

# A NEW LOGO FOR THE HOGSMILL VALLEY WALK IS UNDERWAY

Over 160 local school children in the Royal Borough entered the Council-run competition to design a new logo for the Hogsmill Valley Walk.

As part of the Hogsmill Valley Walk Strategy adopted by Kingston Council in 2002 a new logo is to be adopted for signposting the Walk, and all associated literature and promotional material. In order to ensure that the logo reflects the Hogsmill River, and its inhabitants, and is easily recognisable by the borough's residents the council felt that the local school children would be best placed to create the design.



Jessica Ladlow  
Knollmead Primary School



Rebecca Broughton  
St. John's Primary School

Many outstanding entries were received, and the three members of the judging panel, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Mirza and Miss Barbara Webb spent a long time considering which entries to choose.

Two winners were picked, reflecting the high standard of the entries, and the winning designs (shown) are to be amalgamated.

The final design will be available for consultation by early 2003.



The winners were presented the Doreen Kingsley book on Ponds and Rivers by Councillor Thompson, Councillor Johnston and Councillor Mirza.

## Penrhyn Road to Heron Court Strategy adopted – Community Clean Up day!!!

The council have adopted the first in a series of detailed implementation strategies for stretches of the walk, aimed at improving the overall appearance of the walk and the facilities that are along it.

Kingston Town Neighbourhood adopted the first strategy for the walk between Penrhyn Road and Heron Court in October 2002, and plans are already underway to carry out improvements. The graffiti in the area is a big problem, and an eyesore for local walkers. This is to be cleaned off in early 2003, prior to the proposed community clean up day. On January 19<sup>th</sup> Council

Officers will be at this site with bin bags and other cleaning equipment, and would welcome volunteers who wish to help. Once the clean up has been started a new regime of planting will follow to smarten up the area and make it attractive for local residents and users of the walk.



For more information on the clean up day please contact Suzanne West on (020) 8547 5347.

## A Natural View



Did you think you saw a flash of blue go *under* the bridge at Guildhall 2 and *under* the Clattern Bridge...no it wasn't a piece of paper blowing in the wind it may have been a Kingfisher.

These birds cannot swim on the water like a duck, but rely on the water for food. They fly close to the surface and plunge into the water to catch fish with their long sharp beak. They then fly back to the perch and beat the catch on a branch before swallowing the fish head first. Kingfishers have been known to breed along the Hogsmill and are one of the most eye catching sights, if only for a second!

Marie-Claire Edwards, Borough Ecology and Environmental Education Officer

Remember to take your [litter home with you!](#)  
A tidy environment is a safe environment for everything!



# Tolworth Court Farm – the future proposals

Tolworth Court Farm is a piece of lowland semi-natural grassland that resembles the rural landscape of the past. It forms part of the Green Corridor which snakes through the borough along the Hogsmill River.

An ecological survey has just been completed on the site, to find out what habitats and species are in the fields and hedgerows. The information will be used to produce an Ecological Management Plan to be followed for ten years. Local residents have recognised how beautiful and important this landscape is and this long term plan will help towards getting Local Nature Reserve status granted. Local Nature Reserves are declared under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. They are



pieces of land, which are of special natural value and protected for their educational value and for enjoyment of the natural world. If you would like to find out more about the habitats on Tolworth Court Farm please contact the borough's Ecology and Environmental Education Officer, Marie-Claire Edwards on (020) 8547 5372 or [Marie-Claire.Edwards@rbk.Kingston.gov.uk](mailto:Marie-Claire.Edwards@rbk.Kingston.gov.uk)

## Become a HAG and make a difference to the Hogsmill!

The River Hogsmill is home to a diverse flora and fauna and is an important green corridor. The river is used by a range of local people, as well as attracting walkers from further afield. Unfortunately the river, its banks, and its paths suffer some misuse and neglect, namely litter, graffiti and flytipping.

We would like to try and revitalise the river and surrounding areas, encourage appropriate and positive use and improve the river as a

Wildlife habitat. **But we can't do this without your help!** It is well documented that most well managed green spaces have active community involvement. Local people who care about their local environment can make a huge difference.

**We are looking for volunteers who are interested in getting involved in a HAG (Hogsmill Action Group).** There is a range of ways you can help - from looking out for, and

reporting, vandalism and flytipping, to pruning the plants in public areas, or getting stuck in with tree planting or litter picking.

We hope that you will want to get involved to make a difference to your local area. If you would like to form a HAG in your area, or have any questions, please contact Suzanne West on (020) 8547 5347, or via email on [suzanne.west@rbk.Kingston.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.west@rbk.Kingston.gov.uk)

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 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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## Planning for a new bridge at Six Acre

The council have recently submitted a planning application to build a new pedestrian footbridge between Six Acre Meadow and Knollmead in Old Malden. The Bridge has been designed by a local contractor, and is proposed to be in place by next summer. The Environment Agency are fully supportive of the council's proposals for the bridge, and have given consent for it to go ahead.

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