



Chair's Report July 2026

Café Access

Fink's responded to questions on disabled access and how patrons are notified of the procedure:

"Our process for those needing lift access to the Main Cafe and Dining Room, is currently access through the Yellow Room. Both spaces open at the same time. We currently close the Yellow Room 2 hours before the Main Cafe. On these occasions a sign is visible in the window of the Yellow Room door with a mobile phone number, so that a team member can come down and open the door to allow access to the lifts."

The council are in the process of creating signage of the layout and access points, for Clissold House.

Fink's team now advising patrons that the Rose Garden and Yellow Room kiosk, are a dog-free spaces.

E-Bike Campaign/Crossing Consultation

No news on revised plans for crossing. After leaving time for the new mayor and councillors to settle in, we will discuss how best to approach them with this subject.

Biodiversity

Our Hackney Parks Rep Georgie Brown has not yet had an update on the sluice works. This may be due to the recent warm weather and the New River being very low. Once a response is received, it will be shared with the group.

Biodiversity rep Richard has produced a map of the bird box locations.

Tiny Forest School creators Earthwatch, will be back in the Park on Wednesday 19th of August to check on the site, and to run some family activities and science experiments. Park staff have been watering the saplings.

Self Closing Gates

As the trial mechanism wasn't fit for purpose, the Council are looking for viable options and determining who has the capacity to deliver.

Park Animals

Abi Hercules has been working alongside the Council to improve conditions in the aviary, and has sent an update regarding the petition:

"We have been given the go ahead to build a perch for the aviary. There has also been some recent further investment in plants for the aviary and foraged branch perches"

Defibrillator

The defibrillator has finally been installed on the Splash Pad building, and we are looking into location signage for the noticeboard.

Playground Renovations

Statement from Hackney Council

"A design for the play area has been produced which has been informed by the feedback we received earlier in the year. We are currently developing the consultation materials. The public consultation will commence at the end of the summer and run for 6 weeks"

Prohibited Action Signs

Council has been approached regarding public money spent on signage that continues to have the same design issue, and will get back to us once they have spoken with the manufacturer.

Paddling Pool Area/Splash Pad

The Splash Pad opening was delayed for weeks following a fault found during testing, that required a new part with a six week delivery time. Alexandra sent an email to the Council asking them to detail the testing and maintenance process for the Splash Pad, and asking for a review/changes to be made so that faults are identified quicker and can be rectified before opening. Still being used by park staff until depot renovation is complete.

Quote for Noticeboard

CPUG have funded a new back board and 2 new locks to be fitted, there was a problem with the locks so they had to be re-ordered but work should commence on 17th July.

Hackney Mosaic

The Council have spoken to HM regarding contact with CPUG, and were given the contact details from their website. Alexandra has already emailed that address a couple of times from the CPUG address, but it may have gotten lost in another folder, so Alexandra will resend from her personal email address.

CPUG Officer and Representative Openings

We are currently looking for a secretary, Cycling Rep and a Café Rep.

Fountain and Drains

The faulty tap has been decommissioned and is awaiting replacement.

Hackney Parks Rep Georgie Brown

Group to discuss whether we have a daytime meeting so that Georgie can attend.

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