

Cheney Row Park Newsletter

Spring 2018

“Welcome to the first edition of the Cheney Row Park newsletter keeping you in touch with what’s happening and when, as work takes place to create this exciting new park in the Higham Hill Ward.



“The new park is part of the Council’s regeneration plans for the area, which involved creating a new pedestrian and cycle link from Billet Road, through the recently completed Banbury Park development, to an area of underused public open space.

“Now that the area has been made more accessible the Council is creating a new park with a range of facilities for existing and new residents and community groups.

“During August and September 2017 the Council held a number of consultation sessions and a family fun day which

gave residents a chance to view and comment on the proposals for the new park.

“The designs by the Council’s architects are now ready and we will be sharing them with you at a Residents’ Meeting planned for Tuesday 20 March at Roger Ascham Primary School.

“The new designs include many of the ideas you shared with us and you can see how we have included your views.”

Councillor Clyde Loakes
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment.

Exciting new facilities for all ages

The design of the new park includes something for everyone, including:

1. A 0.4km long cycle loop
2. Event space with an amphitheatre style stage
3. A raised viewing platform offering views to the reservoir
4. An area where food truck, coffee carts and ice cream vans can park during events
5. A wetlands and nature themed play-area for children
6. A play area for teenagers
7. Improved entrances, new signage and lighting
8. Enhanced natural areas for plants and wildlife
9. Open spaces for informal use
10. Improvements to existing BMX track
11. More than 100 trees will be planted



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More information:

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Welcome signs for bugs and people

The entrances from Banbury Park and Durban Road will give a warm welcome to park visitors and also to lots of local insects.

Built into the Cheney Row Park signs will be specially designed bug hotels which will provide somewhere for solitary bees and other insects to over-winter so they are ready for action when the warmer weather arrives.



The bug hotels will be designed and built by local school children during special workshops planned for April/May so do keep an eye on our website for more details.

How to get involved



Waltham Forest Council already has a number of community groups looking to run activities and events using the new facilities as well as individuals interested in helping to look after the woodland areas and other parts of the park.

Those groups are meeting each month to discuss plans and you are welcome to join us. All the meetings are on Tuesdays at Roger Ascham Primary School and on the following dates:

- 17 April
- 15 May
- 19 June
- 17 July
- 21 August
- 18 September
- 16 October

What's happening and when

The works to Cheney Row Park will be phased so people can continue enjoying other parts of the park whilst the new facilities are being built.

During the works there will be some disruption to residents and while we will keep this to the minimum, please bear with us.

These are the likely dates when work will be done:

- April 2018 Works begin at Durban Road and Folly Lane entrances
- May 2018 Main works contractor appointed

The Council is planning a series of community activities and events at Cheney Row Park between April 2018 and October 2018 when the works are due to be completed.

It's really important that as many residents and community groups as possible get involved. If you are part of a group that can use the park or you would like to organise some activity or event as an individual, or group of friends, do let us know – just email Stakeholder Relations and Community Engagement Manager, Keith Brown, with your ideas.

E: Keith.Brown@walthamforest.gov.uk

Come along and find out more



On Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 6.30pm the Council is holding an information session at Roger Ascham Primary School where you will be able to see the completed design for Cheney Row Park.

You will also be able to find out how you can get involved in upcoming events and activities at the park leading up to the opening.

If you are interested in coming along please book your free place using the link on the website www.walthamforest.gov.uk/CheneyRowPark to help us plan catering.

If you are unable to book you can just come to the meeting if you wish.

- June 2018 Works start on event space
- July 2018 Play-area work begins
- August 2018 Work starts on creating the Cycle Loop
- September 2018 Nature space work begins
- October 2018 Cheney Row entrance and Tree planting

In addition the Council plan to run a number of activities throughout the works – check the website for more details and come along to the information session on 20 March at Roger Ascham Primary School.

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