

Greenest Borough Strategy Annual report 2011

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Foreword

The Greenest Borough Strategy Annual Report highlights a wide range of environmental activities and accomplishments that have been achieved throughout 2010. It covers a broad set of issues ranging from reducing waste and encouraging recycling to promoting sustainable transport and improving air quality.

I am delighted to say that the report reflects continued improvement to our environment. Our streets are cleaner, more of our parks are recognised as some of the best in the country, and this year we had thousands attending environmental events such as the BBC Springwatch Wild Day Out and the Haringey Green Fair.

The council, together with partners and voluntary and community organisations have continued to make investment in improvements to our environment, and many individuals in the borough have shown a real commitment to reduce their own environmental impact.

In the current financial climate, where public sector budgets are experiencing significant reduction, delivering against our key priorities will be even more challenging. Only by working together can we deliver a more sustainable future for Haringey and improve the quality of life for all that live, work and visit the borough.

Fortunately, in Haringey we have a wealth of knowledge, expertise and determination which has resulted in a successful record of activity. It will be vital to ensure that the enthusiasm established is built upon and replicated across the borough so that residents, businesses, and local groups feel empowered to take an active role to deliver a more sustainable Haringey.

Claire Kober

Leader of the Council and chair of the Haringey Strategic Partnership

Haringey's Greenest Borough Strategy

The Greenest Borough Strategy provides a strategic commitment to achieve environmental sustainability throughout the borough. The strategy, adopted by the Haringey Strategic Partnership was constructed following extensive consultation in which residents, along with large organisations such as public agencies and service providers, were able to shape the key aims and objectives for Haringey.

Vision

"We will work together to tackle climate change and secure a clean, safe and environmentally sustainable future for everyone living, working, visiting or studying in Haringey."

The strategy acknowledges that climate change is the single biggest threat to society, affecting both the quality of the place in which we live and our economic prosperity. It is therefore important that we commit to take action in order not only to mitigate the scale of the problem, but also to prepare and adapt for the inevitable changes that lie ahead.

The seven priorities that underpin Haringey's environmental approach capture the breadth of the challenge we face. They demonstrate a broad and complex area of work set against a national context of increased political, scientific, and public concern that urgent action must be taken to protect the environment and address global climate change at a local level.

The Greenest Borough Strategy Annual Report provides an update on the progress we are making towards creating a 'greener Haringey'. The report details actions and accomplishments across the year involving the council, partners, and the community, providing a comprehensive view of what Haringey has achieved over the past year.

Each year an annual progress report will be produced. It means that everyone can find out what Haringey's environmental priorities are, what we have done to meet them and what we will be doing about them in the year ahead.

The Greenest Borough Strategy and the 2011 Annual Report are both available online at www.haringey.gov.uk/goinggreen.

Chapter 1

Clean and Safe Streets

Safe and sustainable streets, buildings and urban spaces which foster a sense of local pride and that people want to use



Stroud Green Clean Sweep

An exciting Clean Sweep project took place in November around Finsbury Park and Stroud Green Road. The week long series of activities was a joint initiative with colleagues from Islington Council, the Peace Alliance and support from Haringey and Islington Police. The project was an opportunity for everyone to come together to tidy up the neighbourhood in the spirit of civic pride.

Activities included;

- a deep cleaning of heavily stained local streets and gutters,
- engagement with local shops to provide advice about the management of trade waste,
- the cutting back of vegetation,
- the creation of a mini loggery for mini-beasts,
- the provision of community skips where residents could bring unwanted bulky waste for disposal free of charge,
- the delivery of dog fouling patrols in response to local concerns,
- and the taking of enforcement action against littering and fly tippers.

Throughout the week fixed penalty notices were issued for littering, statutory notices were served on businesses and drivers have since been prosecuted for carrying waste without a licence. Officers also engaged with local residents to listen to local concerns and to get peoples thoughts on a project like Clean Sweep, establishing whether this type of work, in their opinion, benefited the local area. The responses were very positive, with everyone asked stating that they believed Clean Sweep to be a good idea and very likely to have a positive impact on the Stroud Green area.

Key Activity and Achievements in 2010

- The Community Clean Team was introduced in three targeted areas charged with clearing litter and preventing the build up of dumped waste.
- Four Clean Sweep operations were delivered in Seven Sisters, St. Ann's, Bruce Grove and Stroud Green.
- A series of projects contributing to the Capital Clean Up campaign were delivered.
- Ward Action Plans were launched and published which identify and address ongoing issues by local residents that are problematic environmental nuisances.
- Two police led action weeks were delivered in Northumberland Park & Muswell Hill/ Fortis Green with the aim of making the area a cleaner and safer place to live.
- The pilot Responsible Licensee Scheme was launched.
- Haringey Council collected the MJ Local Government Achievement Awards in the category of Public Protection of the Year.
- The Haringey Council Street Enforcement Team led and coordinated a joint partnership operation involving Network Rail, the Tottenham Hale Safer Neighbourhood Police Team and our Vulnerable Adults Team as part of the Eyesores Programme.
- The Responsible Dog Ownership scheme was launched in partnership with the national Keep Britain Tidy Campaign.

Facts and figures 2010

- The annual programme of enforcement activity included,
 - 54 Litter Patrols,
 - 39 dog fouling patrols,
 - and 23 operations around litter from moving vehicles.
- 926 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued which covered general and smoking litter.
- 71 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for litter being deposited from a moving vehicle.
- Street litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting all continued to reduce.
- Overall, crime reduced 6.0% from the previous year.
- Safety concerns in 2009/2010 reduced from previous years, with over 80% feeling very or partly safe during the daytime.

Did you know...?

- Haringey Council regularly cleans over 45 miles of high streets, and over 175 miles of residential roads in the borough.

On winning in the category of Public Protection of the Year...

'The winning entry was chosen for the way the council's enforcement service and its partners set out with determination to deal with criminal behaviour associated with social clubs in a particular area and either closed them or made them compliant'

MJ Local Government Achievement Awards

Chapter 2

Parks, Open Spaces and Biodiversity

Valued and protected green spaces and natural habitats



Fairland Park

Fairland Park is a small open space situated between Falkland Road and Fairfax Road on the Harringay 'Ladder'. It was previously known as Falkland and Fairfax Open Space until it was renamed by local school children in 2008. The park has recently undergone a much needed revamp which saw the installation of a central area and focus point which includes seating sited around a specially designed, locally made mosaic. Other improvements to the park include new pathways and entrances, the resurfacing of the ball courts and a new play area.

The works in Fairland Park were completed in April 2010 and in July 2010 the park was awarded a Green Flag - the national standard of excellent parks. Haringey residents have proved to be committed to protecting and improving open space within the borough and there are over 30 separate Friends of Parks groups across the borough. The Fairland Park group is a thriving friends group which has been actively and vitally involved in the rejuvenation of the park.

Key Activity and Achievements in 2010

- Parkland Walk received a major upgrade.
- Markfield Park held a grand re-opening following renewal works.
- Residents made a community garden in Wood Green on disused green space.
- Lordship Rec received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support redevelopment plans.
- The Living Under One Sun (LUOS) community allotment organised a Harvest Festival.
- A Haringey Council officer made the Pride of Britain shortlist.
- Back2Earth won £50k from the Peoples Millions competition.
- New management plans were put in place for The Paddock, Queen's Wood Local Nature Reserve and Parkland Walk Local Nature Reserve.
- UK Woodland Assurance Standard accreditation was achieved at Coldfall Wood as evidence of sustainable management.
- Nine public bat walks and two talks were delivered by Lee Valley Bats reaching an audience of nearly 500 people. Further bat events were held by London Bat Group, BTCV and The City of London at Highgate Wood in support of the Bat Species Action Plan.
- Weekly practical volunteer work days were delivered which has helped protect and enhance wildlife on Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation across the borough.
- 800m of mixed native hedge was planted by Haringey Council staff and volunteers at Ducketts Common through grant funding from The Tree Council.
- Homes for Haringey, Circle 33 and six other social landlords along with the London Wildlife Trust and Groundwork London have been successful in their 'Natural Estates' funding bid to improve the quality and enhance the biodiversity value of estate communal green space sites across London which include Sycamore Gardens and the Ferry Lane Estate in Haringey.

Facts and Figures

- The number of Green Flag parks increased from 1 to 19 between 2001 and 2010/11.
- Between 2006 and 2010 Haringey received 6 Green Pennants.
- Six new ponds were created and five restored as part of Froglife's London Living Water Project.
- There was a 5% increase in the management of sites of nature conservation. Now 22%.
- Over 2100 children and nearly 300 adults attended BTCV education sessions at Railway Fields for specialist walks and courses.
- BTCV work around the borough included activities in parks reaching a further 740 children, and walks and talks for nearly 1000 adults.

Did you know...?

- There are 59 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in Haringey. These are areas protected through the planning process having been designated for their high biodiversity value.

"Haringey Council have been very supportive over the last year in helping Froglife create good quality ecological habitats within parks and open spaces for amphibians, as a result four ponds have been created and restored in Haringey"

Rebecca Turpin at Froglife

Chapter 3

Climate Change

*Reduced consumption and pollution of natural resources
and*

Lower carbon emissions from homes and buildings while providing thermal comfort



London Heat Map (courtesy of the London Development Agency), showing areas of intense heat loads. www.londonheatmap.org.uk

Reducing Carbon Emissions

Key activity and achievements in 2010

- Haringey Council was selected as one of nine local authorities to take part in the Department of Energy and Climate Change's Local Carbon Frameworks pilot.
- Haringey Council contributed to a North London sub-regional bid to the European Regional Development Fund to provide funding to support small and medium enterprises (SME's) to increase their resource efficiency and save money on their utility bills.
- £419,441 investment was secured from Warm Front for retrofitting energy efficient measures to Haringey homes.
- Haringey Council became one of the first local authorities to commit to introducing Local Carbon Budgets, to better measure action on carbon reduction.
- Haringey Council was awarded funding from the Decentralised Energy Master Planning Programme, established by the London Development Agency (LDA) to carry out two feasibility studies for potential heat networks in the borough.
- Haringey Council was selected to deliver an LDA pilot retrofit programme RE:NEW, retrofitting 527 homes.
- New sustainable design and construction guidance is produced, setting out a requirement for energy efficiency measures in new homes.

Muswell Hill Low Carbon Zone

- Over 100 homes were surveyed under the Green Home Makeover scheme, with a range of energy and water efficiency measures installed.
- A bulk purchasing group was established for buying renewable energy technologies and efficient boilers.
- Local volunteers were recruited for behaviour change and awareness raising work with local residents.
- Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels were installed at three Haringey schools: Alexandra Park, Rhodes Avenue and Fortismere.
- Community-owned solar PV panels were installed on Marks and Spencer supermarket through en10ergy, a community-owned social enterprise.
- A Living Ark outdoor classroom was built at Muswell Hill Primary School, including a green roof, solar-powered lighting and composting toilet.

"Rhodes Avenue Primary School cares about the water it consumes, the waste it produces and the energy it uses. Consequently, we are happy to be part of the Muswell Hill Low Carbon Zone project. The installation of the panels within our school will provide many curriculum opportunities for our children. They will promote sustainable energy consumption and highlight the availability of solar technology to our local community."

Rhodes Avenue deputy headteacher Shane Claridge



The London Heat Map

Haringey Council has been working with the London Development Agency to contribute energy use data from large heat users in the borough to the map in order to show heat density.

This map provides a clearer picture of where heat for a number of properties is produced from a single source, and where district heating systems, which supply hot water in underground pipes to groups of buildings - could be feasible in the future.

Facts and Figures 2010

- CO₂ emissions in Haringey have reduced from 4.6 (2005) to 4.4 (2008) per capita.
- Total carbon emissions for Haringey were 1,035 tonnes in 2008. The total emissions for London were 45,508,000 tonnes in 2008*. Haringey therefore contributes around 2.3% of the total carbon footprint of the capital.

There is currently a two year time lag in publication of data for gas, electricity and fuel consumption at a local authority level (e.g. in autumn 2010, data was published for 2008).

Did you know...?

- Haringey has the ninth lowest CO₂ emissions of boroughs in London.

Reducing, reusing and recycling waste



Love food Hate Waste

Love Food Hate Waste is a national campaign aimed at reducing the amount of unavoidable food waste. Every year 8.3 million tonnes of food waste is thrown away by UK households, contributing to climate change and costing the average family £680 a year.

The North London Waste Authority has worked with the seven North London boroughs, including Haringey, to run a Love Food Hate Waste campaign across the region. This has focused on showing residents how to store food properly, interpret date labelling correctly, buy and cook the right size portions, and use any leftovers to create new and delicious recipes.

The campaign has included roadshow stalls in supermarkets and cooking demonstrations, where useful tools like spaghetti portion measurers and bag clips were given away. A recipe book compiling local ideas has also been produced.

Key activity and achievements in 2010

Reusing and reducing waste

- Roadshows were held in supermarkets to encourage residents to reduce food waste, in partnership with North London Waste Authority (NLWA).
- 'Leftovers' cooking demonstrations were held for residents in partnership with the NLWA and surrounding boroughs.
- Compost giveaway events were delivered for residents in Finsbury Park (14 tonnes compost) and Alexandra Palace (14 tonnes of compost and woodchip).
- A Love Food Hate Waste communication campaign was delivered across the borough.
- A new waste prevention guide for Haringey businesses was produced.
- Real Nappy and maternity wear clothes swaps and 'nappy talks' were held in the borough.
- Reusable item collections were delivered from students leaving halls of residence.

Increasing recycling

- A schools food waste collection trial was extended to include 28 Haringey Schools.
- A paint and hard plastics collection was launched at the Haringey Reuse and Recycling Centres.
- Stalls and roadshows were run in supermarkets and other public places to engage residents with recycling.
- Haringey's Recycling Service were winners at the Train to Gain awards, and short listed for Government Business Awards and letsrecycle.com Awards for excellence.

Facts and Figures 2010

- An average of 27% of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting across the year.
- 328 new 'real nappy' users received vouchers worth £54.15.
- ReStore furniture reuse trial was successful with collections three times higher than 2009.
- 220 reduced-cost compost bins and 150 accessories (including wormeries and bokashi bins) were sold to residents.

Did you know...?

- At an annual 'Give or Take' event at the Haringey Green Fair 1 tonne of items are taken by attendees which diverts an estimated 3.3t CO₂ of waste from landfill.

Sustainable Food



'Food from the Sky' project, Crouch End

Working with The Positive Earth Project, a social enterprise made up of volunteers, Budgens in Crouch End have created 'Food from the Sky' and are one of the first supermarkets to grow produce on their roof. They are growing a range of organic products using permaculture principles, including adopting endangered species from the Heritage Seed Library. All proceeds from selling the food are fed back into the project. Local residents are encouraged to use the site and regular workshops are also run for adults and children, including BTEC courses for 14-16 year olds. Food waste from Budgens supermarket is also composted on the roof and used for food growing, and the project is hoping to start growing mushrooms and producing honey, ensuring that it builds on the dedication and hard work invested by the founders and volunteers that have seen it through its first year.

Key activity and achievements in 2010

- Haringey Council signed up to the Capital Growth target of 60 new community growing spaces by 2012.
- A draft Sustainable Food Strategy was created in consultation with the public, setting out clear sustainable food priorities for the future.
- An online food map was produced to show new and existing food growing spaces in the borough.
- A team of door knockers continued to actively engage with residents about home composting and food growing around community sites in low rise estates.
- 'Food Cycle' was set up in Crouch End through the Making a Difference Fund – collecting food nearing its sell by date from local shops and using it to make low cost healthy meals for local residents.
- Hornsey Meadow Orchard created links with a farm on the outskirts of London as part of their 'Community Supported Agriculture' initiative.
- The 'Food from the Sky' project based at Thornton's Budgens in Crouch End received 200 old recycling boxes to use as containers for food growing on their roof, along with advice and support on developing the project from the 2010 Chelsea Flower Show.
- University College London and the Haringey Primary Care Trust began to map food deserts - areas lacking access to healthy and sustainable food in the borough.
- £2,000 funding was received from the North London Waste Authority and used at the Living Under One Sun Community Allotment for communal composting and a series of workshops held for site users and community members.
- Haringey Fairtrade Steering group submitted an application for Borough Fairtrade Status.

Facts and Figures 2010

- 37 new growing spaces were created in 2010, bringing the Haringey total to 45 in the last 18 months.
- 11 projects received funding from Capital Growth.
- Six deliveries of 14 tonne loads of compost were arranged for food growing projects across the borough.

Did you know...?

- Haringey has 26 allotment sites that cover over 76 acres in the borough, with over 1600 plots at present.

"I would like to applaud Haringey Council for producing a food strategy and for creating a strategy that takes such a holistic approach to issues around food, recognising the important role that food has on people's health, the economy, the environment and society."

Ben Reynolds- London Food Link and editor of Jellied Eel

Air Quality, Adaptation and Water

Air quality

Key activity and achievements in 2010

- The Air Quality Action Plan was revised and updated.
- Haringey Council secured funding from the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) for air quality awareness raising projects.
- Haringey Council signed up to airTEXT, a free air pollution alert service that can be accessed by mobile phone, email or telephone messages.
- Responding to the identity of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) hotspot locations in Haringey, diffusion tubes (used to monitor NO₂) were relocated to, or moved close to these hotspots to monitor the concentration levels.

Climate Change Adaptation

Key activity and achievements in 2010

- A full comprehensive risk assessment was created outlining all of the risks and opportunities that a changing climate can bring, focusing on effects to council services, health and the local environment.

Water

Key activity and achievements in 2010

- Haringey Council worked with businesses across the borough, as part of the Business Energy Audits scheme, to reduce water usage.
- A fact sheet was produced on sustainable water use for businesses.
- Water saving advice and devices were provided to residents through community engagement events.

“The London Borough of Haringey should be commended on their updated Action Plan. It contains all the measures that are key to the Mayor’s strategy to improve emissions from both transport and non-transport sources. It also contains awareness raising activities to improve public protection from poor air quality within the borough.”

In response to the consultation process for the Air Quality Action Plan (Greater London Authority)

Chapter 4

Leading by Example

Environmentally sustainable public services



Schools Sustainable Investment Fund (SSIF) – Stamford Hill Primary School

The SSIF is an interest-free loan fund operated by the council, which can be used by schools to fit environmentally friendly design options that deliver energy and cost savings (i.e. reduced electricity, gas, or water bills). Schools submit a proposal for funding and, if successful, repay the loan from the savings achieved. In 2010, Stamford Hill Primary School successfully applied for funding for automatic thermostatic radiator valves (auto TRV's) to be installed on all radiators in the school, which regulate the temperature of rooms. The project was completed during the 2010 summer holidays. Now the school no longer heats unused areas as it once did, such as its dining hall which had radiators on all day prior to the installation of auto TRV's, and now is heated only when it is used. Because the return on investment is so swift, Stamford Hill expects to pay the SSIF loan back within three years, after which they will save around £8,000 per year.

Key activity and achievements in 2010

- Haringey Council adopted the Carbon Management Plan with the aim of reducing carbon emissions from our buildings, fleet and schools by 40% by 2014/15.
- Haringey Council was shortlisted for the best Sustainable Procurement Project at the Sustainable City Awards, run by the City of London Corporation.
- Boilers and heating controls were upgraded to more efficient models in nine corporate sites.
- Swimming pool covers and a brand new water-saving filtration system were installed in Tottenham Green Leisure Centre – a first in England.
- Muswell Hill and Alexandra Park libraries were revamped with new energy efficient lighting and hand dryers.
- Energy meters were replaced with automated meters, enabling energy use to be monitored more effectively.
- The Sustainable Investment Fund (SIF) continued to ensure that installations and works are not simply replaced, but upgraded to include environmental enhancements.
- The SSIF provided funding for schools to install energy efficient equipment themselves.
- Through the Green Champion programme, energy training sessions were held for council staff to improve their knowledge of various environmental themes.
- Staff awareness raising activities were held during 'national weeks' such as Fairtrade Fortnight and Energy Saving Week.

Facts and Figures 2010

- Haringey Council met its target of a 10% reduction of carbon emissions from its buildings, schools and transport, compared with 2006/7 levels.
- In total, £290k was committed for energy saving projects for 2010/11. The actual savings achieved from these projects included 229 tonnes CO₂ and £31,750 on gas and electric bills and £2,900 in water bills. This has contributed to an overall CO₂ reduction of 6.47%.

Did you know...?

- Haringey Council is the borough's largest employer, and with a number of buildings, a large vehicle fleet and wide array of services being provided, it accounts for 3.5% of total borough-wide CO₂ emissions.

Cutting carbon emissions as part of the fight against climate change should be a key priority for local authorities - it's all about getting your own house in order and leading by example.

There are those that can and those that do. The Carbon Trust is very proud to support Haringey Council in their ongoing implementation of carbon management.

Richard Rugg

Head of Public Sector, Carbon Trust

Chapter 5

Sustainable Transport

Improved, safe, accessible travel with reduced environmental impact



CLOC Business Travel Plan

Leading printing firm CLOC has further cemented its place as one of London's most eco-friendly organisations by signing up to a workplace travel plan. The organisation, with headquarters in Haringey, responded to staff who wanted to travel more sustainably.

An expert planner from North and Central Travel Plan Network (NCTN) worked with CLOC to understand the needs of the company and its staff and develop an action plan that would meet their objectives.

A key action from CLOC's travel plan will see the company develop brand new shower and changing facilities with the assistance of match funding from NCTN, a measure that will help to facilitate behaviour change. Through NCTN, the company also received free cycle stands which will provide storage capacity onsite.

Further to this, CLOC is looking at implementing a cycle-to-work scheme, which will mean that staff can purchase a bike through the company tax-free, offering savings of up to 50%.

"Developing our travel plan has had a far reaching impact on our business. Through its application we have reduced our environmental impact, increased the travel choices available to staff and visitors and encouraged active and healthy lifestyles across our staff team," said Oliver Thomas, CLOC's Head of Tendering and Ethical Projects.

NCTN travel planner Aimee Clark said:

"With cycle commuting having risen by 70% in London since 2001, it makes sense for companies to support their cycling staff and take advantage of free schemes like NCTN which can help make a real difference in their workplace."

Key Activity and Achievements in 2010

- New 'Cyclehoop' bike parking facilities were installed in shopping areas of Muswell Hill, Hornsey and Crouch End.
- Group cycle training and bicycle maintenance sessions were delivered in parks from May through to October.
- Haringey Council were awarded £25k funding from Transport for London (TfL) to develop a Biking Borough cycling strategy to identify measures to increase cycling participation.
- Children at Earlsmead and Our Lady of Muswell Primary Schools won the TfL Sustainable Level Accreditation Award for their school travel plans which encourage children to walk or cycle to school.
- Haringey Council's Sustainable Transport service won the Transport Team/Partnership of the Year at the London Transport Awards for its road safety education work aimed at cutting road traffic accidents among ethnic and disadvantaged communities.
- Haringey Council signed the 'Plugged in Places' funding and membership agreement enabling the council to claim back 50% of the purchase and installation costs for new electrical charging points.
- In the autumn of 2010, the Sustainable Transport Commission was created to advise Haringey Council on transport policy.
- Haringey's 2nd Local Implementation Plan (Transport Strategy) covering 2011-14 has been drafted and submitted to TfL and the GLA for approval.

Facts and Figures 2010

- Six new workplace travel plans were developed in 2010 which amounts to over 470 more Haringey commuters engaged in sustainable transport
- Haringey's car club scheme doubled in size, providing 40 new on street car club vehicles; bring the total number of streetcar vehicles in Haringey to 76.
- There are now over 3600 streetcar members, which is a 60% increase in membership within a year.
- As of 2010 all schools in Haringey have received a travel planning service. This service has contributed to an overall reduction in car use to school of 5.4%.
- Haringey became one of 21 London boroughs to have signed up to Source London, a new city wide electric vehicle charging network.
- A total of 17 charging points will have been installed in the borough by the end of 2010/11.
- A sustained reduction in traffic volumes in Haringey has continued, down 7% since its peak in 2007.
- As of 2010, 47% of bus stops in Haringey are fully accessible.

Did you know...?

- Haringey is the largest outer London car club borough.

"Haringey have really grasped the potential of the car club concept in the borough as a means of creating positive modal change away from the private car whilst still acknowledging the role that the car has. We look forward to working with the Haringey team to further build on these achievements in 2011." **Streetcar**

Chapter 6

Raising Awareness and Involvement

Empowered local communities that create an environmentally



BBC Springwatch 2010

Haringey was chosen to stage the BBC Springwatch Wild Day Out, a nature festival with a difference. With attendance over the course of the day reaching 8000, families took part in practical activities through a range of Discovery Zones and nature themed stalls. The event also played host to London's first ever BioBlitz – a race against the clock to find and identify as many different species as possible in a defined area.

The event aimed to raise awareness and improve the level of understanding around Biodiversity by getting people excited about the variety of wildlife in London's urban parks. In total, 902 verified biological records were made during the 24-hour period. Many of the species found were rare and/or protected by national or international legislation.

The Natural History Museum invited along 100 scientists from the museum, to help hunt down as many creatures and critters they could find and species were brought back to the BioBlitz Basecamp where they could be identified and displayed for children to get a closer look under a microscope.

People taking part in the BioBlitz were genuinely learning about biodiversity and excited by what they were involved in. Whilst being interviewed live on TV, a child confidently told the presenter that she was not holding just a 'beetle' but in fact 'beetle larvae'. Soon after, another child proudly told the presenter that the stag beetle was “England's largest land based beetle”. This type of engagement and learning activity is hard to achieve, but exactly what Haringey Council along with its partners aspire to create.

Key Activity and Achievements in 2010

Raising Awareness and Promoting Behaviour Change

- The Going Green Conference was held at Haringey Sixth Form Centre with a focus on carbon reduction.
- Haringey Green Week included a wide range of events such as;
 - Haringey Green Fair,
 - Haringey Green Fair Schools Day,
 - BBC Springwatch Wild Day Out,
 - a live outdoor green screening of the England World Cup game in Haringey,
 - a Capital Clean Up event at Courtman Road allotments,
 - a compost giveaway,
 - an organised borough bike ride
 - and a series of environmental roadshows.
- The annual Fairtrade Fortnight celebrated fair and ethical trading values through a series of events such as;
 - coffee mornings organised by council staff promoting the Fairtrade campaign,
 - school activities across the borough, one of which Veronica Pasteur, Head of Campaigns Fairtrade informed pupils at St Aiden's Primary School about the work of food producers in developing countries,
 - a stall promoting the Fairtrade campaign to retailers across the borough, at an event where over 200 local businesses were in attendance,
 - a talk at the Fairdeal Supermarket from Carlos Burgos representing the Pedro Achata Trust about how his charity is improving the lives of people in Peru,
 - and a visit from the then International Development Secretary Douglas Alexander to show his support for the Fairtrade campaign in Haringey.

Environmental Education

- Five Energy Audit projects were delivered in primary schools which included over 1800 students and approximately 150 school staff.
- Energy Efficiency training was delivered to a range of teaching staff at Devonshire Hill Primary School by the Energy Efficiency Team.
- A student from Greig City Academy was named winner of a poster competition run by the NLWA called 'Waste: the bigger picture'. The student had the opportunity to see their artwork on the sides of buses and at bus stops throughout the borough.

Facts and Figures 2010

- The 2010 Going Green Conference attracted over 120 residents and partner representatives.
- Over 15,000 people attended events during Haringey Green Week.
- 263 people met the Haringey Energy Doctor at their local library for one-to-one advice on saving energy in their home.
- 2894 residents were provided with advice on saving energy, water and reducing waste on their door step.
- 513 residents were provided with sustainable travel advice on the door step.
- Over 1400 students and over 150 accompanying adults attended the Environmental Education Centre with 46 workshops being delivered.
- 11 workshops were delivered as part of a series of outreach activities. Over 1800 students and approximately 150 school staff were engaged with as part of the project.
- 21 assemblies were delivered to Haringey Schools.

Did you know...?

- As part of the Eco-schools award which symbolises excellence in the field of environmental activity, Haringey currently has 32 schools with Bronze, 18 with Silver and 1 achieving Green flag accreditation.

Haringey Green Fair 2010

I want to thank you for an excellent Green Fair. I really enjoyed the range of stalls and the dedication of the people running them.

Local resident

BBC Springwatch Wild Day out

"Wonderful event wonderfully organised! The enthusiasm of the scientists was wonderful".

Member of Friends of Alexandra Palace

BBC Springwatch Wild Day out

"For my part it was great to network with so many keen naturalists, and the joy of so many very young potential new future naturalists. It was wonderful to see the delight of someone finding their first ladybird or moth."

Naturalist Volunteer

How to be green

At home

- **Insulate your walls and loft.** Installing cavity wall insulation can save £150 on heating bills; and 10 inches of insulation in your loft can save a quarter of your home's energy.
- **Fit double glazing.** Replacing single glazed windows cuts heat loss by half, and cuts £100 from your heating bill.
- **Always use energy saving light bulbs.** Each bulb can save £78 over its life when compared with a standard bulb.
- **Replace your old, inefficient boiler.** New efficient condensing boilers and better heating controls could save you over £200 a year.
- **Turn your thermostat down.** Lowering the temperature of your thermostat by 1°C could cut your heating bills by up to 10 per cent and save you around £100 per year.
- **Check your hot water tank.** Your cylinder thermostat shouldn't need to be set any higher than 60°C/140°F.
- **Don't leave electrical appliance on standby.**
- **Use the half-load or economy programmes** on your dishwasher or washing machine.
- **Only boil as much water as you need.**
- **Fix leaking taps and make sure they're turned off.** A dripping hot water tap wastes energy and in one week wastes enough hot water to fill half a bath.
- **Pop a water saving device in your toilet cistern** to save water every time you flush. These are usually available from your water company for free.
- **Take short showers** as it can use as little as a third of the amount of a typical bath.
- **Try using a bucket and sponge** rather than washing your car with a running hosepipe.
- **Giving your plants' roots a good soaking** once or twice a week in dry weather is much better than lightly watering them every day because most of that water just evaporates away

At work

- **Do not leave your mobile phone charger plugged in.**
- **Be sensible about the heating and air conditioning** - avoid running both at the same time!
- **Turn off your lights and heating/air conditioning** before leaving the office at the end of the day.
- **Only print documents when it is absolutely necessary.**

On the move

- **Walk or cycle** if the length of your journey is feasible.
- **Use public transport** where you can.

Reduce your waste

- **Buy a Bag for Life.** Stronger reusable bags can be bought from many supermarkets for as little as 10p, and can be used again and again
- **Choose food with less packaging.** When you are out shopping, try to choose those items that use less packaging.
- **Buy in bulk.** Many food items can be bought in small or large packets. If you choose the larger ones, you will end up using less packaging.
- **Real nappies reduce waste.** Reusable cloth nappies greatly reduce the amount of waste that families with babies and toddlers throw away.
- **Donate or share.** There will often be someone who could make use of an item that you no longer need. Share unwanted items like clothes, books, CDs, DVDs and videos with friends and family, or donate them to charity
- **Leftovers for lunch.** If you have any leftovers from your dinner, why not put them into a tupperware box and take them into work for lunch?
- **Carry a water bottle.** Rather than always having to buy an expensive bottle of water when you get thirsty, why not carry a bottle around with you that you can fill up from the tap?
- **Compost at home.** Green garden waste, fruit and vegetable peelings, teabags, egg shells and shredded paper are just some of the materials that can be composted at home. This reduces the amount of waste that you get collected, and will supply you with good quality compost.

Feedback

If you would like to provide any feedback to the Greenest Borough Strategy Annual Report there is a number of ways in which you can do it.

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