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Welcome from Green Park's Asset Manager, Rory Carson

After a blistering summer, we welcome the rain at Green Park which allows our wildlife to replenish and prepare for the winter months that lie ahead. Our enthusiastic and committed biodiversity team have been working hard, monitoring the wildlife on the park (p5) and we are proud to announce that Green Park has been awarded the Green Apple Award for Environmental Best Practice (p7).

Two new events which we introduced over the summer were calligraphy (p6) and archery (p4). Both were hugely popular and will be back in the future together with a firm favourite - Green Park's Beekeeping course (p4). To avoid disappointment, sign up early to bag a spot by getting in touch with our events team or visiting the Green Park community portal lifeatgreenpark.co.uk

There's much to look forward to this autumn. From the Christmas Wreath Making crafts class (p9), Pumpkin Carving (p8) and the Green Park Halloween Quiz (p8) to our Bat Walk & Talk (p6) and Nature Walk (p6), there's lots to choose from. It's a great way to connect with other members of the Green Park community and learn something new along the way.

One of the largest crowd pleasers in our events calendar, and one for your diary is Green Park's Street Food Festival, with the next one taking place on 5 October (p8).

Green Park is once again, supporting the Big Sleep Out to raise funds for Launchpad, Reading's leading homelessness prevention charity (p7). All are welcome and thermals are recommended!

The team and I hope you enjoy the autumnal magnificence of the park, over the coming months, and wish you all the very best.

Rory



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BCO AWARD WINNER



Green Park's 400 Longwater Avenue, which completed construction last year, was announced regional winner at the prestigious BCO (British Council of Offices) awards in September.

The award category was for Commercial Workspace, which recognises the highest quality new builds in the South of England.



400 Longwater Avenue provides 119,000 sq ft of Grade A, column-free office space over five floors, surrounded by bio-diverse landscaped grounds overlooking Longwater Lake.

This building underpins Green Park's ethos of providing an occupier-centric approach in all that we do, having recently achieved the WELL Platinum accreditation.



GP Team CSR Day Nursery

As part of an ongoing community initiative, the Green Park Team could be found volunteering at Belgrave Nursery on 19 August. They were put to good use by helping out in the garden, where they cut grass, cleared the bug hotel, created a circular seating area from wood sourced from Green Park, as well as planting pots and weeding. By the end of the day, the space was transformed ready for the children to enjoy.



ARCHERY

In July, on the lawn of 100 Brook Drive, occupiers stepped away from their desks and came along to see if they had what it took to be crowned Green Park's Robin Hood. Budding novices were given expert tuition in the use of re-curve bows. Once they'd completed the practice session, our ardent archers then competed against the clock to match speed with accuracy. We were all a quiver at how magnificent they were!

BEEKEEPING COURSE



Bee lovers had to the opportunity to participate in a six-week beekeeping theory course which included learning about our very own Green Park bees.

They visited the onsite hives on the roof of 100 Brook Drive, where the bee enthusiasts saw the hives up close and were able to put into practice everything they had learnt in the theory classes.

The next course is scheduled for February 2023. Sign up early as places book up fast. For further information, please visit lifeatgreenpark.co.uk



Biodiversity Update

It's been a busy summer for our biodiversity team. They have been diligently monitoring some of Green Park's animal population ranging from bats and hedgehogs to badgers and chicks.

The first of the good news is that a record number of bats has been recorded at Green Park with eight bats occupying the five bat boxes dotted around the park.

Those of you who are Hedgie fans will be delighted to learn that Green Park's first hedgehog pairing was sighted, which may result in some hoglets. Watch this space!

Cuckoos and Kingfishers have returned to Green Park and the biodiversity bods are pleased to report that Flycatchers have been seen for the first time. Let us know which bird species you've spotted on Green Park - any new sightings, we can add to the list!

Many chicks were spotted on the park, this year, including nine cygnets which is very unusual for the swans as they usually only have seven. After many years of the swans nesting and raising young at Green Park, it is a good sign that the conditions are perfect for them. The moorhens, coots, and geese have all been spotted successfully raising chicks too. So, it's not just us humans who love being at Green Park!

To round off with our biodiversity news, a young male badger was spotted near 250 Longwater Avenue this summer. We're not sure if he is living on Green Park or just passing through. Our investigations are ongoing, but anyone who has information on this handsome creature, please get in touch with the Green Park team.



COFFEE GROUNDS INITIATIVE

Did you know that ground coffee can be used as fertilizer? Well, the Green Park team is doing just this. Each week, the team deposits its used ground coffee from the cafés located in 100 Longwater Avenue and 100 Brook Drive over the vegetable patch at 100 Longwater Avenue. Over time, we intend to use our used ground coffee throughout the park.

If you're interested in finding out more about this initiative, contact a member of the team on info@greenpark.co.uk





ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

The third Environmental Forum of the year took place on 6 September and focused on the impact of the energy crisis. Energy consultant Ian Gough gave a talk on rising energy costs and what we can do to reduce the impact of these rises in both a commercial and residential setting.

The next forum will take place on 6 December at 2pm for an hour and all are welcome.

Look out for further details on our portal lifeatgreenpark.co.uk



Bat Walk & Talk Nature Walk

Nature is all around us at Green Park, with 195 acres of parkland to explore. To help you find your bearings and learn from the experts about the natural environment around you, check out our Bat & Walk event on 21 September between 6pm & 8pm and if you're lucky, you'll spot one of our very own Green Park bats.

On 12 October at midday is a general Nature Walk, where your guide will take you on a two hour tour around the natural wonders of the park.

For further information, please contact Events Manager, Jenny Barnes on jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk

Calligraphy Course

Beautiful handwriting is associated with a bygone era. So, when we offered a calligraphy class in August, we were pleasantly surprised to see so many people embracing the chance to learn how to write to impress. This class will be back by popular demand!



GREEN PARK IS AWARDED THE GREEN APPLE AWARD

Green Park has been awarded the Green Apple Award for environmental best practice.

The awards are run by The Green Organisation – an independent, international, non-political, non-profit environment group dedicated to recognising, rewarding and promoting environmental best practice around the world.



This is great recognition for all the environmental and sustainability initiatives we carry out at Green Park which ensure that the natural environment and the built environment thrive alongside each other.



BIG SLEEP OUT

This year, the Big Sleep Out at Green Park will take place on 6 October from 7pm to 7am to raise funds for Launchpad, Reading's leading homelessness prevention charity and to support World Homeless Day. Why not join us in the car park at Green Park where you can help build a shelter and bed out of cardboard boxes and hunker down for the night to help raise money for this great cause.

It is a charity that Green Park supports each year which aims to help vulnerable people in their first steps to long-term housing, health, education and increased self-esteem. All funds raised from the Big Sleep Out will contribute to help Launchpad give

shelter, warmth, food and drink to the vulnerable and homeless throughout the cold months.

For more information, please contact Events Manager, Jenny Barnes on jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk



Launchpad



Street Food Festival

To enjoy your favourite street food dishes or to try something new to tantalise the taste buds, come along to the next Green Park Street Food Festival on 5 October, between 12pm & 2pm at Lime Square.

This is one of the last Street Food Festivals of the year, so put it in your diary and take the opportunity to soak up the community atmosphere at one of our most popular events.

SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN QUIZ AND PUMPKIN CARVING

It's that time of year where your competitive Halloween spirit can appear and waft into the conference centre at 100 Longwater Avenue on 27 October, from 1pm to 2pm. Spookily impressive knowledge is the only requirement to join in with the ghoulish quiz and see who is the most scarily impressive among you!

For those of you who are keen to get creative for Halloween, why not come along to Green Park's Pumpkin Carving session on 26 October at 12pm,



where you can take your bulbous carvings home to greet the trick or treaters on Halloween night.

For further details, please contact Events Manager, Jenny Barnes on jenny.barnes@greenpark.co.uk



WINTER FESTIVAL

This Winter the ski slopes are coming to Lime Square. Using Alpine chalets and snowy theming, Green Park's Christmas event will be unrecognisable from previous years. The event will include have-a-go activities, crafting sessions, food vendors, along with an Après Ski bar and seating

area. The sound of Green Park's Rock Choir will fill the crisp, winter air. And of course, Father Christmas will be making an appearance.

What did you ask Santa for this Christmas?!



Christmas Wreath Making

The yuletide tradition of hanging a wreath on your front door is one of the things that marks the start of the festive season.

For those of you looking for something a little unique to display, our Christmas Wreath Making class will give you the opportunity and skills to bedazzle your neighbours with a beautiful Christmas wreath.

Numbers are limited, so sign up as soon as you can to attend on 7 December between 12pm & 2pm at 100 Longwater Avenue.

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