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# Welcome from Green Park's Asset Manager, Rory Carson

Welcome one and all to our festive edition of the Green Park newsletter. Across the country, the past 12 months has been an arduous journey where now we can come together, human-to-human; and Green Park is no exception. In September, our Summer Carnival (page 7) set the scene for us to gather once again and enjoy the simple pleasure of a shared experience, which lies at the heart of our 9,000-strong community.

Following our hugely successful Summer Carnival, popular on-site events are back. Open air cinema showings (page 9), regular themed street food festivals (page 4) and weekly boot camps to name but a few. Our Lifestyle Team will be on tour around Green Park, in February, to meet with you and talk about the events, classes and activities we have scheduled for the next 12 months (page 10).

Over 450 events and activities will run in 2022, both on-site and online (page 4). Going forward, we recognise that many of you will have adopted a hybrid working week – combining working from Green Park and home. So, regardless of external forces, our events plan for 2022 is in place so you can benefit from the vast array of what we have on offer (page 4).

For a festivity filled December to see you through to the holidays, check out our yuletide events and activities ranging from cracker making (page 11), the 12 Days of Christmas Giveaway (page 3) and Christmas Quiz (page 12) to our Winter Ice Kingdom Festival (page 8) and Christmas Carol Singing event featuring our amazing Rock Choir (page 6).

Lastly, I have some brilliant news to report – Green Park has won the Legacy Award as part of the Big Biodiversity Challenge 2021 (page 5). The natural environment that surrounds us is a testament to the passion and long-term commitment of our dedicated Biodiversity Team, who ensure that nature and business thrive alongside one another at Green Park.

The Green Park Team and I wish you and yours a healthy, prosperous and peaceful Christmas with a year ahead full of good things for us all.

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# THREE AND KIVUE COME TO GREEN PARK

Mobile network operator Three UK has announced its move to 450 Longwater Avenue, which will combine both of its Thames Valley offices into one central office. The relocation which is scheduled for the first quarter of 2022, will provide an environment which promotes wellbeing among its workforce and supports Three's hybrid approach to work.

Another addition to the Green Park community is Kivue, which has recently moved into 100 Longwater Avenue. The company provides PMOs and project managers with a powerful, executive-ready and simple-to-use portal for portfolios of projects and programmes.



Rory Carson, Mapletree's Vice President of Asset Management in the UK, says, "A very big welcome to Three and Kivue. The Mapletree Team is delighted that they have chosen to join the Green Park community which will increase the park's workforce to 9000-strong".

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# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Events Team are so excited that Christmas is almost here, and it gives us the perfect excuse to run a competition to bring a little sparkle to mark the start of the festive season. Whether you've been naughty or nice this year, you are invited to take part in our 12 days of Christmas gift give-away. From 1 December to 16 December, every working day there is a chance to win a gift and it is only a question away. All you need to do is answer the daily question correctly before 4pm for a chance to take home a prize. For the ultra-competitive amongst you, we recommend setting a calendar reminder so you don't forget to log on each day to answer the daily question. Good luck!

Details on how to take part can be found on [lifeatgreenpark.co.uk](http://lifeatgreenpark.co.uk).



## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2022

Over 450 events are scheduled for 2022 ranging from sporting activities and crafts sessions to environmental forums. But reflecting the changing nature of how the working week may look for many of our community, a portion of our activities will continue to be available online. This will be combined with the welcome resurgence of on-site events and activities which include Boot Camp, regular Street Food Festivals, Wellness days and much more. Language classes have proved really popular online and feedback is that people would like these to continue in this format. New activities for 2022 include some brand new craft classes, our virtual reality activity and much more, with firm favourites such as Bee Keeping and outdoor cinema back by popular demand!

## HALLOWEEN

It was scarily brilliant to once again be able to host our Halloween Quiz in person and we were overwhelmed by how ghoulishly fabulous all the teams looked, as participants had to grapple with the spookiest of questions to claim the ultimate Green Park gothic accolade of Halloween quizmaster for 2021.

Congratulations to Global Ghouls (Bayer) the winning team who whose epic knowledge of goose pump inducing trivia earned them the top prize. Please also join us in commending Give Em' Pumpkin to Talk About (Britannia) for winning the picture round.



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Biodiversity  
Challenge  
*do one thing*  
Award Winner 2021

# GREEN PARK WINS THE BIG BIODIVERSITY CHALLENGE 2021 LEGACY AWARD

We're proud and excited to report that Green Park has won the Legacy Award as part of The Big Biodiversity Challenge 2021, as well as the judges awarding Green Park highly commended in the overall winner's category.

The Green Park Team are a passionate lot and were able to demonstrate how the 195-acre park has been transformed into an innovative and biodiverse space where business and people can live and work in harmony with biodiversity.

The judges commented, "This project demonstrated the importance of continual review and improvements. It had a strong focus on biodiversity from the start, and this has been built upon. We were impressed to see that the focus had moved to creating habitats and focusing on new species to increase the diversity of the landscape."

Well done to the Green Park Team!

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY THE GREEN PARK ROCK CHOIR



On 9 December don your favourite Christmas jumper at Green Park's Christmas Carol Singing event, courtesy of the magnificent and uplifting Green Park Rock Choir. All are welcome - whether you want to listen or sing along to Christmas favourites, as you choose on what to feast from our yuletide street food offerings. We'll see you there from 12pm to 2pm at Lime Square. Visit [lifeatgreenpark.co.uk](http://lifeatgreenpark.co.uk) for further details.

# GREEN PARK SPONSORS THE LOCAL HERO AWARD AT THE PRIDE OF READING AWARDS 2021



PRIDE OF READING AWARDS

PROUD TO BE A SPONSOR

Green Park is privileged to sponsor the Local Hero category of the Pride of Reading Awards 2021 for another year.

This category celebrates the incredible human beings among us, who through a special act of kindness and courage make a difference to the Reading community. Green Park is proud to have been part of this community for over two decades.

Events such as the Reading 10k and the Reading Half Marathon, as well as its biodiversity initiatives such as 'twitching' over 50 species of birds contribute to Reading's community.

Our Local Heroes were announced as four Thames Valley Police officers, PC James Packman, Sgt Iain Watkinson, PC Liam Steele, PC Liam King, who bravely made the arrest at the Forbury Gardens incident in June 2020.

For more information, please visit [porawards.co.uk](http://porawards.co.uk).

# GREEN PARK'S SUMMER CARNIVAL



In late September, on the sprawling lawn overlooking Longwater Lake, Green Park marked the return of in-person events with its Latin themed Summer Carnival. What an absolute delight it was to welcome you back to Green Park and see our community come together again.

An incredible 800 occupiers joined in the vibrant, summer lunch time event. The live carnival music, mixed with the chatter and laughter of revellers could be heard across the lake, as the tempting aroma of the street food stalls filled the air. Entertainers mingled with the crowds who were treated to the Latin sounds of samba drummers together with impressive spectacles of fire throwers and flamboyant dancers. Carnival-goers were hula hooping, limbo dancing and having their faces painted as the sun shone down on this memorable day.

Thanks to all of you who made this gathering so fabulous - wasn't it brilliant to be back together again?!

# GREEN PARK CHALLENGE & READING HALF MARATHON

The unusually mild winter's day set the scene for the return of the Green Park Challenge and Reading Half Marathon on Sunday 7 November. 1,500 runners, of varying abilities, set off at 8.30am sharp for the Green Park Challenge, an 3km course winding its way from Longwater Avenue to the Select Car Leasing Stadium. For enthusiasts and those who missed out on the last challenge, mark the date in your diary for the next Green Park Challenge which will take place on Sunday 3 April 2022. Green Park has a limited number of free entries for this race, so please contact Events Manager, Jenny Barnes as soon as possible at [jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk](mailto:jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk) to find out more.

Following the Green Park Challenge, a whopping 12,000 people took part in the Reading Half Marathon also on Sunday 7 November. The race began at Green Park at 10.15am, which included 20 members of the Green Park

home team who ran to raise funds for the Berkshire Community Foundation. The Half Marathon winner took first place with an impressive running time of one hour and thirteen minutes. It was brilliant to see the Reading community coming together, pushing themselves, regardless of ability for personal achievement and, in many cases, to raise money for charity.

If you've been tempted to take part, watch out for details on the next Reading Half Marathon, due to take place on Sunday 3 April 2022 at Green Park. Should you wish to run as part of the Green Park home team please contact Events Manager, Jenny Barnes on [jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk](mailto:jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk). A home team spot means free race entry, complimentary breakfast and, once you've crossed the finish line, you'll be able to watch the remainder of the race from the Directors Box!



This year's Winter Festival at Green Park was a magical experience where an Ice Kingdom full of festive cheer awaited.

On 2 December between 12pm - 2:30pm roaming entertainers charmed those who visited the event. A range of street food excited taste-buds, with the Rock Choir adding their own magic as everyone soaked in the Christmassy atmosphere. Father Christmas and his reindeer made an appearance in his grotto too!

# GO TRI READING AT GREEN PARK

Physical activity has huge potential to enhance our wellbeing. Even a short burst of 10 minutes' brisk walking increases our mental alertness, energy and positive mood. It's no surprise that participation in regular physical activity can increase our self-esteem and reduce stress.

Armed with this information, are you tempted to have a go at GO TRI Reading at Green Park? It is a series of sporting challenges at Green Park and the first one of the year is set to take place on 2 February from 12pm to 2pm. The events involve a 2km lakeside run/jog, a flat 8km cycle ride, and then another 2km run/jog to the finish. The cost to enter is just £12.60.

Whether you're a seasoned sports person or a tentative beginner, all are welcome. Our friendly team will be able to offer you advice and support on the day to ensure a safe and fun event.

On the morning of the events, registration opens at 8:15am at 100 Longwater Avenue, Green Park, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 6GP and GO TRI starts at 9:00am. For further information please visit [lifatgreenpark.co.uk](http://lifatgreenpark.co.uk).



Did you know that outdoor cinemas first began around 1916 in Berlin, Germany? Over a hundred years later, people are still attracted to the feeling of the outdoors, coupled with a shared experience watching old and new films alike. In early September, Green Park was no exception, where over 200 occupiers, armed with snacks and blankets attended this hugely popular event. Movie lovers enjoyed, among others, showings of Shazam and Harley Quinn: Bird of Prey. Audience reviews of the cinema session seemed to be five stars! Look out for more cinema dates for 2022 when the weather warms up.

# GREEN PARK LIFESTYLE ROADSHOW

Interested in finding out more about the 450 events annually run by our dedicated Green Park Lifestyle team? In February, the Green Park Lifestyle Roadshow is set to tour the park to speak with you directly about the exciting events programme and amenities planned for 2022.

Nicole Coulson, Lifestyle Manager at Green Park said, "We are very excited to be able to offer a full programme of 450 events for 2022 ranging from sports, social activities and wellbeing events which designed to bring the Green Park community together after a tumultuous 18 months."

There are five dates over February, when you can meet the Green Park Lifestyle Team to find out more about what's on offer for you at Green Park:

- 2 February at 100 Longwater Avenue
- 3 February at 100 Brook Drive
- 7 February at 250 Longwater Avenue
- 8 February at 250 South Oak Way
- 17 February at Lime Square

For further information, please go to [lifeatgreenpark.co.uk](http://lifeatgreenpark.co.uk).

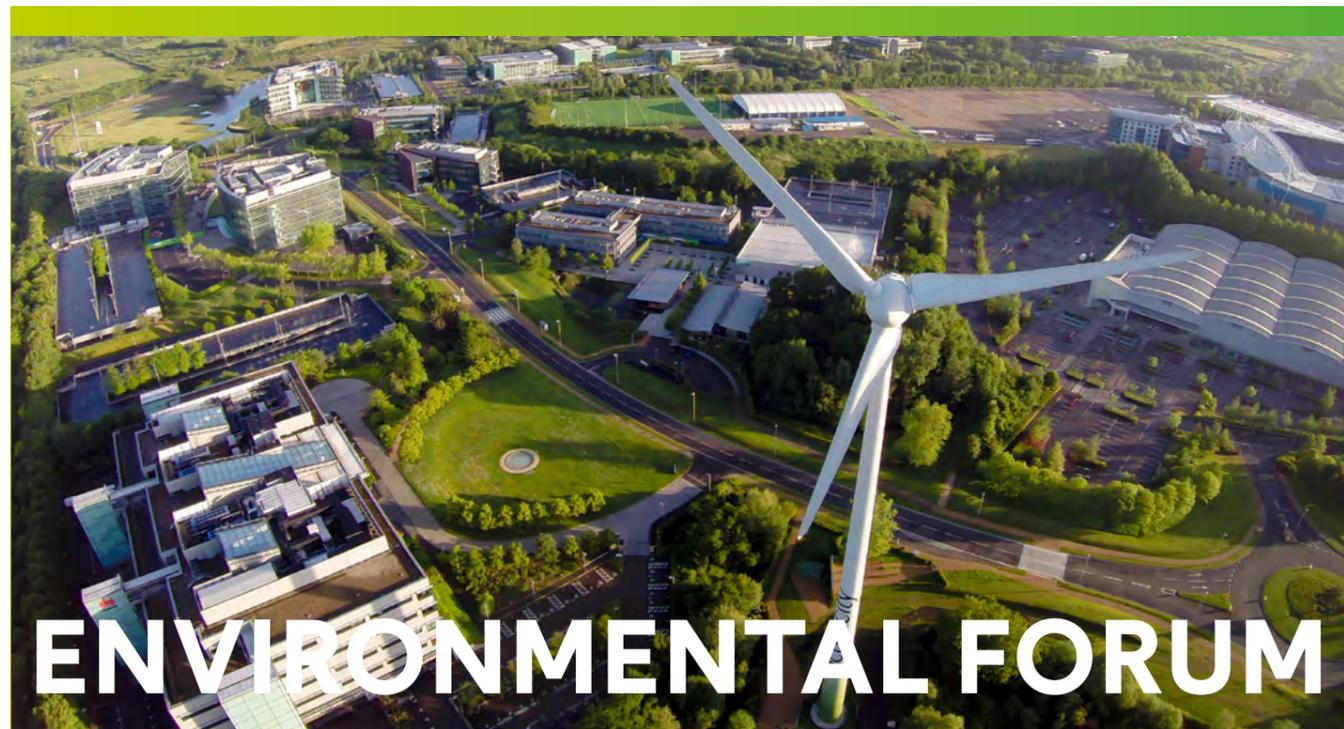


# Christmas Cracker Making

Did you know that the world's longest Christmas Cracker was made in 2001 by the clever parents of children at Ley Hill School and Pre-School, Buckingham? It measured an enormous 297 ft long and 13 ft wide - imagine pulling that over the Christmas turkey!

While we wouldn't expect such gargantuan creations from our Green Park cracker makers, occupiers took advantage of the opportunity to create their own personal festive cracker as we sent out kits to occupiers' homes.

If you took part in this activity and would like to send in your pictures, please send them to Events Manager, Jenny Barnes on [jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk](mailto:jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk).



# ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

The last Green Park Environmental Forum of the year will be focusing on Net Zero took place on 21 September 2021. The online forum provided a great opportunity to contribute to this hot topic and the opportunity to learn a little more from our guest speaker Rachel Widdows, who led the discussion and took questions.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the quarterly forums, which have proved a popular platform for occupiers to come together to discuss sustainability and environmental topics, as well as share initiatives. For 2022 dates and details on the next forum, visit [lifeatgreenpark.co.uk](http://lifeatgreenpark.co.uk).

# NEW DESK CALENDARS 2022

Would you or your colleagues like a Green Park desk calendar to brighten up your desk?

Our Green Park desk calendars will be available in the new year with details of the exciting events schedule we have planned for 2022.

The occupiers of Green Park can get their FREE desk calendar by contacting Events Manager, Jenny Barnes on [jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk](mailto:jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk)



# FESTIVE HOLIDAYS QUIZ 2021

- Which country considers the spider a symbol of good luck at Christmas?
- From which period of history does Eggnog originate?
- What is, officially, the largest Christmas gift ever given?
- Name the three traditional colours used for most Christmas decorations which also have religious significance?
- In Victorian times, what were mince pie fillings made of?
- How many Christmas trees are grown each year in Europe?
- What were the three gifts given by the three wise men in the story of the nativity?
- When was the first Christmas cracker made?
- What does the word Carol mean?
- How many calories does the average Brit consume on Christmas Day?
- How many gifts in total are given in the song 'The 12 Days of Christmas'?
- In what is often referred to as 'The Christmas Story', in which New Testament Gospels does it appear?
- Which King of England was crowned on Christmas Day?
- Where was tinsel invented?
- Which is the best-selling song of all time?



## The Giving Tree Appeal

Green Park's chosen Christmas charity is once again The Giving Tree Appeal which helps provide gifts for vulnerable children and young adults in the Reading area and has partnered with Connect Reading.

This year, the appeal will run from 1 December to 14 December. To take part, all you need to do is pick a tag from the Christmas Tree located in the atrium of the multi-let buildings. Once you have this, please then shop for the item named on your tag and return the gift unwrapped, with the tag attached, to reception no later than 14 December.

The Green Park Team would like to thank you all in advance for your generous and kind contributions, which will help bring some festive cheer to many young people across Reading this Christmas.



## Festive Wordsearch

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- SANTA CLAUS
- CHRISTMAS PUDDING
- CAROL SINGERS
- THREE WISE MEN
- NORTH POLE
- ADVENT CALENDAR
- SILENT NIGHT

### HOLIDAY QUIZ ANSWERS

- Ukraine
- Medieval and myth
- The Statue of Liberty from France to the US
- Gold, green and red
- Beef and spices
- 60 million
- Gold, frankincense and myrrh
- In 1847 by a sweet maker called Tom Smith
- Dance or song of praise and joy
- 7,000
- 364
- Matthew and Mark
- William I in 1066
- Germany in 1610, the first was made of real silver
- White Christmas

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