

Green Spaces events

January to June
2013

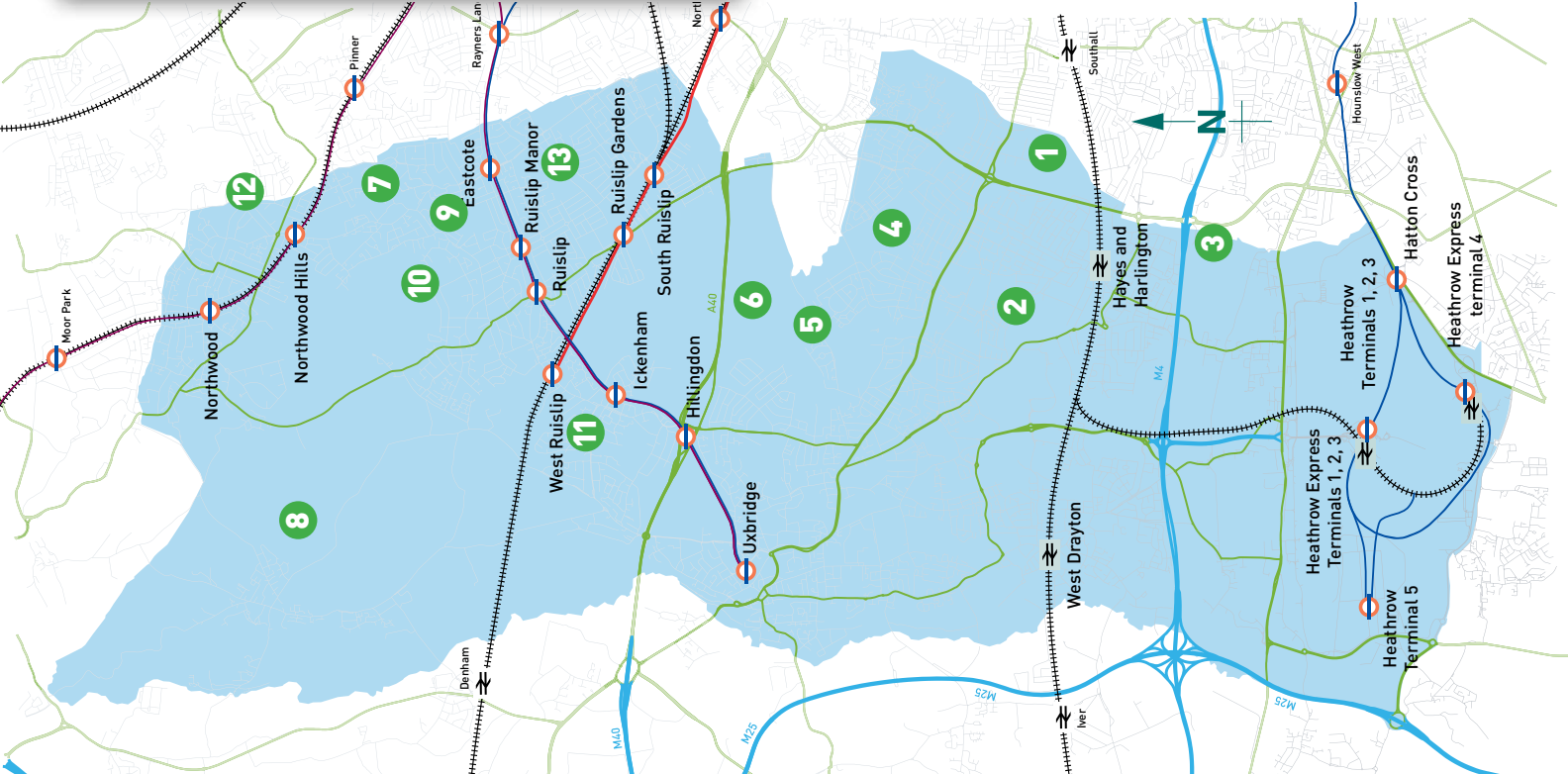


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How to get there

1 Minet Country Park

Springfield Road,
Hayes, Middlesex,
UB4 0LL

Buses: 90, E6, H28,
427, 207, 607

Car park onsite.

2 Lake Farm Country Park

Dawley Road, Hayes,
Middlesex, UB3 1EJ

Buses: U4, U5

Disembark bus on
Botwell Common Lane
directly adjacent to
Lake Farm car park.

Car park onsite off
Dawley Road.

3 Cranford Park

The Parkway, Hounslow,
Middlesex, TW5 9RZ

Buses: E6

Disembark bus on
Cranford Drive where it
joins Roseville Road.

Walk through the alley
way from Roseville
Road which will take
you into Cranford Park.
Car park onsite.

4 Yeading Meadows

Kingshill Avenue,
Yeading, UB4 8DB

Buses: 696, 697

Disembark bus on
Kingshill Avenue and
access via kissing gate
adjacent to playground
or kissing gate adjacent
to Greenway.

Car park at Grosvenor
playing field adjacent to
Rugby club.

5 Ten Acre

Charville Lane, Hayes,
Middlesex UB4 8PB

Buses: 195, U7

Disembark bus on Bury
Ave and walk along
Charville Lane. Access
to Ten Acre via gateway
near end of lane,
opposite Golden Bridge,
Yeading Brook.

Car park near end of
Charville Lane adjacent
to Golden Bridge,
Yeading Brook.

6 Gutteridge Woods

Lynhurst Crescent,
Uxbridge, Middlesex,
UB10 9EQ

Buses: U6
Disembark bus on
Windsor Ave. Head
towards Western
Avenue allotments,
walk along alleyway
adjacent to last house
following Hillingdon
Trail signs.

7 Eascote House Gardens

Bus: 282

8 Ruislip Woods/Lido

Bus: H13 (last stop)

9 Highgrove

Eastcote Road,
Hume Way

Bus: H13

10 Pinn Meadows

Bury Street
Buses H13, 331, U1

11 Swakeleys Park

Buses: North entrance:
U1 [Swakeleys Road,
Tornhill Road],
South entrance: U10
[Swakeleys Drive].

12 Hogs Back;

Bus H13
(Northwood Way)

13 Bessingby Park;

Buses: Cavendish
entrance 282
Bessingby entrance
bus 114 [Victoria Road,
Torrington Road].



Event bookings and enquiries

(please book in advance)

Lake Farm, Minet and Cranford Park

Alison Shipley, Countryside and Conservation Officer

☎ 01895 250647

@ ashipley@hillingdon.gov.uk

River Pinn, Highgrove, Yeading Brook, Hogs Back and Swakeleys volunteers

Dragana Knezevic, Countryside and Conservation Officer

☎ 01895 277534

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Eastcote House Gardens

Lesley Crowcroft

☎ 020 8866 8436

@ lesley.crowcroft@tiscali.co.uk

All events are free and under 16s must be accompanied by an adult unless stated otherwise.

Contacts

General enquiries

@ greenspacesadmin@hillingdon.gov.uk

Customer Contact Centre

@ contactcentre1@hillingdon.gov.uk

☎ 01895 556000

MAG/Friends meetings

Management Advisory Group (MAG)/Friends meetings are open to all. Come along to find out about what's happening in your local park, and how you can get involved.

Minet MAG/Friends Meeting

Monday 14 January, 7pm

Monday 8 April, 7pm

Meet at Minet Lodge visitor centre

For more information please contact, the Secretary, Robin Brown, email hayescanal@hotmail.co.uk

Lake Farm MAG/Friends Meeting

Thursday 24 January, 7.30pm

Thursday 25 April, 7.30pm

Meet at Gurdwara Sikh Temple, Golden Crescent, Hayes

For more information please contact the Secretary, Robin Brown, email: hayescanal@hotmail.co.uk

Friends of Bessingby and Cavendish Parks MAG Meeting

Thursday 21 February 2013, 8pm

Thursday 30 May 2013, 8pm (AGM)

Dates subject to change

**For more information please contact
cavendishparks@gmail.com**

At the Cavendish Pavilion, Field End Road, Eastcote

Friends of Eastcote House Gardens and the Eastcote Conservation Panel QGMs

Thursday 14 March 2013, 7.30pm QGM

Thursday 6 June 2013, 7.30pm AGM

Venue TBC

Friends of Cranford Park Meeting

Thursday 28 February, 7.30pm

Thursday 23 May, 7.30pm

Meeting venue to be confirmed.

For more info please contact the Secretary, Bob Barton,
email secretary@cranfordparkfriends.org



Volunteer activities

We regularly hold practical volunteer sessions which are aimed at anyone wishing to help out, where we carry out various tasks such as, vegetation clearance, tree planting, pond clearance, litter picking and much, much more! These tasks will vary throughout the year depending on the season. No experience is required. Please wear old clothes and bring a packed lunch and a waterproof jacket. All tools and gloves are provided. Some wellington boots can be provided.

Cranford Park Volunteers

Second Thursday of every month, 10am to 1pm

10 January, 14 February, 14 March, 11 April, 9 May and 13 June

Meet at Cranford Park Information Centre.

Contact: ashipley@hillington.gov.uk

Minet Country Park Volunteers

Last Friday of every month, 10.30am to 2.30pm

25 January, 22 February, 26 April, 31 May, and 28 June.

Meet at Minet Lodge Visitor Centre

Come and help with practical work.

Contact: ashipley@hillington.gov.uk

Gardening Sessions at Eastcote House Garden

Every first Friday and third Thursday of every month, 9.30am

Every second Saturday, 10.30am

Meet in the car park. Come and join Friends of Eastcote House Garden to help look after the gardens. All are welcome, tools provided, no experience necessary.

Ruislip Woods Volunteers

Every Monday and Tuesday of every month, 9.20am to 1pm

Every third Saturday of every month, 10am to 1pm

Meet at Lido car park. Come and help with coppicing, scrub and pond clearance, bridge and footpath construction.

Yeading Brook Volunteers

Every second Tuesday of every month, 9.30am

Meeting point varies between Queens Walk, Victoria Road and West End Road, therefore please contact dknezevic@hillingdon.gov.uk

Swakeleys Volunteers

Every second Wednesday of every month, 9.30am

Meet by tennis courts, The Avenue entrance

Ruislip Lido Volunteers

Every Thursday, 9.30am to 1pm

Meet at the Boathouse.

Come and help us maintain this important local site.

Ten Acre and Gutteridge Wood Volunteers

Every Thursday of every month, 10am

A wide range of practical conservation activities including meadow restoration, scrub clearance and fencing.

To book your place please contact Zack Gorman at zgorman@wildlondon.org.uk or on mobile: 07772821134

Friends of Pinn Meadows

Saturdays: 2 February, 2 March, and 4 May, 10.30am

Meeting point varies between St Martin's Approach, Kings College Road and Elmbridge Drive, therefore please contact dknezevic@hillingdon.gov.uk

Highgrove Volunteers/River Pinn Volunteers

Every first and third Tuesday of the month, 9.30am to 1pm

Meeting point for Highgrove working parties: Highgrove car park, off Hume Way.

Tasks include removal of invasive species, litter clearance, scrub management.

Meeting point for River Pinn Working Parties varies therefore please contact dknezevic@hillingdon.gov.uk





Healthy Walks

Healthy Walks are led walks, which means sharing motivation, safety in a group and a great social opportunity open to everyone. Walking is a great way to maintain your health and well being, as well as a great way of meeting people.

Minet Country Park

First Wednesday of every month, 10.30am

2 January, 6 February, 6 March, 3 April, 1 May and 5 June
1.5 miles. Meet at Minet Lodge visitor centre. Led jointly by A Rocha Living Waterways and London Borough of Hillingdon.

Yeading Meadows

Second Wednesday of every month, 11am

9 January, 13 February, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May and 12 June

2 miles. Meet at Yeading Community House, Carlyon Road.

Led jointly by Andy Willmore, LWT Crane Valley Community Projects Officer and Hillingdon Council.

Cranford Park

Third Thursday of every month, 11am

17 January, 21 February, 21 March, 18 April 16 May and 20 June

2 miles. Meet at Cranford Information Centre.

Led by Hillingdon Council's Countryside and Conservation Officer, Alison Shipley.

Ten Acre and Gutteridge woods

Fourth Wednesday of every month, 11am

23 January, 27 February, 27 March, 24 April, 22 May
and 26 June

4 miles. Meet at Charville Library.

Led jointly by Andy Willmore, LWT Crane Valley
Community Projects Officer and Hillingdon Council.



January 2013

Winter Tree Identification: Cranford Park

Saturday 19 January, 11am

Enjoy a winter wonderland walk through Cranford Park when we will be giving tips on how to identify trees, even when they are not in leaf! Also we will be discovering some of the historic and present day uses of trees and even how to age a tree!

Meet at Cranford Park information Centre



February 2013

Cranford Park: Tall Tales and Trash!

Sunday February 3, 11am to 1pm

Join us for a community litter pick, hearing tales from Cranford's past and identifying wildlife as we go. Everyone welcome!

Meet at park information centre.

Cranford Park Friends and Thames 21

For more information please contact:

Bob Barton: secretaty@cranfordparkfriends.org or

Billy Coburn: billy.coburn@thames21.org.uk

Coffee Morning: Minet Country Park

Monday 11 February 2013, 10am to 12noon

Everyone welcome! This informal coffee morning is organised to create an opportunity for residents and representatives of community groups to meet in a relaxed setting with other local people of differing faiths and engage in light discussion on local environmental issues, to foster local interest and commitment to environmental action. This will be followed by nature walk around the park

For more information please contact Kailean at the A Rocha UK office on 020 8574 5935 or 07747551651 or email kailean.khongsai@arocha.org

Minet Country Park: Feed the Birds!

Thursday 21 Feb, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Booking essential

Come and join Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust for some fun bird related craft activities and learn how you can help the birds in your garden at this time of year. Try making your own bird feeders and nest material balls to help the birds in the busy run up to Spring!

To book your place contact Jennifer Gilbert on 07909 914962 or email wildlifetrust@hillingdon.gov.uk.





March 2013

Signs of Spring Guided Walk: Cranford Park

Saturday 2 March, 11am

Join LBH's Countryside and Conservation Officer Alison Shipley for a guided walk around the park looking for the first signs of spring.

Meet at Cranford Park information Centre

Cavendish and Bessingby Park: Community Litter Pick

Sunday 3 March, 11am to 12pm

Come and help us tidy the parks up! Litter pickers and bags provided. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at the Cavendish Car Park

'Secret Garden' Spring preparation: Cranford Park

Sunday 17 March, 11am to 1pm

Volunteers needed for some easy gardening. All welcome. Tools, good company and light refreshments provided. Cranford Park Friends/Macmillan Cancer Support.

Meet in the small walled garden, adjacent to the Stable Block.

Eastcote House Gardens: Community Volunteer Day

Saturday 23 March, 10am to 1pm

Meet in the car park at 10am.

Working in Long Meadow and River Pinn. Tools, refreshments and good company provided.

Community Clean Up: Minet Country Park

Saturday 23 March, 10am to 12noon

Come along and help clean Minet Country Park.

Together we can make a greener, cleaner and safer park for both people and wildlife. Meet new people and enjoy the beauty of nature. This is an opportunity to put our faith into action.

Note: Tools such as litter picker, gloves, and protective clothing will be provided, however if you have your own please bring along.

Meet at Minet lodge visitor centre.

Minet Country Park: Easter Sunrise Morning!

Sunday 31 March 2013, 6.30am to 8am

Easter Sunrise Service and simple breakfast

Everyone is welcome to join us for this Christian celebration of Easter Day with churches in Hayes and Southall. A short, informal, outdoor service led by a local minister, is followed by hot drinks and breakfast at Minet Lodge Visitor Centre. Come to the main entrance in Springfield Road and stewards will direct you. Booking is not required. Wheelchair users are very welcome.

For more information for the Community Clean Up and the Easter Surprise Morning at Minet Country Park please contact:

**Kailean at the A Rocha UK office on:
020 8574 5935 or 07747551651 or
email: kailean.khongsai@arocha.org**



April 2013

Family Easter Egg Hunt: Bessingby and Cavendish Park

Monday 1 April, 11am to 12pm

Come and spend an hour or more in the park, searching for Easter Egg clues. Prizes for all. Start and finish at the Cavendish Pavilion. Refreshments available from the football pavilion in Bessingby Park.

Spring is Sprung: Minet Country Park

Wednesday 3 April 2013, 1pm to 4pm

An afternoon celebrating the changing seasons and wildlife through stimulating fun packed activities involving using the Country park as a basis for our cryptic clues, detecting signs of spring, art, crafts and of course no Easter would be complete without traditional egg games.

For more information please contact David Melville at A Rocha Living Waterways on 0208 574 5935 or email david.melville@arocha.org.uk

Bluebell Walk: Cranford Park

Saturday 20 April, 11am

Join LBH's Countryside and Conservation Officer Alison Shipley for a guided walk around the park enjoying the beautiful Bluebells of Cranford Park.

Meet at Cranford Park Information Centre.

May 2013

Eastcote House Gardens: Vintage Tea Garden – New season begins

Sunday 5 May, 11am to 4pm.

Tea and cakes served in the park. Grand opening, children's races, tug of war and plant sale.

For more details please email lesley.crowcroft@tiscali.co.uk

Moth Night: Eastcote House Gardens

Friday 10 May, 8.50pm. Booking essential.

Meet at Eastcote House Gardens Car Park.

Places are limited

To book your place please contact Lesley Crowcroft email: lesley.crowcroft@tiscali.co.uk

Note: If you are light sensitive please wear dark glasses.

Dawn Chorus: Minet Country Park

Saturday 11 May 2013, 5am to 6am. Booking essential.

A relaxed walk at the best time of day to hear the beautiful birdsong of Spring. An expert birdwatcher will point out which birds are singing and where to look for them. We have binoculars to lend out.

To book your place please contact Kailean at the A Rocha UK office on 020 8574 5935 or 07747551651 or email kailean.khongsai@arocha.org

(Note: Please phone the day before to check that this will go ahead as it is weather dependent)

River Crane talk part 1 An Introduction to Fish Identification and Urban River Management: Minet Country Park

Wednesday 15 May, 7pm. Booking essential.

Using the River Crane as an example we will explore some of the characteristics and challenges faced by urban rivers, the work we can do to improve river habitats and look at the types of fish that can typically be found in such rivers.

Meet at Minet Country Park Visitor Centre

To book your place contact Alison Shipley on 01895 250647 or email: ashipley@hillingdon.gov.uk

Bat Walk: Yeading Meadows

Wednesday 22 May, 8.15pm. Booking essential.

Join us for an evening stroll through Yeading Meadows looking for bats.

Meet at 5th Hayes Scout Club, Shakespeare Avenue.

To book your place contact Alison Shipley on 01895 250647 or email: ashipley@hillingdon.gov.uk

Litterpicking session: Bessingby and Cavendish Park

Sunday 26 May, 11am to 12noon

Meet at Bessingby entrance

Come along and help tidy up these parks. Together we can make them cleaner and safer for both people and wildlife. Meet new people and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Litter pickers and bags provided. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

June 2013

Butterfly Walk: Cranford Park

Saturday 1 June, 11am

Join LBH's Countryside and Conservation Officer Alison Shipley for a guided walk around the park looking for the beautiful butterflies of Cranford Park.

Meet at Cranford Park Information Centre.

Big Balsam Bash/Capital Clean up: Yeading Brook and River Crane

Sunday 9 June, 10.30am to 3.30pm

As part of the Crane Valley Project, help London Wildlife Trust (LWT) and Friends of the River Crane Environment (FORCE) remove Himalayan Balsam, an invasive plant, from the Crane Valley and help clean up this fantastic river. We will be working at various sites along the Yeading Brook and River Crane which include Crane Park in Richmond and Hounslow, Yeading Brook Meadows in Hillingdon and Roxbourne Park in Harrow.

Meet 10.30 at Yeading Brook Meadows, meet by the entrance located on the Greenway (opposite Welbeck Avenue, Hayes – nearest postcode is UB4 9HR) for briefing. Free parking on adjacent roads.

For more information contact Andy Willmore on 020 8875 52339 (24hr answerphone) or email awillmore@wildlondon.org.uk or info@force.org.uk

River Crane talk part 2 Riverside Habitats and species: Cranford Park

Wednesday 12 June, 7pm

Join us on a walk and talk in and around the River Crane at Cranford Park to look at some of the riverside habitats and species that can be found there. If you fancy going into the river then please bring wellies, nets provided!

Meet at Cranford Park Information Centre.

To book your place contact Alison Shipley on 01895 250647 or email: ashipley@hillingdon.gov.uk

Minet Country Park: Family picnic and Wildlife Walk

Saturday 15 June, 10am to 3pm

Fun family day out!

Take a walk in the park and have fun with your family and neighbours

Bring your own food and blanket there will be music, a sing-a-long please feel free to bring a musical instruments, face painting and arts and crafts activities for the children.

The picnic is an opportunity for meeting new people in your area, have fun and share food. Opportunity to enjoy the nature, and celebrate summer in outdoor

For more information please contact Kailean at the A Rocha UK office on 0208 574 5935 or 07747551651 or email: kailean.khongsai@arocha.org

(Note: Please phone the day before to check that this will go ahead as it is weather dependent)

Eastcote House Gardens: Midsummer Gardens

Sunday 16 June, 11am to 5pm

Local Gardens Open for Charity. Incorporating Vintage Tea Garden,.

More details from Lesley.crowcroft@tiscali.co.uk

Bat Walk: Cranford Park

Wednesday 19 June, 8.30pm. Booking essential.

Join us for an evening stroll around Cranford Park looking for bats. Meet at Cranford Park Information Centre.

To book your place contact Alison Shipley on 01895 250647 or email: ashipley@hillingdon.gov.uk

'Knights, Earls and Ghosts' History Tour: Cranford Park

Saturday 29 June, 11am

Join Hillingdon Council's Countryside and Conservation Officer, Alison Shipley, for a guided history walk around the park. Meet at Cranford Park Information Centre.

Band Stand Concert: Barra Hall Park

Sunday 30 June, 12am to 2pm. Admission free

The celebrated Hillingdon Music Service Concert Band and the Hillingdon Youth Big Band will be performing a wide selection of music from popular classics to music from West End Shows together with some Jazz favourites.

For further information please contact Chris Norman on 01895 2772342 or email cnorman@hillingdon.gov.uk

The Big Crane Valley Walks

All walks are on the 3rd Sunday of the month:

21st April – Harrow to Hillingdon

19th May – Hillingdon to Hounslow

16th June – Hounslow to Richmond

Join us on an epic exploration of the Yeading Brook/River Crane from its source in Harrow to where it meets the Thames in Isleworth, split over three days. The walk will take in some fantastic parks, nature reserves and open spaces in northwest and west London. See how the legacy of the river and our use of it has shaped the landscape and created the rich resource that it is today.

Representatives from FORCE and LWT will be on hand to help tell the story of the river to date and its potential future. Join us for one, two or all three sections of walk. Please bring drinks and a packed lunch. Please also wear sturdy footwear and bring waterproofs (just in case!). Organised by London Wildlife Trust (LWT) and Friends of the River Crane Environment (FORCE) supported by London Borough of Hillingdon.

Please check LWT (www.wildlondon.org.uk) and FORCE (www.force.org.uk) website where further detail will be posted closer to the day. Or alternatively contact Andy Willmore (LWT) on 07891 004098 or email [FORCE info@force.org.uk](mailto:info@force.org.uk)

All events correct at time of publication

Look after your parks

The borough's parks are for everyone to enjoy and it is important that everyone does their bit to help look after them. The council's park officers regularly patrol the parks to check they are well maintained and used appropriately.

Please remember to use a bin or take your rubbish home with you, and if you have a dog be responsible and pick up any mess.

Volunteering

There are lots of residents that volunteer and roll up their sleeves to take part in nature conservation tasks. The time individuals can spare, no matter how little, enables the council to achieve far more than could otherwise be managed.

It offers the chance to put your skills and strengths to good use. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to broaden their knowledge, learn new skills and make new friends.

For more information, and to find out how to volunteer, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/parks

Dogs

Dogs owners are advised that their pet must be under control at all times. There are signs in parks and open spaces advising if the animal must be on a lead, and they are not allowed in children's play areas.

Dog fouling must be disposed of correctly by the owner. The failure to do so may result in an on-the-spot fine of £80.

Litter

Hillingdon has a zero tolerance attitude towards littering. Anyone caught dropping litter risks getting an £80 fixed penalty notice.

In Hillingdon we spend £2.5 million every year cleaning the roads, parks and clearing litter. Litter louts drop more than 7,000 tonnes of litter on the borough's streets – equivalent to 878 double deckers.

Please help to keep the borough clean and tidy by using the bins provided. If you cannot see one, or it is full, please take your rubbish home.

Care for a tree

Caring for a young tree is one way communities can help us to continue the tree planting work that we have done across the borough.

We are encouraging residents to choose a tree and help care for it. With a little of your time you can help us ensure Hillingdon's trees continue to thrive.

Things that you can do include:

- Maintenance and care of newly planted trees.
- Watering and weeding through the summer months.
- Reporting damage to young trees.
- Making a real contribution to a green borough.

Visit the website to find out more.

Picnics

Picnics can be so much fun for all the family. Find a park that has a playground for the children and shady areas for the adults. Bring plenty of food, frisbees and games, for a fun-filled day out. Visit the website for picnic ideas and links to food ideas. Please note that barbecues are not allowed.

Rainy days

Rainy days offer a chance to see the parks and open spaces in a different light. So turn off the television, switch off the computer, put down those games consoles and get out of the house for some real-life fun and adventures!

From formal gardens and parks in town centres to the wild woods of Ruislip, whatever the weather, you'll find fabulous ways to enjoy your day! Find out more online.



**Eastcote House
Gardens: Vintage
Tea Garden.
Sunday 5 May,
11am to 4pm.
See page 21.**

