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Composers Park in Harmony Project Update

PROJECT COMPLETED DECEMBER 2014



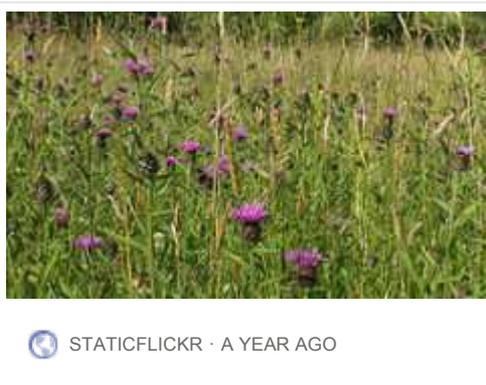
DECEMBER 2014 - Project Completed, Celebration Event



Morris Bright, Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council join CMS staff and volunteers to celebrate the completion of works at Composers Park in Elstree. The site has received a £60,000 makeover thanks to support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and councillors Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme.

A new interpretation panel installed by CMS Wednesday Volunteers was unwrapped just in time for Christmas, whilst an impressive entrance was officially opened. The specially designed musical gateway now clearly identifies the Composers Park and attracts attention of passing motorists and residents alike. Improvements to this valuable Local Wildlife Site have also included a strong biodiversity element with additional hedgerow planting, scrub management and the creation of a new pond within the beautiful wildflower meadows.

MARCH 2014 - Works continue on site



During the next few weeks contractors will be working on site to carry out a variety of tree and scrub works. These works are being carried out to conserve the meadow habitat by controlling the extent of scrub allowing meadow wildflowers to thrive. Thinning trees in the crowded plantations and specific tree works around the meadow will help the remaining trees continue to grow on into a healthy mature condition. The works will be carried out sensitively to minimise disturbance to wildlife.

If visiting the site please be aware of works happening and for your own health and safety please follow any instructions given by the contractors.

The photo shows the meadow in the summer; these wildflowers and dependant insects will benefit from the works.

SEPTEMBER 2013 - Expression of Interest invited for Composers Park entrance feature



Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) in partnership with the Countryside Management Service (CMS), wish to appoint an artist/group of artists to create an entrance feature for the main visitor entrance to Composers Park.

The entrance feature will form part of a wider improvement project in the park which is already underway and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The entrance feature should raise the profile of the site and attract new visitors.

JULY 2013 - Scaling new heights at Composers Park



We are pleased to announce that the new challenging natural play equipment installed at Composers Park was officially opened on Monday 22nd July by Cllr Morris Bright and Cllr Jean Heywood. The equipment was funded by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) with contributions from Cllr Morris Bright and Cllr Derrick Gunasekera through their Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme (WIIS).

Installation of the play equipment forms part of a wider partnership project between CMS and Hertsmere Borough Council to improve Composers Park through a HLF funded grant.

JUNE 2013 - New play equipment for Composers Park

During the week commencing Monday 8th July, contractors will be working on Composers Park to install a new piece of play equipment behind the ball court. The works should be completed by Monday 15th July and will be open for use shortly after. Please be aware of works happening on site and for your own health and safety please follow instructions given by the contractors.

Made from natural materials of wood and rope, the equipment will blend into the backdrop of the tree line. The base of the structure will be a bouncy, bound rubber surface made from recycled tyres and manufactured to look like bark chip to fit the natural landscape. The equipment will provide older children with an opportunity to play, climb and experience height in a safe environment, acting as a spring board for exploring and playing in the wider natural environment.



The Countryside Management Service in partnership with Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) has secured a grant of £56,300 from the Heritage Lottery Fund with a further £3,500 contributed by HBC for an exciting project to

deliver a programme of improvements at Composers Park, near Elstree. The 18 month project to secure a place for people and wildlife will run from November 2012 through to June 2014.

The project received favourable feedback following consultation with the local community in June 2012. It will give the HBC owned and managed site a much needed conservation boost, enabling work to bring back into favourable conservation condition the colourful wildflower meadows, hedgerows and areas of scrub and trees. Improvements to access points will help provide an attractive, accessible and welcoming green space for the local community. Local people will be able to come and learn about their local heritage through interpretation and engage in their local green space through volunteering and training events. This will be delivered by a programme of works in line with the site management plan.