



Creation, construction and reconstruction...

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Meet Us at the Park

This half term the Enhancement Project Team have planned another of the regular **Meet Us at the Park** sessions to update visitors and local people on the plans to develop Lesnes Abbey Woods.

This all-day event will be held in the recreation ground area on Thursday 28 May from 10.30am until 2.30pm.



Medieval tile making Thursday 28 May, 10.30am – 2.30pm

Kate Tiler will be at the park to lead unique hands-on living history sessions. This free activity will bring the past to life and allow participants able to handle a Medieval potter's tools and materials. Drop in and add your mark to the project.



Woodland walks and new guided trails test sessions

Join the highly experienced conservation and ecology group, [North West Kent Countryside Partnership](#) who will be leading guided walks into the woodland at Lesnes. These free walks on Thursday 28 May will begin at 11am and 2pm starting from the recreation ground.

- ✓ Under 11's to be accompanied by an adult.
- ✓ Please wear sturdy footwear.
- ✓ Walks are approximately 45 minutes in length.

Lesnes Lodge progress

Kiosk operations

The Council will soon invite offers from businesses to open and operate the kiosk at Lesnes Lodge.

This process will be co-ordinated via the [London Tenders Portal](#) and we recommend interested parties register on this web site to access the Lesnes kiosk information and eventually submit offers to the Council in June (tbc).



Bolt and Heeks

Our Lesnes Lodge contractor started on site at the beginning of March and the project is on schedule to complete this autumn. We all looking forward with park visitors to using the new facilities then.

[Bolt and Heeks](#) are part of the Considerate Contractors scheme and are interested in receiving feedback. Their working hours are 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Please contact Site Manager Manjeet Singh Sira, msira@boltandheeks.co.uk and 07584 147401.

Activity Plan highlights

Primary school's programme

The project team is delighted to be working with a small group of experts who are preparing the primary school's education programme. The group consists of Isabel Sturdy (North West Kent Countryside Partnership), Julie Daniel (Crayford Archives and qualified primary school teacher) and Anthony Thomas (PRM Archaeology).



Subject areas being covered in the programme within the National Curriculum are;

- ✓ Science
- ✓ History
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Art & Design

We invite schools to contact us now, to work through the development phase of the programme and 'trial' our new sessions with their pupils in the forthcoming autumn term.

Contact visitlesnes@bexley.gov.uk.

Volunteer programme

Policy development has begun and will be ongoing until October to fully provide for the volunteer work offered through the Activity Plan. Various role descriptions, support, training and qualifications will all be covered in the policy.

Contact volunteeringlesnes@bexley.gov.uk to join the developing Volunteer data base and receive news specifically regarding these opportunities to volunteer at Lesnes.

Stakeholder meeting, Thursday 12 June, 5.15 – 8pm

The third meeting of the Lesnes project Delivery Phase working group will be held in June at Bexleyheath Civic office. This session will update partner organisations, collaborating consultants colleagues, community groups, friends and stakeholders on the Masterplan, park activities and significantly – it will be used to help set up our project evaluation process.

Please email Jeannette Brooks to confirm your attendance,
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