

CRICKLEWOOD TOWN TEAM

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It has certainly been a difficult year, but the Town Team volunteers have continued to work in partnership with residents and statutory bodies to improve the Cricklewood environment, including with business through our Business Association. With Covid-19 restrictions ended the Town Team is looking at how we can revive the community spirit.

Our projects over the past year included:

- The NCIL-funded Oaklands Road pedestrianisation is completed and we are working with Brent to install lighting to the area now as the trees are beginning to mature. The area is ready for events, and we are looking at activities that can enhance the area. All ideas are welcome.
- The Cricklewood Station partnership with GTR developed the beautiful 9 metre mural installed in the waiting area on Platform 1. Now travellers can use the QR codes on the artwork and get more detail of the history of Cricklewood since the arrival of the railways in the 1860s.
- The widening at the road junction of Cricklewood Lane/The Broadway was undertaken during the past 18 months and now that it is completed the benefit is appreciated. However, there is still the issue of a safe crossing for pedestrians and the unsightly red scaffolding erected to safeguard the building on the Broadway. The Town Team are in discussions with Barnet Council to find a more satisfactory outcome with environmental benefits to mitigate against the very polluted roads; a pocket park is worthy of consideration.
- We are still searching for community space in Cricklewood which can be used for local involvement in environmental and wellbeing issues. www.cricklewood.net

During the year the **Cricklewood Community Library** opened; it is good to see the provision of many activities enjoyed by their members and the community. www.cricklewoodlibrary.org.uk

Our Yard at Clitterhouse Farm's beautiful garden and provides a range of creative activities in their beautiful accommodation. Their Café is open and the Saturday Grub Club provides lunch. www.ouryard.org

For updates on the important and necessary work undertaken by **Community Action on Dementia-Brent** see: www.cad-brent.org.uk

Ashford Place supports the vulnerable and disadvantaged by providing information, advice and guidance to an increasing number of residents, some about to lose their home and work. The ever-continuing impact of austerity on individuals alongside the reduction in mainstream public services ensures the need for local community support of Ashford Place www.ashfordplace.org.uk