

Greenford Station Shopping Parade

Works have started this spring on improvements to the shopping parade in Oldfield Lane North by Greenford Station, and are expected to be completed by April 2013.



Designed to regenerate the area and bring a much needed boost for the local traders, they will also improve safety for pedestrians. The works include

- New paving
- New 30 minute stop and shop bays
- Improvements to the existing loading provisions
- New street trees to soften the sight lines
- Improved levels of lighting
- More bins
- More cycle stands

There will be two new stop and shop bays in front of the shops on Oldfield Lane North. Following feedback from the consultation, officers are currently finalising the proposal to convert six controlled parking zone (CPZ) bays in Hill Rise and three CPZ bays in Uneeda Drive to stop and shop bays. These will allow shoppers to park from Mondays to Saturdays, free for the first 30 minutes, then paying for a maximum of 2 hours.

The two speed tables, at the junctions with Uneeda Drive and Hill Rise, will be realigned to make it easier for pedestrians to cross.

The proposed benches will not be put in as local traders and residents directly affected have told us that, although benches would be welcome to rest weary shoppers' legs, they create problems when troublemakers congregate around them, leading to anti-social behaviour.

The council is continuing to work closely with London Underground to consider if the service road outside Greenford Station can be closed to make a pedestrianised area. Options include another inset bay, or more cycle stands, or even to retain the existing layout. However, any further improvements by the station will not happen until after the long awaited lift and escalator installation by London Underground which is due to start in May 2013 and finish by 2015.

Next Ward forum

Monday 25 March 2013

7-9pm

Coston Primary School,

Oldfield Lane South,

Greenford UB6 9JU

William Perkin Church of England High School



Residents will be aware of the building taking place for the new school on the former Glaxo Sports and Social Club site in Oldfield Lane North. The school will open in September 2013 with 180 11-year old students.

There are quite a few lorry deliveries taking place at the moment, following the route approved by Ealing Council to avoid small residential roads. The number of deliveries, however, is lower than on a normal building site due to the 'green' building technology being used.

The building uses a laminate timber frame with sections being manufactured off-site in a factory and then assembled on site. This reduces the amount of concrete and steel needed in its construction, and there is less work done on site and hence fewer heavy lorry deliveries are needed.

Meanwhile the plans for the school, which was founded by Twyford CE High School, are rapidly advancing. Staff recruitment has been very successful; a bright and colourful uniform has been chosen; and the curriculum is being finalised, using the expertise of Twyford.

Early indications from the applications suggest that the school will serve mainly local children. It is expected that most will live within 1.5 miles of the school and so will be able to travel on foot or by local bus. The early start at 8am for students has been well received by parents wishing to send their children to the school.

The curriculum links between the new school and Oldfield and Horsenden primary schools have already begun using Twyford staff. There are music transition projects established for brass instruments at Oldfield and wind instruments at Horsenden.

The building work is currently on schedule and very little time has been lost to bad weather. Again, this has been helped by the 'green' building technology being used, which is less susceptible to weather disruption. It is hoped that the contractors, Kier Construction, will hand over part of the building in August 2013 to the school for its first year intake. The rest of the building work, including the sports pitches, will then be completed by March or April 2014.

Oldfield recreation ground

A high local priority for the ward is tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the park.

A Parks Patrol Service was introduced as a pilot two years ago and will continue this summer; starting in May and responding to requests as the need arises.

The officers work to support Ealing Police, park rangers and the community to tackle crime, ASB and make the parks safer places for everyone.

Parks Patrol Officers travel in a marked vehicle and are accompanied by a patrol dog, specially chosen and trained to encourage youth engagement, article search, search person, tracking, and carrying out open space weapon sweeps, as well as providing a deterrent.

Over the summer months the park ranger and the park guards increase their visible presence in the park and this has reduced the number and severity of incidents and encouraged more responsible behaviour.



HS2

In the spring newsletter 2012 we informed you that the council would work tirelessly to seek further changes and improvements to the HS2 route and to mitigate any impacts of the scheme on local residents. To help this, the ward gave £1,000 towards North Ealing Against HS2, a community group specifically set up to keep local people informed and bring people together to campaign for better outcomes for local residents. The monies have been spent on leaflets, banners and enabling campaign representatives to attend briefings and meetings, keeping up to date with developments and representing your local concerns.

In addition in December the council met with the Minister of State for Transport, Simon Burns, to further the case for the HS2 link being tunnelled through the borough. HS2 Ltd has confirmed it has completed its study into a tunnel option and made a recommendation to ministers. The council is awaiting an announcement on this option in next month.

Yellow lines in Barnham Road and Runnymede Gardens/ Middleton Avenue

The ward has also funded £2,000 to put in minor parking schemes to help with vehicle and pedestrian safety at these junctions.

Leftto the Royal British Legion



Two signage projects were delivered; one is a directional sign on the lamppost on the slip road of the Greenford Roundabout, leading to the westbound carriageway of the A40. It directs people down Oldfield Lane South towards the Royal British Legion.

....Not Right

And in the summer last year residents raised concerns about traffic trying to turn into Oldfield Lane North from Currey Road so new signs have been put up to highlight the no right turn at this junction.

Lighting the zebra crossing by Cowgate Road

At the summer ward forum residents raised concerns about the light by the zebra crossing over Greenford Road by Cowgate Road. In response, the ward has funded improved lighting, at a cost of £1,350. Let us know what you think.

Northala Fields

Over the summer Northala Fields became the focus for the Olympics and the Paralympics.



Greenford Carnival

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



Northala Fields

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 an important part of the council's dialogue with residents.

news in brief

- 1 The spirit of Christmas was evident again this year thanks to the ward funding £1,200 for the lights around Oldfield Circus
- 2 The ward forum is interested in hearing if you have any ideas for improving your local area.

updates

In order to help the council achieve its savings target, this will be the last printed newsletter to be delivered directly to the door. In future, ward forum news will be available in an e-newsletter or on the council's website at www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforums. Agendas, notes of meetings and other papers are also available on the council's website.

To receive the next edition of the Northolt West End ward's e-newsletter please email mywardmatters@ealing.gov.uk with 'Northolt West End E-Newsletters' in the subject line.

You can also register on the council web site to receive updates and alerts about your specific interests such as activities for children and young people, consultations, events, arts and culture, parks and open spaces. Go to www.ealing.gov.uk/register to find out more.

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Envirocrime

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COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

1st Saturday of the month,
10am-12noon, Greenford
Community Centre, Oldfield
Lane South;

2nd Saturday of the month,
10am-12noon, St Barnabas
Church, Raglan Way, Northolt;

4th Saturday of the month,
10am-12noon, Oldfield Primary
School, Oldfield Lane North
(except August and December).