

Cricklewood

The Town Team volunteers work in partnership with residents, business and statutory bodies to improve the environment in Cricklewood over ten years. Marie Hancock was recognised by the Mayor of London's celebration of unsung heroic women and Anne Clarke from Barnet for the tireless voluntary work they undertake in the area.

Our Partnership with GTR at Cricklewood station encourages artists and gardening and following the positive feedback on the Cricklewood Cow at the station have now been offered land by Network Rail to develop into a wildlife garden to improve the station environment

Plans to celebrate our Asset of Community Value-the Green Space in Cricklewood Lane include local interest films: Generations of Learning and a new Cricklewood Video. Rumours abound that the sheep may produce lambs! Also plans to reduce the environmental impact of traffic on the Broadway supported by local business and residents, particularly because of the very poor air quality in Cricklewood. Brent X and the B&Q site redevelopment plans challenge the area, which the Team continue to monitor.

The TfL Legible London signposts will be erected in Cricklewood Lane and the Broadway identifying Cricklewood as a modern urban-London area. The excellent work done at Clitterhouse Farm exemplifies local achievement; mixing gardening and learning about nature, alongside their café – see www.clitterhouse.com. The Cricklewood Community Library is itching to be opened as planned; they are frustrated by the owners of the building-*Octavia*-dragging their feet over the *not-fit-for-purpose* drains. Local effort from residents and councillors has enabled work to start on clearing Staples Corner of years of unpleasant rubbish.

Future plans include: A programme to show the important and vibrant multicultural Cricklewood for the Borough of Culture 2020. Finding Meanwhile community space for local involvement in environmental and well-being issues on the Broadway or Lane.

The 14th Brent Dementia-Café, funded by the Lottery, opens at Watling Gardens, beside their Chelsea-inspired garden, building on the work of **Community Action on Dementia-Brent's** aim to make the borough Dementia Friendly.

Ashford Place supports the vulnerable and disadvantaged amongst us by providing information, advice and guidance to an increasing number of residents, some about to lose their home and job. The continuing challenging impact of austerity on individuals; with the parallel reduction in mainstream public services requires the continuing local community support of Ashford Place.