



## Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee

**Wednesday 22 July 2015 at 7.00 pm**

Boardroom - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,  
Wembley, HA9 0FJ

### Membership:

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Councillors:

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## **Membership continued:**

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### **Organisation**

West Hendon Allotment Society  
Brent Sports Council  
Canal and River Trust (formerly British Waterways)  
Phoenix Canoe Club  
Environment Agency  
Environment Agency  
Hendon Rifle Club  
Hendon Rifle Club  
Local Agenda 21  
London Wildlife Trust  
Natural England  
Princes Park Youth Football Club  
Training Ship Broadsword  
Welsh Harp Conservation Group  
Welsh Harp Conservation Group  
Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre  
Welsh Harp Sailing Association  
West Hendon Community Forum  
Woolmead Residents' Association  
Canal and River Trust (formerly British Waterways)  
Training Ship Broadsword  
West Hendon Residents' Association / Friends of  
York Park

# Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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<b>1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair</b>	
<b>2 Declarations of pecuniary interests</b>	
Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.	
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In line with the committee's request made at the previous meeting, Terry Garner (London Borough of Barnet) has provided a brief written update regarding the removal of swales.	
<b>7 Management Plan (Barnet)</b>	7 - 12
The committee is invited to note and make comments on the on-going site management issues during this quarter.	
<b>8 Management Plan (Brent)</b>	13 - 20
This report presents progress on the Brent Reservoir / Welsh Harp Management Plan since the last meeting of the Committee and during the 2015/16 year to date. The Management Plan is jointly managed by the three main land-holding organisations: Brent Council, the London Borough of Barnet, and the Canal & River Trust (formerly British Waterways).	
<b>9 Environment Agency - Verbal Report (if any)</b>	
<b>10 Planning Issues (if any)</b>	

## **11 Date of next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Welsh Harp is on

## **12 Any other urgent business**

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 64.



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18 March 2015

Cllr Sury Khatri (Chairman)

Cllr Dr Devra Kay  
Cllr John Hart  
Cllr Parvez Ahmed  
Cllr Adam Langleben

## Organisation

## Representative

Local Agenda 21	Julie Johnson
Welsh Harp Sailing Association	John Shepherd
Woolmead Residents' Association	Geof Johnson
Environment Agency	Neil Hider
Phoenix Canoe Club	Phil Atkinson
Hendon Rifle Club	Dale Langdale
Welsh Harp Conservation Group	Bob Husband
London Wildlife Trust	Dianne Murphy/Clive Cohen
West Hendon Residents' Association/Friends of York Memorial Park	Derek Cheung

### 1. MINUTES (Agenda Item 1):

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be approved as a correct record.

### 2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (Agenda Item 2):

The following apologies for absence were received:

- Councillor Mashari
- Richard Bennett, Canal and River Trust
- Roy Beddard, Welsh Harp Conservation Group
- July Shepherd, West Hendon Forum

### 3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (Agenda Item 3):

There were none.

### 4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY) (Agenda Item 4):

There was none.

### 5. LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT - WELSH HARP MANAGEMENT PLAN (Agenda Item 5):

Lesley Williams, London Borough of Brent, introduced the report. An update on rough sleepers was provided, and it was noted that there had been a number of issues regarding rough sleepers on the Brent side of the reservoir

He clarified that at 3.3.1 the Welsh Harp Environmental Centre is to be closed at the end July, as opposed to April, 2015.

The Committee asked questions relating to rough sleepers and the closure of the Environmental Centre.

- The Committee requested that Lesley Williams circulate the minutes of the London Borough of Brent meeting of Full Council where the details of the closure of the Environmental Centre are laid out.
- The Committee noted the report.

**6. LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET - WELSH HARP MANAGEMENT PLAN (Agenda Item 6):**

Matt Gunyon, London Borough of Barnet, introduced the report. An update on rough sleepers – with specific attention to rough sleeping locations – was provided.

It was noted that the London Borough of Barnet are drafting an illegal encampments policy.

Matthew Gunyon explained that Greenspaces had been unable to establish the owner of the billboards around the reservoir, but that they would endeavour this fact.

Mr Husband raised concerns over pollarding of trees, and Ms Johnson raised concern regarding the possibility of installing a Hoggin Path – as detailed in Appendix 1 – as it could possible encourage, rather than dissuade, rough sleepers.

- The Committee requested that Matt Gunyon would investigate dumping around the reservoir and provide an update to the committee at the next meeting.
- The Committee noted the report.

**7. NOISE MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 7):**

Terry Garner, London Borough of Barnet, introduced the report. The Committee discussed issues relating to light pollution and how light spillage – from balconies of new builds in particular – would be contained.

The Committee noted the report.

**8. PRESENTATION FROM BARRATT HOMES REGARDING THE WEST HENDON REGENERATION DEVELOPMENT (Agenda Item 8):**

Nathan Smith, Barratt Homes, delivered a presentation to the Committee regarding the ecological aspects of the West Hendon regeneration and the Welsh Harp Reservoir.

The Committee discussed issues relating to protecting wildlife and trees around the reservoir, and also construction contractors using roads that they are not permitted to use.

- The Committee requested Terry Garner to provide an update regarding the removal of swales to the Committee at the next meeting.
- Nathan Smith clarified that they are aware of the issue relating to contractors using prohibited roads, and taken measures to monitor the movement of certain vehicles. The Committee requested Nathan Smith to provide a status report regarding this issue to the Committee at the next meeting .

**9. PRESENTATION FROM THAMESREACH (Agenda Item 9):**

Ms McGeown, who was due to present to the Committee, was unable to attend and therefore was unable to present.

**10. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT (Agenda Item 11):**

1. The Chairman provided an update regarding the Compulsory Purchase Order of the West Hendon Estate.
2. Arising from the minutes of the last meeting, the Chairman provided an explanation to the absence of the Canal and River Trust.
3. The Chairman noted that the Phoenix Canoe Club were recently awarded a grant of £10,000 at the most recent meeting of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee.
4. Terry Garner noted that the recruitment of the SSSI Warden is to commence shortly.
5. Clive Cohen raised concerns relating to regular monitoring of water quality at the Welsh Harp Reservoir – Terry Garner noted that there are currently no identifiable funding streams to achieve regular water quality monitoring.
6. The Chairman advised the Committee that the meetings of the Committee for 2015 - 2016 will be held at Brent Council Offices. The dates for the meetings have yet to be confirmed and that these would be advised to Committee members as soon as these become known

The meeting finished at 9.35 pm

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# Agenda Item 6

## Removal of swales

There are three lime trees in the area where the swale was to be located, our Arboriculturist decided that he would like to retain the trees as they provided significant amenity value and they should be retained at the loss of the swale. Since that time it has been agreed to include part of the area into a play area and to install a flood attenuation tank close to Block E2, to replace the swale, this is to be undertaken within the next 5 – 6 weeks. In subsequent phases of the development it may be that new swales may be incorporated but at this stage there are no firm design matters associated to any further swales.

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<p align="right"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Welsh Harp Management Plan</b></p>
<p align="right"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Street Scene Director</p>
<p align="right"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>West Hendon</p>
<p align="right"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p align="right"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p align="right"><b>Officer Contact Details</b></p>	<p>Tracy Sawyer, Parks and Open Spaces Officer, tracy.sawyer@barnet.gov.uk, 0208 359 7824.</p>

<b>Summary</b>	
<p>To update the committee regarding the on-going site management issues and report the position on the Local Nature Reserve (LNR).</p>	

<b>Recommendations</b>	
<p>That the committee consider and note the contents of this report and to invite the committee to make comments on the contents of the report.</p>	

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee comprises of British Waterways, Brent Council, Welsh Harp Conservation Group, Welsh Harp Sailing Association and Barnet Council. The committee is a consultative committee only and meets on a quarterly basis.
- 1.2 The committee is invited to note and make comments on the on-going site management issues during this quarter as follows:

### 1.3 Illegal encampments

The borough continues to be experiencing illegal encampments, especially with a particular location in the Welsh Harp. This area is located near the Business Park, Priestley Way off the Edgware Road A5. The area has been subjected to repeated incursions including an additional fourteen illegal encampments taking the total to twenty three encampments to date. Details of the encampments have been stated in the table below.

Name of Park	Month	Number of illegal encampments
Welsh Harp	July 2014	0
Welsh Harp	August 2014	3
Welsh Harp	September 2014	0
Welsh Harp	February 2015	6
Welsh Harp	May 2015	14
Total to date		23

The Council continues to work closely with the local Safer Neighbourhood Team to move on illegal encampments which also includes wider authorities such as the UK Border Agency. The area is monitored regularly with swift action taken to remove the encampments, but despite this pro-active approach the encampments are continuing to re-occur.

Possible options to prevent the number of encampments that are both costly to the Council and damaging to the local environment have been discussed at previous committees. It was decided that no further action was required.

The Committee requested that the ownership of the billboards around the Welsh Harp Reservoir be sought. Contact has now been made and discussions are still ongoing.

### Wildlife Crime

The borough has had several reports regarding wildlife crimes within the Welsh Harp. The incidents included: 19 lobster pots being confiscated and rod fisherman using lights from a jetty. This was immediately reported to the Wildlife Crime Unit and a meeting was organised for the same day. The crime reference number is 1912396/15 and the incidents continue to be investigated.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The terms of reference of the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee include that it considers and co-ordinates all the interests of recreation, leisure, maintenance and nature conservation with the object of protecting the Welsh Harp Reservoir and surrounding open land as a unique environment for both recreation and wildlife conservation.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 None

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 The committee note the actions being implemented as set out under section one.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1.1 The Councils Corporate Plan 2013 – 2016 identifies as one of its Corporate Priorities the need to maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough. We will continue to maintain and improve the borough's parks and green spaces for residents to enjoy.

But we are determined to do more than this. Encouraging residents to use parks and green spaces as a place for physical activity, entertainment, play and to enjoy nature will help them to improve their health, well-being and encourage a sense of community.

### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 Any costs incurred from the programmes and initiatives will be met within the existing Street Scene budget.

### **5.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.3.1 The Local Authority has a statutory duty under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to safeguard, protect and enhance sites of special scientific interest. The Local Authority has the power under Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 to acquire, declare and manage nature reserves. However, English Nature must be consulted by the Authority in the use of the powers given by section 21. The 1949 Act states that a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) must be managed in such a way to ensure that use of the site does not result in any damage to its natural features.

5.3.2 The Terms of Reference of the Joint Committee, as set out in its Constitution, include:

“to consider and co-ordinate all the interests of recreation / leisure / maintenance / nature conservation and statutory requirements of the British Waterways Board and the Environment Agency at the Welsh Harp; with the object of protecting the Welsh Harp and surrounding open land as a unique environment for both recreation and wildlife conservation”.

#### **5.4 Risk Management**

5.4.1 There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

#### **5.5 Equalities and Diversity**

5.5.1 Parks and Open Spaces benefit all sectors of the community by improving the local environment. Maintenance is carried out according to the management plan and takes into account requests from residents, users and Members. Improvements are made, wherever possible, to ensure equal access for all users.

#### **5.6 Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 The Consultative Committee continues to meet on a quarterly basis, the committee comprises of the land owners, legislative bodies, and third sector volunteer groups who work within the reserve to deliver positive outcomes.

### **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 The Welsh Harp Management Plan can be found on Brent Council’s website: [www.brent.gov.uk/parks](http://www.brent.gov.uk/parks) in the biodiversity section.

**AUTHOR TO COMPLETE TABLE BELOW:**

Who	Clearance Date	Name
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<b>Director / AD / Lead Commissioner</b>		
Enabling Board / Delivery Board		
Commissioning and Policy		
Equalities & Diversity		
HR Business Partner		
Strategic Procurement		
<b>HB Public Law</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
<b>Governance</b>		

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## Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee 22 July 2015

### Report from the Chief Operating Officer

For Action

Wards Affected:  
ALL

## Welsh Harp Management Plan

### 1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report presents progress on the Brent Reservoir / Welsh Harp Management Plan since the last meeting of the Committee and during the 2015/16 year to date. The Management Plan is jointly managed by the three main land-holding organisations: Brent Council, the London Borough of Barnet, and the Canal & River Trust (formerly British Waterways).

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the Report.

### 3.0 DETAILS

- 3.1 The current version (dated 13 November 2012) of the of the Welsh Harp / Brent Reservoir Management Plan is available on the Brent Council website at <http://brent.gov.uk/media/3207383/Brent-Reservoir-Management-Plan.pdf>
- 3.2 The Welsh Harp / Brent Reservoir Management Plan includes an Action Plan for the current year; which for this report is detached from the Management Plan and updated as Appendix 1. The 'Progress' column summarises current progress.
  - 3.2.1 Giant Hogweed has been found at the Welsh Harp Open Space, between the edge of the scrub woodland and a mown path, in the east of the Open Space. Possibly, this is re-growth from an earlier population. Veolia have been notified and have fenced off the area pending removal of the plants.

- 3.2.2 Oak Processionary Moth has been found on an Oak tree in the west of the Neasden Recreation Ground. The Forestry Commission have been monitoring for Oak Processionary Moth, particularly in the west London area following the spread of this pest species. The infestation at Neasden Recreation Ground was treated by the Forestry Commission to control the moth. The tree will be checked again to ensure that the work has been successful. In future, responsibility for control may be with the local authority or landowner.
- 3.3 Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre: Brent Council have organised a Community Asset Transfer letting process for the letting of the Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre for the provision of environmental education. Currently the process is at the evaluation stage. Documents detailing the letting process are available at: <https://brent.gov.uk/business/property-and-land-for-sale-or-let/property-and-land-for-let/welsh-harp-environmental-education-centre/>
- 3.4 Rough sleepers. The issue of rough sleeping economic migrants living in shelters and encampments at the Welsh Harp (and other parks) remains a serious and ongoing concern.
- 3.4.1 There have been a number of rough sleepers at Neasden Recreation Ground.
- 3.5.1 Healthy Walking. Brent have produced a series self-guided walks, one of which, covers the Welsh Harp and surrounds.
- [Download the route map and more information on route 8](#) (.pdf, 1.50MB)
- 3.5.2 The walks programme has been weekly at the Welsh Harp for a number of years. They generally attract 10-15 people and are led by a walk leader. These take place on Thursdays from 10-11am meeting at Birchen Grove Car Park, Kingsbury NW9. They are free of charge.
- 3.5.3 Until 31 March 2015, the Sports Service arranged some water sports activities, particularly kayaking, sailing and also orienteering. These generally took place in the school holidays. Since 1 April, the new Active Lifestyles Team have had a focus on encouraging physical activity rather than sports in particular.
- 3.5.4 Allotments Open Day: Birchen Grove Allotment. Saturday 15 August, 12-3pm.

## **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Brent Reservoir / Welsh Harp Management Plan is a long-term document and not all works are feasible in the short-term. Works listed in the management plan include the programmed operational works and longer-term works to maintain, restore and enhance the Welsh Harp area. Works are undertaken only where the budgets or resources are available. Programmed operational works are undertaken only within the existing budgets.
- 4.2 A significant amount of work is undertaken, or in kind, by the voluntary sector, and by the volunteers of the sailing clubs, conservation groups and other community organisations. In addition, the Council and partners, endeavour where feasible, to seek additional funding from grants and other sources.

## **5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006, land owners or occupiers, and also public bodies, are required to give notice to and consult with Natural England where they wish to carry out, or cause or permit to be carried out any operation in an area of land that is of special interest by reason of any of its flora, fauna, or geological or physiographical features (this requirement applies to operations within a site of special scientific interest ('SSSI'), and to operations outside the SSSI that may affect the features of interest); and Natural England will issue consent, issue consent with conditions or refuse consent. Failing to follow this process is a criminal offence which may result in a fine and a restoration order. CROW (and section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) places a duty on all public bodies to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of the authority's functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of the site.
- 5.2 It is good practice for land owners or occupiers to produce Management Plans for the SSSI, which when approved by Natural England, enable the carrying out of the works specified in the Management Plan. This can reduce the administrative work inherent in obtaining consent for individual items of management work.
- 5.3 The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 requires that all public authorities in England and Wales have a general duty to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of their functions.
- 5.4 The owner of land included in a SSSI has a legal duty to inform Natural England within 28 days of any changes in ownership or occupation of the site, including leases, easements and rights.

## **6 DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.0 The proposals in this report have been subject to screening and officers believe that there are no diversity implications.

## **7 STAFFING / ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS (IF APPROPRIATE)**

- 7.0 None specific.

## **8.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The Welsh Harp Management Plan co-ordinates environmental works in the Reservoir area.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Dated correspondence and other documents referred to in the Report include:  
Welsh Harp / Brent Reservoir Management Plan (version 13 November 2012).

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## APPENDIX 1. WELSH HARP / BRENT RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT PLAN: ACTION PLAN FOR 2015-2016

The Management Plan outlines the management considered necessary to sustain the Welsh Harp for wildlife, recreation, landscape, flood-control, economic and other benefits of the reservoir. These are achievable over varying time-frames, though many are not affordable in the short term. This Action Plan tracks progress of current year priorities and projects.

Action	Lead	Budget	Approximate timetable	Progress: 2015-16 to 30 June 2015
Dam wall and reservoir: statutory responsibility to maintain dam wall, associated structures and the dam	Canal & River Trust (C&RT)	C&RT	Maintain. On-Going	Dam wall and mechanism maintained as required to operational and statutory standards.
Maintain open water for water sports	Welsh Harp Sailing Association (WHSA)	Undertaken by volunteers of the (WHSA)	On-Going	
Sailing and sports development	WHSA: Welsh Harp Sailing Association and constituent clubs.	Undertaken by volunteers of WHSA.	On-Going	In operation: five year, 2013-2018, Water Sports Action Plan (copy available). Brent Sports Development: Welsh Harp users group meet regularly to discuss plans/activities.
Clean up projects: including some control of invasive plants.	Thames 21 Environment Agency	Provided by Thames 21. Work on site by volunteers.	On-going.	Three projects on within Brent on the Brent and tributaries are planned for the summer of 2015.
River trash traps: at inflows of Dollis Brook, and Silk Stream	Environment Agency	Budget provided by the Environment Agency	Maintain, On-going.  Rubbish at the trash screen is cleared several times a year. Material disposed off-site.	Maintenance is on-going.  Rubbish at the trash screen is cleared several times a year. Material disposed off-site.
Sailing Infrastructure: club houses, boats, and service areas.	Sailing Clubs	Maintained by the C&RT; and by the sailing clubs.	On-going	The Welsh Harp Sailing Association and clubs maintain the water sports infrastructure.

Bird rafts, islands. There are approximately 20 rafts.	Welsh Harp Conservation Group (WHCG)	Volunteer projects are held annually to maintain, repair or renew rafts. .	On-going. Autumn / winter.	WHCG have a works programme in 2015-16 for maintenance of bird rafts. That is outside of the bird breeding season of March to August inclusive.
Reedbeds: remove young trees	WHCG	Volunteer projects are held annually to maintain the reedbeds.	Remove young trees. On-going. Autumn / winter.	Led by the WHCG. Autumn / winter works are programmed by the WHCG. This is primarily outside of the bird breeding season of March to August inclusive.
Reedbeds: increase	All	Natural growth is encouraged, so costs are low, but refer to the need to remove young trees.	Periodic reviews as part of Biodiversity Action Plans.	Habitat maintained.
Marshland: maintain extent	Brent Council, Welsh Harp Sailing Association, Canal and River Trust.	Estimated at £700 per year.	Alternate years: reduce young tree growth on shores of Neasden Recreation Ground, Welsh Harp Open Space.	Willow growth appears to be exceeding management work on the shoreline. Works need to be programmed for outside of the bird breeding season of March to August inclusive.
Marshland	Barnet, Barratt PLC		Plans submitted for restoration of shore by Phase 1 of West Hendon redevelopment.	Refer to Barnet.
Marshland: increase	Brent, Barnet, Brent Catchment Partnership	Investigate sources of finance for long-term restoration of river catchment; and for flood alleviation.	Increase the extent of the marshland around the shores of the Reservoir for nature conservation, landscape, and to increase wind for water sports (where trees are reduced)	Marshland habitat at risk of scrub encroachment. Works need to be programmed for outside of the bird breeding season of March to August inclusive.

Marshland: orchids	WHCG, Brent	Marshland work by Brent Council. Volunteer work by WHCG.	WHCG to provide information.	Works need to be programmed for outside of the bird breeding season of March to August inclusive.
South-bank boardwalk	C&RT	Canal & Rivers Trust budget: periodic work possibly averages £500 / year.	As required.	Refer to Canal and River Trust.
Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed	C&RT, Barnet Council, Brent Council	No budget: Works undertaken as part of other works; or with grant funding. Barnet have reduced Japanese Knotweed near to Cool Oak Lane bridge.	Barnet have reduced Japanese Knotweed near to Cool Oak Lane bridge. Brent have reduced Japanese Knotweed at Neasden Recreation Ground.	The Brent River Catchment Partnership are investigating how to improve control along the whole catchment.
Wet woodland	C&RT, Barnet, Brent	Largely self-managing.	On-going.	Largely self-managing.
Grasslands, paths cutting	Barnet, Brent	Maintenance: within existing resources. Restoration work is currently unfunded. Current path cutting estimated at £5,000/ year.	Spring to autumn.	Barnet have cut bramble from one field to north of main arm of Reservoir.
Woodland	Brent, Barnet, WHCG, C&RT	Largely self-managing. Unfunded: management of woodland to increase diversity, but potential for creative use of material.		Largely self-managing, but control of willow and other scrub required in marshland at edge of Reservoir.
Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre	Brent	Brent Council and external funding. Brent Council are cutting the budget from July 2015.	Letting process for re-use for environmental education: June-July 2015.	Community Asset Transfer letting process by Brent Council.

Allotments	Brent, West Hendon Allotment Society	Brent: refer to Allotments and Food Growing Strategy. Barnet: West Hendon Allotments are self-managed by the holders.	Allotments are maintained. Biodiversity improvements at Dors Close, 2013.	West Hendon Allotments: self-managed. Brent: Allotments Strategy: Birchen Grove Allotments and Dors Close Allotments included in service improvement. Biodiversity improvements at Dors Close.
Open spaces, pitches, paths, Capital Ring, signage, interpretative signage, litter and dog bins,	Barnet, Brent	Existing maintenance resources. Barnet; and Brent grounds maintenance budgets.	On-going.	Maintained; and well-used.  Rough sleepers: see Committee report.
Feasibility of traffic analysis / signage for Wood Lane	Barnet Highways (leading) in consultation with Brent Highways.	.	New: 18.07.2012	Barnet are leading.
Monitoring: wildlife, and indicators	WHCG; and public authorities.	Mainly by volunteers of WHCG.	On-going	Programme of activities led by Welsh Harp Conservation Group for 2015. Included birds (weekly); butterflies .
Signage	Brent / Barnet.			Maintained.
Parks infrastructure	Brent / Barnet			Parks infrastructure is checked at appropriate frequencies.
River Brent Catchment Management Plan	All; led by Environment Agency / Thames 21.		2011 -	The Action Plan is available for public use. Progress on several issues. Website in preparation.