

A NEW LOGO FOR THE HOGSMILL VALLEY WALK IS ADOPTED

The Council have now produced a new logo for the Hogsmill Valley Walk following over 160 entries into the local schools competition to design a new logo.

The logo combines elements of the two winning entries from Jessica Ladlow and Rebecca Broughton. It shows the Heron, a common site along the Hogsmill, against a background of trees and the river.

The logo was agreed by the Council's working group in early 2003, following consultation with officers about the design. The aim was to design a simple, clear and

distinctive symbol which is easily recognisable. The logo was produced to enable the Hogsmill Valley Walk to be easily identifiable for the public.

The logo will now be reproduced on all new literature and signage for the walk along the length of the river in the Borough once the officers have agreed the logo with the Department for Transport.

A new leaflet for the Hogsmill Valley Walk within the Royal Borough will be produced within the next few months. It will be launched in conjunction with the new signage for the river and the new interpretation panels.

The new logo will be adopted in both colour and black and white. The black and white version is shown below.



For further information contact Emma Lamey (020) 8547 5337

Green Lane Cycle Bridge

The new cycle bridge across the Hogsmill River, between Surbiton Hill Park and Green Lane, is currently being built, and is due to be finished and opened in Spring 2003.

The construction of the bridge follows three years of planning by the Council to build a bridge next to the existing one, and has involved lengthy negotiations with the Environment Agency and other interested bodies. It will allow cyclists to cross the river without needing to dismount, or coming into conflict with pedestrians.

The London Cycle Network (LCN) financed the design and construction of the bridge, which will provide a

Dedicated crossing of the Hogsmill River on LCN Route 75. This forms part of the strategic cycle route connecting Kingston with Twickenham, Worcester Park, Sutton and Croydon.



The picture shows the new cycle bridge being swung into place in late March 2003.

A Natural View



Have you seen heron's along the Hogsmill? It is most likely that this was a grey heron or *Ardea Cinerea*. They are a common site along the Hogsmill and can most frequently be seen standing on the rim of the waterfall alongside Heron Court. These birds are found in both Britain and Ireland, and tend to like all kinds of water, from estuaries and marshes, to lakes and garden ponds. They stand in the water statue like, waiting for their prey to swim by. Grey Herons can live for up to 25 years, and sometimes have bright orange beaks during their breeding season.

Marie-Claire Edwards, Borough Ecology and Environmental Education Officer (020) 8547 5372.

Remember to take your litter home with you!
A tidy environment is a safe environment for everything!



Success at Penrhyn Road to Heron Court

Following adoption of the local area strategy for the Penrhyn Road to Heron Court stretch of the Hogsmill Valley Walk by Kingston Town Centre Neighbourhood Committee, Council officers organised a community clean up day in January. The day was a huge success with over 40 volunteers attending to help with the clean up.

The Council organised graffiti removal in the area, the provision of a skip, and various articles of equipment, such as litter pickers, gloves, and basic gardening equipment.

Following on from the success of the clean up day the Council has organised for the railings in the area to be replaced, new dog bins to be installed, and new planting, which is planned for Spring



2003. The Council now proposes to facilitate the development of a Hogsmill Action Group (HAG) for this stretch to help maintain the improvements that have been achieved. For further information on this please contact Suzanne West on (020) 8547 5347.

The Council now proposes the development of a local area strategy for the stretch from Knights Park Bridge to Villiers Road.

New Interpretation Panels for the Hogsmill Valley Walk

The Hogsmill Valley Walk strategy is now developing a series of seven interpretation boards to be placed at strategic points along the length of the Hogsmill Valley Walk.

The Interpretation Panels are being developed in conjunction with the adoption of the new logo for the walk and the proposed new literature the Council is developing.

The Interpretation Panels will

show the route in its entirety on each board, as well as a smaller more informative map showing the facilities and services available on that section of the walk, the history of various structures along the walk, and the history of the river itself.

The Borough's ecology officer has also identified types of flora and fauna that are usually visible along these stretches of the walk, and so the boards provide information

about these species.

The route of the walk varies at certain points, and the interpretation boards aim to show a variety of options for the walker.

The boards will be installed by late Summer 2003, and will form the first stage of improving the literature and information available about the Hogsmill Valley Walk in the Royal Borough. For further information contact Emma Lamey on (020) 8547 5337.

If you would like to be kept up to date with recent developments on the Hogsmill Walk and wish to receive further editions, or you have any further comments or suggestions on "The Hogsmill News", please contact the project leader, Emma Lamey on (020 8547 5337), or email her at Emma.Lamey@rbk.kingston.gov.uk. Alternatively you can fill in the form below and send it to Emma Lamey, Department of Environmental Services, Guildhall 2, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey KT1 1EU.

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What's on in Spring 2003?

The next Hogsmill Action Group (HAG) clean up day is planned for Sunday 6th April. The group will be meeting at 10am at the children's playground at the end of Knollmead, and aim to do a litter pick along the back of Southwood Drive, and around the fields by Richard Challoner School, known as Long Meadow. The Council will provide all equipment necessary. For further information please contact Suzanne West on (020) 8547 5347.

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