

Rolling on from Rolling Base

From March to August this year, a mobile bus - Rolling Base – offered children and young people a range of engaging activities throughout the ward.



Rolling Base in Bedser Drive

Based mainly in Bedser Drive the bus quickly became a popular attraction as the message spread by word-of-mouth amongst local young people. Over four months, around 450 young people visited the bus with one session in June drawing in a crowd of 60 children and young people.

The numbers would fluctuate week to week, but the bus always had between 12 and 20 regular attenders. The young people tended to access activities in waves, with some of the children returning after having had their dinner or watching a favourite television programme.

A popular activity was the rowing challenge; young people had the opportunity to compete against Police Constable Support Officers and other officers from the local safer neighbourhoods team. This was a great way of engaging with the teenagers and led to many discussions between local people and the police.

Rolling Base was also at All Hallows Church for the Diamond Jubilee party in June, with nearly 40 children spending time on the bus throughout the day.

The sessions were funded by the ward forum, with the purpose to raise awareness of the need for more engaging activities for young people across the ward.

The ward forum has since commissioned a study with local young people, and is currently working with The Poplars on Lillian Board Way to set up sessions for them on a more permanent basis, leaving a local legacy for young people.

Next Ward Forum Meeting

Wednesday 6 March 2013

Greenwood Primary School,
Wood End Way,
Northolt UB5 4QG

Creating shared space in Tessa Sanderson Way



The Tessa Sanderson Way shared space

During the summer, local residents in Tessa Sanderson Way worked together with the council's housing services to transform a disused piece of land into a community garden.

The section of waste land, which runs alongside 12 flats was regularly being used as a dumping ground; attracting more dumping and vermin, and there were three large trees overshadowing people's homes.

Local residents, Igor and Iryna Rukhlivsky, worked with neighbours Lynne, Gwen and others who lived in the nearby flats, on a community-led project to rejuvenate the land. They asked the council's housing services to chop down the trees, clear the dumped rubbish and put in a gate to restrict access. In return, the local

residents have agreed to take on future maintenance of the site, and have now created a beautiful and useable space where local people can get together.

Iryna Rukhlivski said: "This now puts my mind at rest as I can go and relax in the garden and I know others can enjoy it too".

Lynne echoes the same sentiment: "This is 150 times better. No more rubbish, no more vermin and it's now a beautiful, useable space where residents can sit together."

The local councillors feel that these small projects create a stronger sense of community and shared responsibility; qualities that help the council focus on its key priorities of making Ealing cleaner, making Ealing safer and delivering value for money.

And more gating news...

One of the ward's priorities during this year has been to tackle antisocial behaviour and dumping issues that occur repeatedly in alleys across the ward.

The ward forum set aside £6,000 to tackle the worst alleys and installed metal gates. Affected residents were consulted and have agreed that alley gates can be put up in some of the most troublesome areas in Clauson Avenue and Wood End Gardens.

The potential schemes are surveyed and assessed for priority by the council, and once consent is received by all those who have a right of access to the alley, the gates are installed.

In a recent case study, the costs of following up a burglary was estimated at £3,925. Given that each of these gates cost less than £2,000 and may prevent at least one burglary, this would suggest the gates are value for money.



A typical alley gate

Reading Road Resurfacing



The wishes of the local councillors were rewarded earlier this year when Reading Road was resurfaced.

When the council conducts its annual condition survey of roads across the borough, a budget is set aside to resurface those in the poorest condition. Although a high priority for local residents, residential streets in North Greenford ward do not always feature as a high enough priority, so this year the ward forum agreed to set aside £10,000 of its annual budget to contribute towards the road resurfacing programme and Reading Road.

Time out on Horsenden Hill



Residents asked the ward to fund two benches on Horsenden Hill at the end of last year. Each bench cost nearly £600 and they were in place by spring. People now have a place to rest and take their time to admire the view.

A year of festivities – Greenford Carnival



Some scenes from this year's carnival



The ward put £2,000 towards this year's carnival which was another great day out for the community.

Hidden London at Horsenden Farm

On Sunday 22 July, as part of the Olympics and Paralympics celebrations, you may have spotted a barge travelling along the Grand Union Canal (Paddington Branch) from Hounslow to East London. It was part of Greater London Authority's "Hidden London" project to encourage visitors to different areas of the capital. The barge stopped at the Horsenden Farm Moorings, with the playground and surrounding green making the main audience space. The Royal Opera House (ROH) performed a version of the Owl and the Pussycat. The Council assisted with planning and helped the event go ahead without any hitches.

Diamond Jubilee parties

The ward also set aside funds to help residents get together with their neighbours to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. One such party was held at All Hallows Church in June, drawing residents from across the ward.

What is a ward forum?

Ward forums are your chance to bring matters that affect you to the attention of the council. The forums are also an opportunity for the council to consult on projects and policies affecting local people.

Since ward forums started in 2008, they have delivered a range of improvements around the borough. Examples are:

- Community support – grants for community activities and events
- Environmental improvements – tree planting and renovations to local monuments
- Facilities for young people – new equipment in play areas, Scout hut improvements
- Traffic and highways – traffic calming, cycling schemes
- Parks and open spaces – fencing, litter bins and flower beds
- Community safety – alley gating, additional street lighting

Ward Forums are now an important part of the council's dialogue with residents.

news in brief

- 1 You asked for double yellow lines on the corner of Rosewood Avenue to Robin Hood Way to improve safety; we've put them in.
- 2 Works to improve access for people with disabilities, including an incline lift, in Greenford station are due to start in summer 2013 and should be completed by summer 2015.
- 3 Plans to bring Horsenden Farm back into use are being considered and will be discussed at the next ward forum.

updates

The William Perkins Church of England High School is on track to open in September 2013. The school is named after a local chemist who created the purple fabric dye, Mauveine that was popular 150 years ago after Queen Victoria wore a mauve silk gown to the Great Exhibition. The dye was produced at William Perkins' factory in Greenford on the banks of the Grand Union Canal. The school's uniform will feature this colour.

coming up

The proposed regeneration of Allen Court in Ridding Lane is on track. The planning application is for 89 new homes and is likely to be determined in December. Pending approval, the building works are expected to start in spring 2013.

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Envirocrime

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SURGERIES

(Except August):

First Friday of the month 7-8 pm, The Poplars, Lillian Board Way, Greenford Middx UB6 0SB.

Second Saturday of the month 10-11am, Horsenden Primary School Horsenden Lane North, Greenford UB6 0PB.

Third Saturday of the month, 10-11am, Greenwood School, Wood End Way, Northolt UB5 4QG.