Further upgrade of Hanger Hill Park set to start in the spring

The first phase of new improvements to Hanger Hill Park is nearly completed with a second phase of work scheduled to begin over the next few months.

The park, by Hillcrest Road and the A406 Hanger Lane is named from ‘Hangra’, the Old English word for wooded slope and hosts a variety of wildlife and woodland, including natural springs and native oak and beech trees.

The work in the park, which started in the winter of 2010, will enhance the facilities and environment in the park. The developments include:

- Increasing the existing pond to make it more attractive to wildlife.
- A new dry hedge around Fox Field to reduce the number of footballs going into the woodland.
- Installing new gates and enlarging the existing entrance to Fox Lane to provide better access into the play area. Planting has been added to the fencing at the sides of the new gate.
- New rose flowerbeds and a mixture of bulbs including, daffodils and cammassia courulea have been planted near Hillcrest Road. In total more than 26,000 bulbs were planted and the display should last from spring to early summer.

Consultation documents on proposed plans to improve the park’s amenities will be sent to nearby properties in March.

The proposals include: introducing outdoor gym equipment; building a ball court area for football or basketball and renovating a shelter in the middle of the park. Subject to the results of the consultation, this phase of work is scheduled to commence later in the spring.

In addition, Ealing Council is also consulting on a proposal to create a new footpath from Chatsworth Woods south to Corringway, for walkers through Hanger Lane’s woodland areas.

Future Ward Forum Meeting
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Back to the future with the red telephone box

The traditional K6 (kiosk number 6) red telephone boxes, designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935, have long been a British icon.

There was a red telephone box in Brentham Way, which was removed some years ago. Some local people believe that the current telephone kiosk that replaced the box, is not an appealing visual amenity and does nothing to enhance the Brentham Garden Estate Conservation Area.

Ward councillors recommend that a Jubilee kiosk, restored to museum specification from the bare metal using original materials or reproduced from original patterns, should replace the modern kiosk.

Permission has not yet been obtained to replace this telephone box and it is not yet known if planning permission is required. But, councillors are keen to seek the views of local residents about this proposal, which is expected to cost about £5,000.

If the suggestion to return to the historic style red telephone box is agreed, it will continue the investment made by the ward in preserving items of heritage in the Brentham area, such as the recently refurbished lamp columns in Beaufort Road.

Historic style red telephone box

Special delivery planned for historic post boxes

There are 30 post boxes in Hanger Hill Ward - Victorian, Georgian and ones dating from the reign of our present queen. The iconic designs of these boxes are part of our rich heritage.

They contribute to our conservation areas and are very good examples of street furniture, but the majority are currently in a dreadful state of repair.

Royal Mail have informed your ward councillors that every box is maintained every three years. But, in the case of many boxes around the ward, it appears that much more can be done to preserve the appearance of these familiar items on our streets.

Hanger Hill Ward can commission Royal Mail to carry out some reconditioning on the exterior of boxes to get them back up to a high standard.

The costs involving a full strip and repaint can cost just over £500 per box, and this is dependent on the box type, its size and any required material costs.
Olympic 2012 Games Lane runs along Western Avenue

With the London Olympic Games fast approaching in the summer, temporary road changes, including a temporary Games Lane will affect travel in Hanger Hill Ward.

The Games Lane will run along the A40 Western Avenue, from Old Oak Common in the east and meet the A406 North Circular Road at Hanger Lane in the west to form part of the wider Olympic Route Network (ORN).

The Games Lane will enable athletes and officials to get from their accommodation to venues, such as Wembley Stadium and Wembley Arena.

Operational times could run from 6am to midnight to coincide with the latest competition times, but will typically run from 7am to 7pm when competitions are taking place.

The ORN will commence in July, two days before Olympic events begin and cease in August, two days after the Games ends.

A smaller Paralympic Route Network (PRN) will begin in August and finish in September. Emergency vehicles on call will have full access to the route network throughout this period.

Transport for London (TfL), responsible for operation of the ORN and PRN in London, has made some changes to initial plans to address local concerns identified during public engagement activity in Ealing last year.

Plans to temporarily close the bridge linking Coronation Road and Park Royal to Western Avenue have been rejected – the bridge will now remain open - and traffic lights will manage vehicles travelling in and out of Park Royal Industrial Estate.

Organising a street party to celebrate the Jubilee

As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, there will be an extra bank holiday on 5 June and if you and your neighbours would like to hold a street party, you need to apply to Ealing Council for approval.

Because it is a special occasion, most small events will not incur a cost. But, this depends on the application and the size of the party. The highways department will decide once it sees the application.

If you are planning a party on a larger scale, with live music or alcohol, you may need to apply for an alcohol or entertainment licence.

To obtain an application form or for further advice, contact Izzy Brumpton at the council, either by email at izzy@theeventumbrella.com or call on 020 8825 6064.

New trees for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee will be taking place on 4 June. To celebrate this event, Hanger Hill Ward is considering planting more than 60 new street trees.

The trees will replace those that have died or have been removed over the years.

There are no plans this year for Ealing Council to centrally fund trees to be planted in the ward. Taking this into consideration, your ward councillors believe that the annual budget available to the ward for local improvements could be used to create a tree-rich environment to improve the quality of life in the area by cleaning the air, providing shelter, encouraging wildlife and enhancing the view.
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