



Alfresco fun for a long hot summer

Free concerts in Waterlow Park and on Hampstead Heath



The Friends of Waterlow Park are once again holding their free **Pop-up Proms** in the North Shelter from 2.30 to 3.45pm. Duo Tannin (harp and flute traditional folk) will be performing on **16 August**, The Monoversals (local Camden blues and reggae band) on **23 August** and Funny Bones (trombone quartet) on **30 August**. Find out more [here](#).

Also on **30 August** from 1-5pm, the **Natural Aspect Summer Concert** returns to the Parliament Hill Bandstand for the 6th year. The free live music will include ska, rock, reggae, soul and jazz, alongside workshops, children's activities and delicious food and drink. See the full line up [here](#).

And why not try out the new table tennis table in Waterlow Park - it's near the pétanque pitch and tennis courts so lots of sporty opportunities for those who are energetic in the heat...



Local bat walks



It's International Bat Night at the end of this month and plenty of opportunities across Camden to learn more about these fascinating nocturnal animals. In particular, Heath Hands are hosting a series of guided bat walks on Hampstead Heath and in Highgate Wood throughout August and September. Book your free place [here](#).

Highgate Open House events



At least three local buildings are part of this year's Open House Festival:

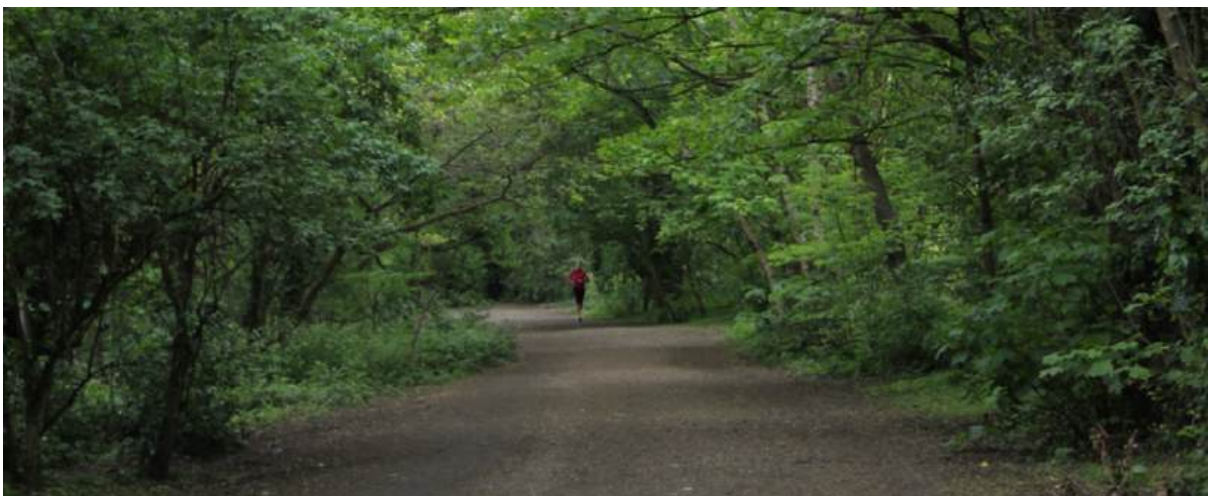
- HLSI is running drop in building tours on **Sunday 13 September** - more [here](#)
- Omved Gardens are also open on **Sunday 13 September** with talks, tours and exhibitions. Book a free place [here](#).
- Lauderdale House (pic above) has two tours of the House and its history on **Thursday 17 September** - book your free place [here](#).

Coffee & Computers sessions (offering free advice on how to make the most of your computer, tablet or phone) start again on **7 September** at the Highgate Society (10A South Grove) from 10.30am to 12pm and then on **16 September** at Jacksons Lane (269 Archway Road) and later on Friday afternoons at Highgate School. [Check out our website](#) for full details.



Check out the [Haringey Borough of Culture newsletter](#) for info on how to apply for community grants, volunteering opportunities and how you can get involved. Sign up for regular updates [here](#). Watch this space for more news on how HNF is planning to join in.

Please report crimes on Parkland Walk



We reported a shocking attack in the Parkland Walk in our July newsletter. An arrest has been made and this kind of incident is rare, but sadly not unique. The Walk cannot be locked at night and lighting is not a viable option for a nature reserve, so

the Friends of Parkland Walk are emphasising the importance of reporting crimes or incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) directly to the Metropolitan Police. The Met use crime records to decide where to commit their resources, so it's important that what is actually happening is reflected in the official statistics. You can report an incident anywhere by:

- Phoning 999 if a police response is urgently required and a crime is active at the time or a perpetrator is still at the scene.
- Phoning 101 if the incident is deemed non urgent but still constitutes a crime or ASB
- Report online [here](#)

Ways to report street nuisance issues

And other ways to be a concerned citizen include using the [Love Clean Streets](#) app to send images and report environmental issues or the [Fix my Street](#) website to map and report street problems - like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs or street lighting - to the councils responsible for fixing them anywhere in the UK.

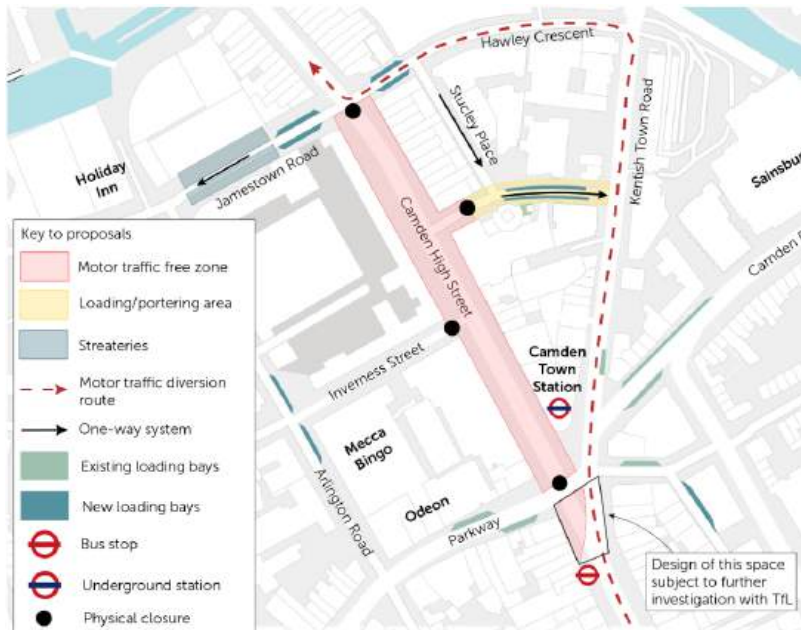
603 bus campaign

Regular readers will know that campaigners have been trying to get a more frequent 603 bus service from Muswell Hill, through Highgate to Swiss Cottage. Hopes of extra buses serving staff and students, as well as medical workers and patients, from 7am and in the afternoon have been dashed recently and they would like everyone to write to their councillors and London Authority



representatives to support a more frequent service - you can find out who yours are [here](#). Email 603Watch@gmail.com to find out more.

Camden Town pedestrianisation proposals



Camden Council are consulting on making permanent their trial partial pedestrianisation of Camden High Street and also a plan to further extend the zone in the future. Find out more [here](#). you can also check out their Vision for Camden Town [here](#).

And finally: two inspiring short films



Firstly, **Freetown the Treetown** is an ambitious 'pay to grow' scheme that is incentivising residents to plant and maintain indigenous trees and mangroves in the city. It was shown as part of the LSE's first Nicky Gavron (who many readers will remember as an effective international campaigner, as well as a staunch supporter of of Highgate) memorial lecture last month. You can watch it [here](#).



Secondly and closer to home, Daniel Coughlin has used AI visuals, along with old maps and historic images, to imagine what the **River Fleet** would look like if it was brought back to the surface and flowed through London today. He mainly focuses on the Hampstead branch of the Fleet but the image above shows what the streetscape would be like where the Highgate meets the Hampstead branch outside Quinn's pub on Hawley Road. You can see his beautiful dream of the future [here](#).

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

The HNF provides an opportunity for everyone in Highgate to get involved in local issues and have a say. We want to hear your ideas and here are some ways for you to join in;

- Join the HNF committee - only four meetings a year to discuss key issues
- Biodiversity group - help support the HNF Biodiversity Network and promote local green initiatives
- Traffic/transport group - help us develop a community-led vision of what the future of travel in the area might be
- Highgate Festival - offer your skills or organise part of the programme or an event

Contact us on info@forhighgate.org.uk
