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Howbery Business Park collects 'Business Park of the Year' Award

Howbery Business Park has been named Business Park of the Year in the 2017 Thames Valley Property Awards. To be recognised for this award, which is sponsored by Chartered Surveyors, Kempton Carr Croft, the judges were looking for evidence of the ability of the park's management team to market the business park using new initiatives, to maintain high occupancy levels, and to consistently receive positive feedback from tenants.



(From left) Mark Baxter, Operations Manager, Paul Middleton, Technical Services Manager, and Donna Bowles, Estates Manager, with Bruce Tomlinson CEO of HR Wallingford, receive the award for Business Park of the Year on behalf of Howbery Business Park at a gala dinner at Ascot Racecourse hosted by BBC Presenter, John Inverdale (right)



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Donna Bowles, Estates Manager said:

“We are absolutely delighted to have been recognised as Business Park of the Year. The Estates Team works hard to create and maintain a sense of community with our tenants, and we are continuing to invest in the park’s amenities to provide a healthy work-life balance for staff on the park. I would like to thank our tenants for their continued support”.



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Where are these places on the Park? If you know, you could win a prize.

If you think you know where these locations are on the Park, email Donna with your answers.

The first three correct answers sent to the estates office will win **meal vouchers for two** in the Manor restaurant.

Answers to: d.bowles@hrwallingford.com



Table Tennis

The table tennis table is situated on the terrace at the back of the Manor House. There is no need to book to play, all the equipment you need is available in a box by the table. Spare balls can be collected from the Estates Office. Enjoy!



Orchids!

Graham Scholey from the Environment Agency writes: Once again we are getting to be orchid flowering time at Howbery Park, and for the second year running a few areas have been marked out on the grassland behind Red Kite House in order to allow some of the plants to flower.

This year there seem to be less orchids coming up – orchids are notoriously variable in the number of plants which grow each year, and this year some plants may be having a ‘year off’. In addition, a number of individual orchids were damaged by the late frosts this spring – it is not only England’s wineries that have been affected by that brief spell of cold weather.

However, now the sun is shining and the temperatures are increasing, and as I write some of the bee orchids are starting to open their flowers.

Please have a look at them and enjoy them, along with the other flowers which will be allowed to bloom within the unmown areas. Once the orchids have flowered and set seed, these areas will also be managed.



Football Focus

Crowmarsh Youth Under 16's sponsored by Howbery Park have comprehensively won the Oxford Mail Under 16 Boys C League, winning 17 games and only losing 1 game all season. The Team have been together for 10 seasons and have been sponsored by Howbery Park for the last 5 years. Howbery Park has

also agreed to sponsor the team kit for the next 2 seasons as the team move to Wallingford Town AFC playing in an Under 18 Youth league.

Crowmarsh Youth and Wallingford Town AFC have started to forge links between local Youth Football Clubs and Wallingford Town's Senior Men's Teams

with next season being the first of this new initiative creating a pathway and an opportunity for the ongoing development of local football players and in support of Wallingford Town's ambitions of progressing back up the Football League Pyramid having just been accepted back into the Hellenic League Division 1 East for the 2017/18 Season.

League Table								
POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Crowmarsh Youth	18	17	0	1	67	17	51
2	Summertown Stars	18	11	4	3	64	27	37
3	Rotherfield United	18	11	1	6	57	38	34
4	Quarry Rovers	18	11	1	6	49	32	34
5	Crowmarsh Youth Tigers	18	9	2	7	78	53	29
6	Hinksey Park	18	8	4	6	59	43	28
7	Summertown Comets	18	7	1	10	64	65	22
8	Wheatley Boys	18	6	0	12	55	72	18
9	Tratcham Town Harriers	18	3	1	14	39	54	10
10	Wantage Town	18	0	0	18	21	150	0

Table detail





News and Events from The Manor House Catering Team

Come and join us for our themed menu days where we do our best to provide a little something different for your taste buds:-

June onwards
BBQ season -
weather permitting

3rd July - 16th July
Wimbledon Week
Must be Strawberries
& Cream time



4th July
American
Independence Day
American food on the menu

17th August
Indonesian
theme menu



So why not make a date to join
us on these days?



Ready, steady, dig...

Tenants on the Park are being given the chance to put on their gardening gloves and tend their very own allotment.

Howbery Business Park has created a dozen beds in its Cottage Garden which it has made available to its tenants' staff to get together to tend for a year at a time. The mini allotments, which have been made using the park's own compost, have been offered on a first-come first-served basis, with an annual changeover to allow as many businesses on the park as possible to take part.

With the value of gardening being increasingly recognised as a way to improve physical health and mental wellbeing, the allotments are another amenity the park is providing in its aim to provide a healthy work-life balance for tenants. Aside from the obvious benefit of the exercise from all that digging and weeding, spending time gardening has been shown to reduce stress and so boost mental health too.

Donna Bowles, Estates Manager, says she is delighted with the enthusiastic response.

"We are looking forward to seeing staff getting together to grow some great plants or vegetables, with some competitions planned for the tallest sunflower or biggest pumpkin!"

Howbery Business Park benefits from a landscaped parkland where in recent years, it has developed diverse habitats including wildflower meadows, and only last year established two new bee colonies.

Robin Sergi from Nurture Landscapes who provide the park's grounds services, and whose team have established the on-site allotments, says: "We are delighted to continue to support Howbery Business Park's investment in its green spaces, maintaining and developing the flora and fauna of the site. The attractive grounds give the park a special feel, and provide a valuable feature that everyone who works or visits the park can enjoy."



(from right) Bruce Tomlinson, CEO HR Wallingford, Donna Bowles, Estates Manager, and Robin Sergi, Nurture Landscapes





Tenants get a buzz from honey workshop



Nurture held a honey extraction workshop on Monday 15th May. Fun was had by all, and 40 jars of honey were produced. We have invested in two more hives as there are so many bees!

The workshop started with some key advice: Please note that it is advisable not to be wearing strong perfume or aftershave as any strong odours can flavour the honey during extraction. It can get sticky, so dress appropriately. Gloves and aprons will be provided.

The day included the following:

1. Identification and pre-information talk about extraction
2. Have a go at uncapping the frames
3. Load and spin the extractor
4. Filter the honey
5. Jar it up and take it home.

Beekeepers get asked lots of questions about honey: listed below are some of the most popular.

Why do bees make honey?

Honey bees are special in that they overwinter as a colony, unlike wasps and bumblebees. The colony does not hibernate but stays active and clusters together to stay warm. This requires a lot of food, which is stored during the summer. Although a hive only needs 20-30 lb of honey to survive an average winter, the bees are

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capable of collecting much more, if given storage space. This is what the beekeeper wants them to do.

Bees have been producing honey in the same way for over one hundred and fifty million years.

How much honey can one beehive produce?

One hive can produce 60 lb (27 kg) or more in a good season. However an average hive would be around 25 lb (11 kg) surplus.

Bees fly about 55,000 miles to make just one pound of honey, that's 2.2 times around the world. Romans used honey instead of gold to pay their taxes.

How does the beekeeper get the honey from the bees?

The queen bee is kept below the upper boxes (called 'supers') in the hive by a wire or plastic grid (called a 'queen excluder'), which the queen is too large to fit through. As the bees cannot raise brood above the queen excluder, only honey is stored in the supers. As the season progresses, the beekeeper adds more supers until the time to harvest the honey.



Jewel Training

Jewel Training were Highly Commended in the Training Provider Category at the Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2017.

Having made it down to the final three, Jewel were invited to send two delegates to the inaugural Awards Ceremony night on Wednesday 8th March. Julie Johns (Managing Director) and Jenny Dack (Business Development Manager) represented the company. Alongside Jewel Training, the other two finalists were Abingdon & Witney College and Ace Training, both of whom are very worthwhile nominees.

The winner of the category was Abingdon & Witney College. Congratulations to them. The Ceremony was a very special night to celebrate the achievements of not just the Training Providers for Apprenticeships, but also to celebrate the actual Apprentices themselves. It was really great to see the Apprentices getting recognition for all the hard work they've put in to complete their apprenticeships.





Seed to plate workshop

The seed to plate workshop was a success, with tenants who have taken an allotment attending and learning how to propagate seeds. We planted peppers, chillies, tomatoes, aubergines and courgettes. Thank you to Rob Sergi from Nurture for running the workshop.



Hanging basket workshop

An enthusiastic crowd attended the hanging basket workshop. It was great fun learning how to plant your own basket up to take home. Thank you again to Rob Sergi from Nurture who ran the workshop.



Wood Recycling

We are proud to have received this certificate from Oxford Wood Recycling. It is our aim to try to achieve zero to landfill.





HR Wallingford celebrates 70 years of working with water

HR Wallingford has come a long way in the last 70 years from its origins in 1947 in Teddington as a Government Laboratory – the year the first LPs were produced, and Princess Elizabeth married the Duke of Edinburgh.

Previously the Hydraulics Research Station, the company moved to Wallingford in 1951 to take advantage of Howbery Park's 70 acre site and riverside location. Its large-scale tests and experiments needed lots of space and a plentiful

supply of water, all of which Howbery Park could offer.

In HR Wallingford's early days at Howbery Park, models were built outdoors as this view from the Manor House in the 1950s of a model of a harbour shows.

One of the major projects carried out at Howbery Park in the



1970s was the construction of a massive model of a third airport for London - the proposed Maplin airport and seaport, which was to be built on land



reclaimed in the Thames Estuary. In 1973, a hall was custom-built to house this one model, which was all about calibrating and plotting tides and currents. At that time, the roof span of this enormous building could claim the title of the widest steel span structure in Europe!

Many high profile visitors have been received over the years including HM The Queen in 1956, numerous Government ministers such as then PM James Callaghan (pictured) in c. 1976 and the King and Queen of Nepal in 1980.

One of the company's longest running studies has been on the Thames Barrier. In 1968, the Hydraulics Research Station was commissioned to undertake studies to predict how the construction and operation of a barrier at different sites would affect river levels, tidal currents and siltation in the Thames. Many other computer, physical modelling, monitoring and laboratory studies were carried out to refine the barrier plan in the 1970s leading to the Thames Barrier becoming operational in 1984.

Today, HR Wallingford is again supporting the largest infrastructure project on the tidal River Thames; the development of the Thames Tideway Tunnel (also known as the Supersewer), a major new sewer urgently needed to reduce the impacts



of overflows from London's sewers into the tidal River Thames. The company's scientists have been helping the project team understand the effects the potential construction work and the completed project could have on the river, using a comprehensive programme of fluvial numerical and physical modelling and assessment.

HR Wallingford was privatised in 1982, and obtained Scientific Research Association status, meaning that 75% of its profits must be used for R&D-related activities. The company changed its name to HR Wallingford in 1991.

HR Wallingford's facilities on the park today include three purpose-built halls measuring 14,400 square metres, comprising seven wave basins and numerous wave flumes, one of which, the Fast Flow Facility can house a tsunami simulator, or be used to test the stability of renewable energy foundations, such as those used for offshore wind or wave turbines. Howbery Business Park is also home to

HR Wallingford's UK Ship Simulation Centre, used not only for pilot training, but also to offer expert consultancy for port and harbour design.

Although these days numerical and CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) modelling play an increasing role in the company's consultancy and

research work, scaled physical models are still being used to solve water-related challenges, like this model of Colwyn Bay which is currently being used to design and test the effectiveness of a coastal beach defence, and which was recently featured on BBC Wales.



Longest-serving staff member, Prof William Allsop (Technical Director) and new recruit, Francesca Moschini (Graduate Engineer), cut the 70th birthday cake to celebrate HR Wallingford's 1947-2017 anniversary with staff.

SOLAR POWER ON THE PARK

Here are the latest stats for energy generation and consumption for the Park in 2017 up to May 1st:



Electricity
generated so far
in 2017 was

212,278kWh

giving a
carbon saving
of approx.

95,380kg/



Exported back to
the National Grid
in 2017 so far

21,640kWh



Lifestyles Rehab, Gym and Performance Centre Celebrate 6 Years

Lifestyles Rehab, Gym & Performance Centre will be celebrating their 6th birthday on the 1st July from 7pm onwards at The Dolphin Pub in Wallingford.

It has been the most amazing 6 years of building a business with a lifelong friend - Lisa Letchford. Buying Lisa out when she moved away to become a hockey coach in Brussels and continuing to grow the business with the help of my brilliant staff – Mark, Anthony, Andy, Natalie and in the past – Chris and Lauren.

If you would like to join them and raise a glass, then please feel free to pop along.



Cashless-cuisine? That'll do nicely.

Have you got your 'Pre-paid card' from the catering department, please see a member of staff if you would like more information.



Job Vacancies on the Park

Element C vacancy – Lead Generator

May 30, 2017

A small but growing Wallingford consultancy is looking for a bright, hard working, conscientious individual to work c10-15 hours a week, possibly more as time goes on, doing PC based research/data admin.

Hankinson Duckett Associates vacancy – Senior Ecologist

May 30, 2017

We are looking for an experienced Senior Ecologist to join our Thames Valley based environmental consultancy. This is a great opportunity for the right candidate, providing a chance to develop their career as part of an enthusiastic, friendly and professional team working in pleasant surroundings. In addition we can offer the successful candidate a competitive salary and benefits including annual bonus and contributory pension schemes.

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Cleaners/Supervisor required on Howbery Business Park

January 4, 2017

Shifts are 7am to 9am and 4pm to 7pm. No experience required for cleaners but must have cleaning experience for the supervisor post.

Check out howberypark.com for details

TENANT NEWS

Welcome to **Scrum and Kanban** who joined us on the 1st May. We hope you are very happy in your new office in the Innovation Centre.



David Lowe
Scrum & Kanban

A sad farewell to **Seriously PR** and **OACP** who leave us at the end of June, thank you for being brilliant Tenants, we wish you good luck for the future.

One of our longest standing Tenant, **Stretch Learning**, wound down their office in April and are working from home, but have kept Howbery Business Park as a virtual office.

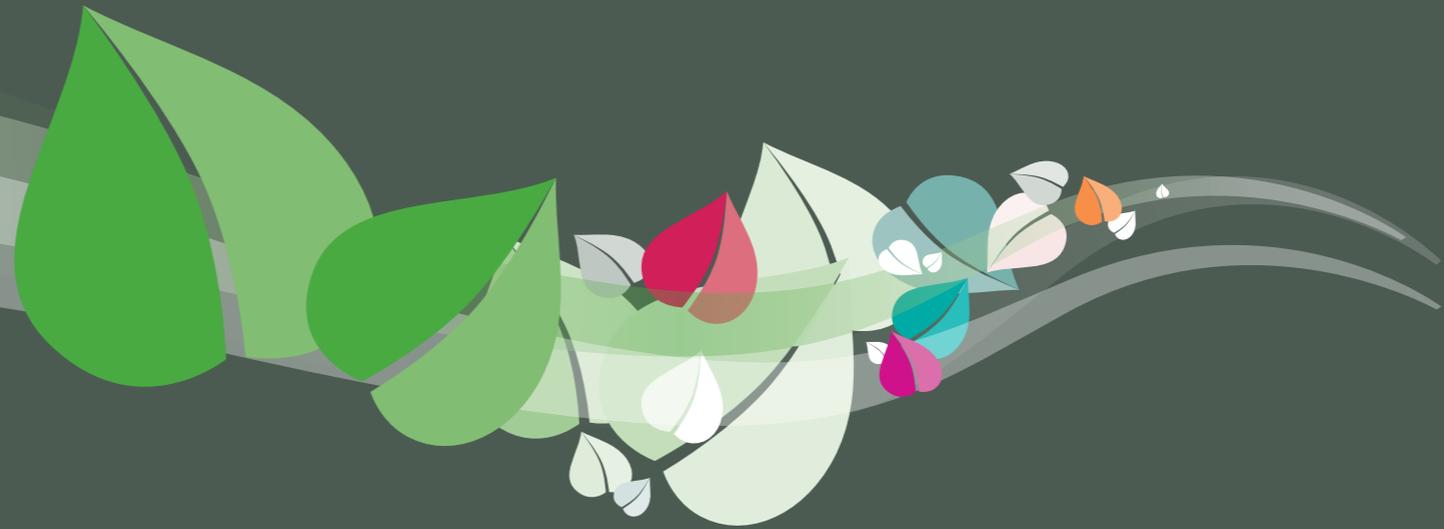
We are pleased that **Jewel Training** and **European Transport Solutions** were able to take extra office space on the park, wishing you continued success with your businesses.

Howbery Park Sports and Social Association

Many of you have heard about the Howbery Park Sports and Social Association (HPSSA), a leisure society that promotes sports and social activities to employees and tenants at Howbery Business Park, Wallingford. We now have a lovely website, www.hpssa.org.uk/ designed by one of our members, so please check it out now and then to keep up to date on upcoming events and activities and Boat Club bookings (<http://www.hpssa.org.uk/boat-club>). You can also find us on Facebook. Also new to HPSSA is the Squash Club. If you are interested in joining in then please contact us for details.



Any member can suggest a leisure or sporting event from theatre trips to London or more locally, to days at the races. If you have a great idea, then all you have to do is contact a committee member who will look into organising and planning! More recently we visited Harry Potter World at the Warner Bros Studios, and now we're offering a discount on tickets to Blenheim Flower Show.



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A Note From The Editor:



Keep us posted – to include your news and stories in Parklife, please email them to me, Donna Bowles d.bowles@howberypark.com

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