

HS2 update

Costain Skanska Joint Venture (CSJV) on behalf of HS2 Ltd took over responsibility for the Adelaide Local Nature Reserve (LNR) site in September 2017. CSJV plan to build additional habitats and ecological enhancements so that animals from other HS2 construction sites may be rehomed at the nature reserve if necessary.

The following features have been added to the site to complement the existing biodiversity:

- a hibernation site suitable for amphibians and reptiles
- three log piles to support fungi and insects
- a stag beetle loggery
- an invertebrate hotel
- three bat boxes
- two hedgehog boxes.

In addition, repairs to the internal fence line have been completed and the fencing along the trackside upgraded. A new bench has also been installed.

HS2 Ltd, CSJV and Camden Council are pleased to support Adelaide Nature Reserve Association (ANRA) and Belsize and Adelaide Green Gym (BAGG) in promoting their 'Community Open Day' being held on Sunday 25 March.

Ventilation shaft

To the east of the nature reserve is 'Chalk Farm Embankment'. This land is currently managed by Network Rail and is where the HS2 Adelaide Road ventilation shaft will be constructed.

In Summer 2017, HS2 Ltd appointed the Main Works Civils Contractor SCS Railways, responsible for the design and build of the tunnels and shafts at Adelaide Road. They are currently progressing the detailed design. The estimated programme for construction works at Adelaide Road is for clearance construction activity to start on site in summer 2019 with construction of the ventilation shaft to follow in early 2020. SCS Railways and HS2 Ltd will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

ANRA & BAGG Community Open Day drop-in event

**Sunday 25 March
10:30am to 2pm**

Adelaide Local Nature Reserve,
Adelaide Road, NW3 3PX

**Open to the community,
Free admission**

The committee members of the **Adelaide Nature Reserve Association (ANRA)** and **Belsize and Adelaide Green Gym (BAGG)** are proud to invite you to their **Community Open Day** to celebrate the re-opening of the nature reserve following the HS2 Ltd enhancement works

Come and see the site, meet the members of the Adelaide Nature Reserve Association, and take part in guided nature walks around the site. For children there will be a few wildlife inspired activities

For the energetic come along at 10:45 to take part in a green gym session.

For more information about the event please contact:
Dave Lawrence at
AdelaideNRA@btinternet.com



ANRA and BAGG invite you to take part in volunteering opportunities at Adelaide Local Nature Reserve

Adelaide is one of four local nature reserves in Camden, which are designated and protected to provide access to nature for the local community. Adelaide LNR is home to some of the best of the borough's wildlife including a summer meadow, a pond, native hedgerow and a small woodland supporting a wealth of insects, birds and mammals.

The site became a nature reserve in 1985. The Adelaide Nature Reserve Association was formed to help look after the new nature reserve. In 2006 the site received prestigious Local Nature Reserve status.

ANRA, run by volunteers, do practical conservation tasks and conduct bird and wildflower surveys. The group meets at the nature reserve the last Sunday of every month, between 10:45 and 2pm. Contact ANRA through Dave Lawrence at AdelaideNRA@btinternet.com to find out more.



Comma Butterfly regularly seen on the meadow

Many different groups have volunteered at the nature reserve but in recent years the most significant initiative has been The Green Gym. This combines conservation work with some simple exercises. ANRA is supported by Belsize and Adelaide Green Gym.

Wildlife often found on the nature reserve:

Green woodpeckers descend on the meadow to feed on the colonies of yellow meadow ants

The main pond supports newts with a dipping platform for exploring the pond life

Some rare galls (plant growths) have been found here by an expert from the London Natural History Society

In summer there are numerous butterfly species

Bats fly around the meadow in summer feeding on insects

Foxes breed on site and are often seen locally

A very rare insect – the Barbary Bug – was found here one year but sadly has not returned

The meadow is alive with grasshoppers and crickets in the summer including rare species



Belsize and Adelaide Green Gym

Belsize and Adelaide Green Gym (BAGG) is a volunteer-led group running fun, free outdoor sessions. The emphasis is on health and fitness, with warm up and cool down exercises and a range of light to vigorous activities to suit all levels.

BAGG leads on tree planting, meadow management and pond creation at Adelaide LNR. All conservation equipment is provided and safety training offered. Each session includes a break with snacks and hot drinks.

BAGG is at Adelaide LNR on the last Sunday of every month, 10:45 – 2pm. For more information, or to join email BelsizeAdelaideGG@gmail.com. The next session will take place during the open day on 25 March, come along and take part.

The volunteers at ANRA and BAGG encourage you to get in touch, come along and take part. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

Adelaide Local Nature Reserve opening times

Saturday 8:30am – 4:30pm

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The site is now open to the public at the weekends.

Volunteer opportunities take place on the last Sunday of the month between 10:45am and 2:00pm

For specific events, alternative times of access can be arranged through Camden Council.

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The site is on a slope, please wear appropriate footwear

Disclaimer - *photographs may be taken at the open day which may be used in publicity materials. If you do not wish to have your picture taken, please notify the team when you arrive.*

If you have any questions or would like to find out more on HS2 Ltd related matters, you can get in touch:

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HS2inCamden:

Please note that due to construction works at the former Addison Lee site our community drop-in centre will be relocating to the former Senator Group Building, 11-13 Melton Street, London NW1 2EA from Tuesday 13 March for approximately six weeks.

Our opening hours are as follows:

Tuesday and Wednesday: 10am-4pm

Thursday: 4pm-8pm

First Saturday of every month: 10am-2pm

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