

CRICKLEWOOD TOWN TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2022 – 23**Cricklewood Improvement Programme**

Achievements across the year:

- The second NCIL Brent funded project for Oaklands included marquees with Cricklewood logo, the first Cricklewood not Hollywood star inset onto the pavement. We still await the lights to enhance the area, an element of the project that is the responsibility of Brent Council which is a delivery partner. The lights are yet to be delivered and we await communications from Brent Council on progress.
- Jubilee celebrations were funded by the Arts Council and Barnet Council to deliver music, dancing and children's workshops on the green space and Oaklands. In addition Barnet funded an Instagram project to showcase the main food and drink business on the Barnet side. Another Barnet funded event was held on the green at August bank holiday as a starter for the Notting Hill Carnival. These projects were delivered by Osita Udenson,
- At Oaklands, Brent funded an Eco workshop in June featuring a Dr Bike session and in October also included Veolia education, Public Health and an Eco stall exhibiting examples of Reusing, recycling and upcycling.
- Our gardening group led by Marie and Graham did stalwart work at the station. The water supply has been upgraded, the garden tidied and replanted and the Christmas lights this year were stunning.
- The sheep on the Green needed a complete makeover which Graham took over; we now have a flock of 5 including the ram. A Cricklewood resident decided one sheep needed to be black! We are massively grateful to Graham for his hard work. The funding for this upgrade was shared with NW2 RA.
- Marie has continued to find funding to install 2 more stars in Cricklewood Lane this time through NW2 RA from the Mayors Untold Stories Fund. They have been so popular on social media that we need more funding to celebrate other key Cricklewood businesses from the last century.
- We continue to engage with LB Barnet about the Pocket Park on the corner of Cricklewood Lane along with the local residents' associations. If the plan discussed proceeds this will be a very beneficial development for that area.
- After six months of hard work, we got the go ahead for a project funded by The Heritage Lottery Fund, to be delivered in 7 Brent schools. This project grew out of the history mural at the Station and also involves Amanda Beasley. We recruited

and appointed the project lead, Amanda Ray-Epe, who is well-known in Brent for her work on a film of Amy Johnson and a more recent film about a Caribbean RAF pilot. With a background in teaching and enthusiasm for heritage, women and Brent, she is the ideal candidate. Our Brent Women of Renown project will be rolled out in 6 Brent Primary schools and one secondary starting in March to celebrate International Women's Day and Women's History Month. The details are set out in the press release <https://cricklewood.net/stop-press-press-release-for-cricklewood-town-team-website/>

- Access for All at Cricklewood Station will see two new lifts installed in the existing subway. The project should start in Autumn 2023 with a target opening date of Jan 2025.”
- Considerable effort is being made regarding the drainage issue at the station creating problems for pedestrians. Plans are in place to sort this out within the next few months following negotiations with Network Rail and Govia trains.
- Station House on Cricklewood Lane is still on the agenda.

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