the 'Connexions' service
- Educational performance, integration and improvement
- Special Educational Needs and education for the gifted and talented
- Strategy for funding and support for schools, adult and community education
- Links to industry and business, through education business partnerships



**Cllr Barbara
Reid**

ENVIRONMENT

- Lead Member for statutory role on town planning, and transport
- Environmental management and protection
- Waste management strategy
- Heathrow
- Design Champion



**Cllr Rebecca
Stewart**

LEISURE

- Leisure, libraries, parks, arts and museum strategy
- Client-side role for leisure and cultural services
- Cemeteries and crematoria



London Borough
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