



Hampstead Heath

Registered Charity

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Help us care for the Heath during the Coronavirus Crisis – Issue No. 3

Thank you for your continuing support at this time. Although the weather is getting warmer, we must remember that it is not business as usual on the Heath this Easter Weekend. Sunbathing, picnics and group sports/ball games are not permitted. Please only visit the Heath to undertake your daily session of exercise and ensure you social distance, by staying 2 metres away from other visitors.

Working together to care for the Heath, being considerate towards others and following the Government's Guidance are critical to help us keep the Heath open and accessible to all during these challenging times.

We continue to promote the following messages, based on the Government's Guidance, by using social media and signage on site.

- **Stay local – do not take public transport or drive to the Heath**
- **Keep at least 2 metres away from others and only visit the Heath to get your daily exercise**
- **Take all litter and waste away with you. All waste bins have been removed as we do not have the staff resources to collect the waste**
- **Keep your dogs under proper control, if necessary, on a lead, and take your dog waste away with you for disposal at home, in your general waste bin**
- **No public gatherings, picnics, sunbathing or group sports/ball games**

The Metropolitan Police Service are carrying out regular patrols on the Heath and in Golders Hill Park. They have already spoken to many people, reminding them of the Government's Guidance. Our staff are also providing advice to visitors, and will continue to politely remind people of the Government's Guidance.

Thanks to everyone doing their bit by taking rubbish and dog waste away. There is still a minority of people who are leaving dog waste where bins used to be located but we also believe this is getting better and the message is getting through.

We have continued to receive complaints about joggers, and now cyclists, not adhering to social distancing or cycling in areas where it is not permitted. We will continue to use social media and patrols to get the message across that everyone must be considerate to other visitors.

Please remember that Golders Hill Park, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park are all closing at 7pm each evening. We would really appreciate your support leaving these sites promptly to help our staff get home at the end of their shifts.

The water fountains across the Heath have also been switched off to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. We have also put up high fencing around the trim trail as we found people were continuing to use it despite signage and a locked gate.

We have also received positive feedback on our social media channels and to our staff on the ground, about the Heath being a lifeline at the moment and we want to thank everyone for helping us to care for the Heath during this difficult time.

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Help us to care for the Heath, observe social distancing, protect the NHS and save lives.

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