

Quadron gets stuck into the Re:Leaf Campaign



Staff and pupils from Randolph Beresford School alongside Dan Monday of Quadron Services.



Pictured here are staff from Quadron and London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

The Mayor of London's Office aimed to supply 10,000 match-funded trees for planting in 2011 as part of the Re:Leaf Campaign. The campaign is being run to increase tree cover in London by 5 percent, aiming to create 25 extra hectares of tree cover by 2020.

The funding bid was accepted in December, leaving only a week to get all of the arrangements in place by Christmas.

The trees were being planted to increase tree cover, engage volunteers, local ownership and children, encourage the creation of tree wardens, create woodland habitat, help reduce maximum summer temperatures and finally, to help to reduce flash flooding.

Stefan Czeladinski, monitoring officer from LBHF said, "The Scrubs planting was aimed to create an additional 2 hectares of tree cover.

Through the support of QSL, Groundwork London and all of the

volunteers, we actually successfully planted around 4.5 hectares of trees at the scrubs. We have by far exceeded the targets of the project.

This project has been a monumental achievement for which we are very grateful to QSL and Groundwork staff who were on the ground; they worked harder each day and morale was very high."

As you can see pictured above left, local pupils and teachers from Randolph Beresford School helped out, and Councilors and GLA staff volunteered.

Throughout the project, Quadron Staff were working alongside Groundwork and LBHF staff continuously, continuing to build on valuable relationships.

Alien invasion

"You've all probably seen this over the years, and it will come as no surprise once you look at the flower heads, that it is also known as Giant Cow Parsley. As in many cases, it was introduced to the British Isles in the 19th century for ornamental reasons. Unfortunately, it is now widespread and often displaces native plants, reducing wildlife interest and hence many aspects of biodiversity. Once the plant sets seed after flowering in its final year of life, it dies. The seeds are very resilient, and can remain viable for many years.

Giant Hogweed is phototoxic, which means that if its sap touches skin and that skin is then exposed to sunlight, then the initial inflammation can blister and potentially scar – children are particularly prone to this.

Manual removal and repeated Glyphosate application are effective in its eradication, and it has been an offence to plant or cause Giant Hogweed to grow in the wild, since the inception of the "Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981"



Following the theme of the last few newsletters, I thought we could turn our attention this time towards *Heracleum Mantegazzianum*, aka "Giant Hogweed"

Further additions to the Hammersmith and Fulham fleet



These vehicles, are multi-use and will not only serve the mobile grass-cutting teams in transporting ride-on kit around the borough, but, as seen here, will also lend themselves to general debris disposal for the shrub teams.

Training continues to flourish

Ongoing Lantra Awards training by our supervisors Rick Jelley and Keith Hall means that over half of our staff are now compliant with the safe operation of all generic items of kit that they may use.

In addition, Rick and Keith themselves are currently attending a training course in cable detection.

Health and Safety in the Workplace, Level 2 training, is also happening here at Normand Park, with Steve Plumley delivering the courses.

In addition, any and all new members of staff, who work for, or on behalf of Quadron receive induction training from the managers, including an interactive CD ROM, closely followed up by training delivered by Rick and Keith on items of powered kit they may be required to operate.

Winter Leaf Collection

“Keep up the good work, everyone” Senior Contract Manager, Iain McCready on Quadron Staff reaching their Leaf Collection Targets early!

The staff have been busy around Hammersmith and Fulham clearing leaves from all of the sites on the contract! The leaves themselves are currently being piled up in Wormwood Scrubs Yard and a subcontractor will be brought in to pass this brown mountain through a composter. The resulting mulch will be applied to the rose and shrub beds throughout the borough, once the beds have

had an application of “Chikara”, a new broad-spectrum residual herbicide. This two-pronged approach to weed suppression and prevention should pay dividends for the growing season, and raise the standard even higher on our sites. Of course, what cannot be ignored is the amount of boxes that can be ticked by working this way with regard to recycling, cost-efficient systems of work and biodiversity.

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