

Subject: Opening of the Cafe in The Highams Park (Humphry's) on Thursday 26th April at 11_00 am

To: All Members of The Highams Park Planning Group (HPPG)

Dear all,

We are pleased to announce that Humphry's will open as a cafe and community hub in The Highams Park at 11:00 am on Thursday, 26th April.

The name Humphry's was chosen in honour of Humphry Repton who originally landscaped the park and lake.

The intention is that the cafe will be open seven days a week from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm and will provide much needed refreshment and toilet facilities for visitors to our beautiful park and lake.

You may ask why HPPG undertook this project. At the launch of HPPG in 2014 a café and toilets in the park was the most popularly expressed wish of local residents. HPPG approached the Council to see if they would agree for the community to take over the unused Council building in the park. After several years of negotiations the Council agreed to give us a ten year lease and in June 2017 planning permission was granted and we started work on the building in earnest.

This project was made possible by the support and good offices of the Council and Local Councillors who have supported us all along and granted us £15,000 of seed money through Ward Forum funding.

The actual implementation of the project was achieved with the amazing support of local businesses and volunteers who provided so much of their time, services and goods for free. They have been incredible. This has been a true community project in every sense of the word.

There have been so many people involved that it is impossible to mention them all but we would like to make special mention of and express our enormous gratitude to:

- The Highams Park Snedders (volunteers from the Highams Park Planning Group) for getting down and dirty.
- Norton Mayfield Architects (for putting our vision on to paper and steering us through the planning process)
- Paragon Building Services (logistical support, materials and hard graft)
- McRae's Estate Agents (the very first to believe in the project and sponsor the windows)
- ReedSmith Solicitors (for their unstinting support in steering us through the legal agreements)
- Gracious Living (toilets, wash basins, disabled alarm)
- Magnet Highams Park (Worktops & Cupboards)
- Total Security Services (Security cameras, alarms and ongoing monitoring)
- The Royal Oak Pub (coffee machine)
- Waltham Forest Council (Parks Department & Dirty Garden's Team)
- The Complete Blind Service (window blinds)
- GF Plastering
- Randburg Electrical Services (Rewiring)
- Invek Services Limited (Plumbing & boilers etc)

- Platinum Design & Build Limited (Partitions / Doors etc installations)
- PPC Tiling Ltd (Floor tiling to toilets)
- Toga Plant Hire Ltd (Marc Breen)
- Olympiad Signs Ltd
- Delta Commercial Flooring Ltd – (Vinyl Flooring)
- Pace Interiors Ltd (Joinery)
- CJ Decorations Ltd (Paint & equipment)
- Architectural Roofing (roof repairs)
- Star Room Construction
- Picture This (framing of history boards)
- InflectionTech Limited (financial support)
- The Pantry – Activity table



We hope you like the pictures. The cafe will be operated by local resident Toni Hanshaw and Toni looks forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

Gordon
Gordon Turpin
Chair - Highams Park Planning Group