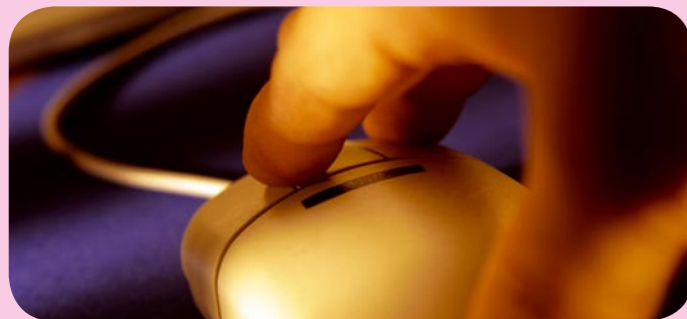


## NEW PROJECTS

### Website improvements:

Improvements to the [www.hounslow.info](http://www.hounslow.info) website have now been completed and we are in the process of updating the content on the parks and open spaces pages to include park descriptions, facilities, directions and links to Friends Of contacts and websites. If you have any information you would like to see added to the parks pages or would like a park added that is not yet on the website, please send the details to Eimear Mc Kernan.

A full list of all events can be found at <http://hounslow.info/events/events.htm>. This list is constantly updated.



### Street trees project

The Council has launched a major project to plant 1,000 street trees in the Borough. If you would like to recommend where these new trees should be placed or if you think your street could benefit from extra greenery, let the Council know by filling out an online form at – [http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/online\\_forms](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/online_forms). You will find the form in the section under T: Trees - request a new street tree in your area.



## USEFUL NUMBERS

To compliment, complain or report anything to do with the services we run in Hounslow including parks, libraries, cemeteries, allotments and arts please contact the Service Desk: (T) 0845 456 2796 or (E) [Hounslow-info@laing.com](mailto:Hounslow-info@laing.com). This is a 24 hour service and each call receives a unique reference number.

Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) Hounslow CVS Hounslow is an independent body which exists to support, advise and represent all voluntary groups based or working in the London Borough of Hounslow. Membership of CVS Hounslow is free and available to any voluntary sector group or organisation situated or working within the London Borough of Hounslow. Contact details: 9 Hounslow Business Park Alice Way, Hounslow TW3 3UD Tel: 020 8572 5929 (9.30am – 4.30pm) Fax: 020 8572 9027

## NEWS, VIEWS, OPINIONS

### Write to the Development Officer

If you have any good news stories, views, opinions or advice you would like to share with in the next edition, send in your comments, images or suggestions to the Development Officer, Eimear Mc Kernan at:

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# Hounslow's Friends Newsletter

Issue no. 2

## LATEST NEWS

### Friends Conference brings together Friends and Partners.

Over 40 people attended the Friends of Hounslow's Parks and Open Spaces conference held on Saturday 17th October 2009. Cllr. Rebecca Stewart, lead member for Leisure and Culture opened the event and presentations were given by John Laing Integrated Services, CABA Space; Groundwork UK; the London Borough of Hounslow and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. A big thank to all the guest presenters for sharing their valuable information and advice. (Copies of the presentations have been sent to all Friends Groups and are available on request).

#### The main points from the conference:

- The Community Development Team is growing and now includes a graffiti team, play inspection team, and new senior management.
- A programme of continuous improvement is in place to develop park infrastructure, including green flag management plans, graffiti removal teams, Japanese knotweed eradication, tree survey works and a review is being undertaken of play areas in the borough's parks.
- Management and improvement plans are being rolled out in the country parks.
- A Parks and Community Development Officer is in post to support Friends Groups.
- External support is available from advice bodies such as CABA Space (the government's advisor on architecture, urban design and public space). It's Our Space and the Spaceshaper toolkit – are two best practice toolkits available to support Friends Of and other community groups.
- The Green Pennant Award, a national award that recognises high quality spaces managed

by voluntary and community groups, is open to applications from community groups.

- How public consultation can be used to develop a management and landscape plan, based on a case study of St. John's Gardens.
- The value of having a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy to focus development and investment.

Finally, a consultation exercise was undertaken to ascertain the views of the parks and open spaces users and to identify the priorities for future development. The information captured will be used to inform the new Parks and Open Spaces Strategy. Feedback on the consultation has been sent to all friends groups and is available on request.

### London Friends of Parks Groups Conference on 10th October 2009

Over 80 representatives from 17 London boroughs gathered together for the first time for a major conference on Saturday October 10th. The event celebrated the achievements of the 500 or so Friends Groups from across London and officially launched the new London Green Spaces Friends Groups Network. A follow-up meeting for Friends Groups will be held on 2nd November at City Hall, SE1. To contact the London Parks & Green Spaces Forum call 0207 983 4468 or email [anna.woollen@lpgsf.org.uk](mailto:anna.woollen@lpgsf.org.uk)

### 10,000 new green work placements

A new government programme has been launched that will deliver 10,000 new green work placements in partnership with the Eden Project. The plans were unveiled by the Prime Minister and are aimed at young people. Placements will include a spell at the Eden

## HOUNSLOW EVENTS

### Winter Woodland Day

Sun 6th December Cranford Park 10am-3pm



Join us in the run-up to Christmas at Cranford Park to see, and learn about, traditional woodland management and crafts. Get out in the fresh air and join the Rangers in the run-up to Christmas at Cranford Park to see, and learn about, traditional woodland management and crafts.

FREE

### Tree Dressing Day

Sun 20th December  
Bedfont Lakes Country  
Park 12pm



Join in the winter solstice celebrations by helping us to dress one of our trees with all your unwanted tree decorations, and help the country park through the dark and dull winter months.

FREE

### Conservation Volunteers Work Party

Bedfont Lakes Country Park  
Saturday 5th December 2009 10am - 3pm

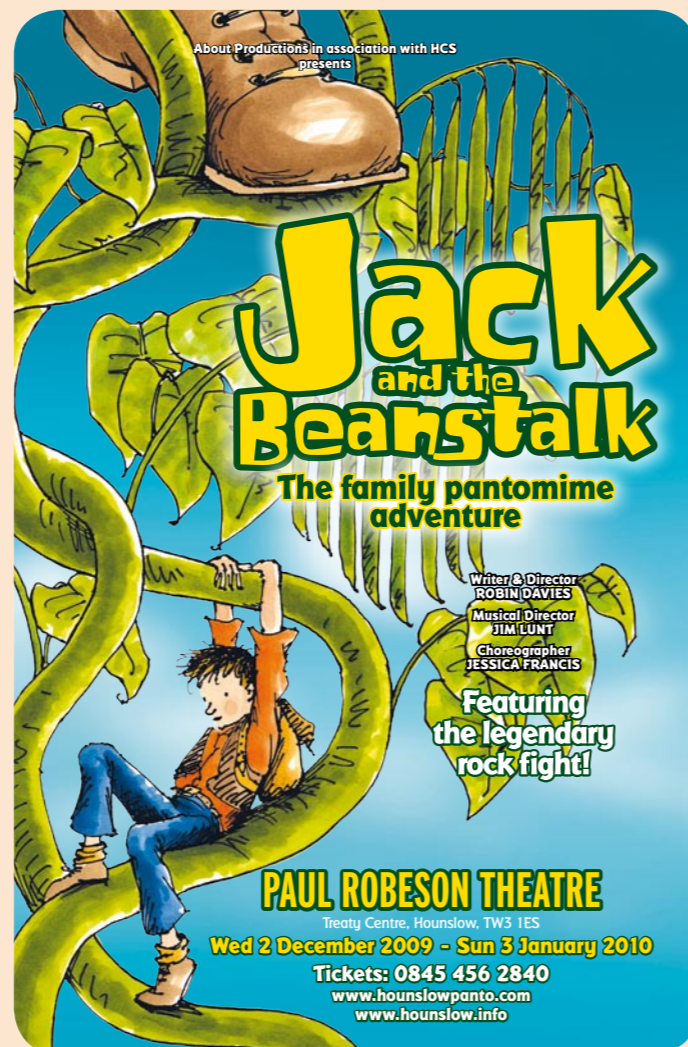
Join the volunteers to help maintain the high standard of nature conservation in Bedfont Lakes. Gain experience in nature conservation, keep fit, meet like-minded people and put something back into your local community. Meet at the Information Centre, Bedfont Lakes Country Park.



### Panto - Jack and the Beanstalk at the Paul Robeson Theatre

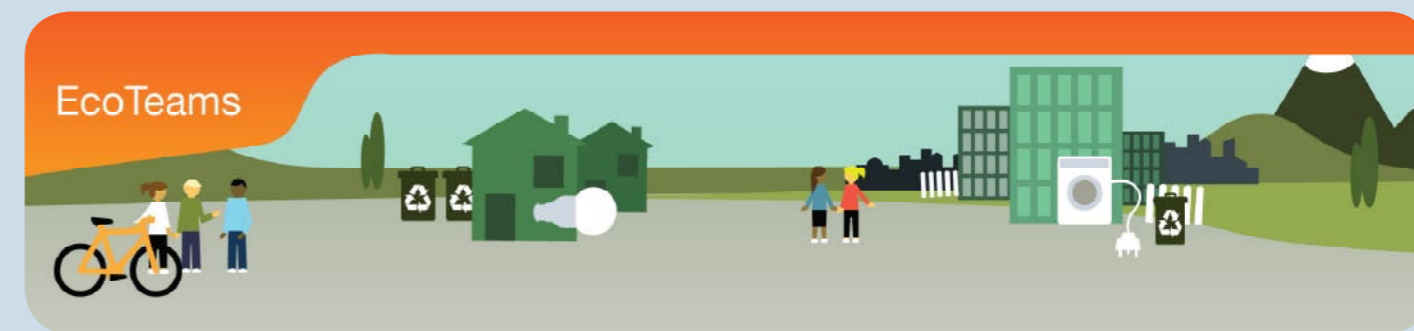
2nd December - 3rd January

Fee fi fo fum, fancy some Christmas panto fun? Tickets are now on sale for this year's Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk, a family show perfect for children of all ages. If you want to treat the family to two hours of fun this Christmas a family ticket, two adults and two children, costs £45.00. For tickets, call **0845 456 2840** or visit: [www.hounslow.info](http://www.hounslow.info). Concession prices are available to children under 16, students, senior citizens, registered unemployed and registered disabled. Proof of eligibility will be required



If you would like to advertise your event in the next issue of the newsletter (for Jan-Feb), the What's on Guide or the Countryside Events Programme please send me the details.

## LONDON EVENTS



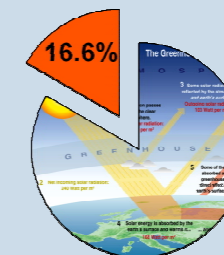
### Invitation to become an EcoTeam leader in London 28th November

Come and join the 20,000 households across England taking part in EcoTeams.

Take up the opportunity to attend a free event and receive training to become an EcoTeam leader. You will learn how to set up your own EcoTeam, how to tackle your environmental footprint and learn why it is so important. EcoTeams are groups of people - neighbours, friends, colleagues - who work together to make positive changes that will benefit the environment.

A household taking part typically:

- reduces CO2 emissions by 16.6%
- reduces heating energy consumption by 21%
- reduces rubbish by 20%
- reduces water use by 15%
- reduces energy & water bills by £170 a year



Location: Baden-Powell House, 65 - 67 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London; 28th November 2009

Register for the event or join online anywhere in the UK at [www.ecoteams.org.uk](http://www.ecoteams.org.uk)

### GreenSpace conference to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour

A Green Space conference, "Making it Safe", took place on 17th November, focusing on how to successfully tackle crime and antisocial behaviour in parks and green space, such as:

- How to reduce the problems associated with dogs in parks,
- How design can influence and improve crime rates in open space,
- How to encourage young people to use parks in a responsible way,
- How to tackle graffiti and vandalism.

The minutes of this conference will be available in January 2010 and will be included in the next edition of Hounslow's Friends Newsletter.

