



## We are Britain in Bloom 2019 finalists!

**Hale Village is one of 70 finalists in this year's RHS Britain in Bloom Award. Finalists hail from all corners of the UK, from the picturesque coastal village of Sark in the Channel Islands, the Northern Irish city of Derry, and to Tottenham Hale.**

Britain in Bloom is the UK's longest running gardening competition (it was launched in 1963) and is recognised across the country as a symbol of excellence in community gardening, strong community spirit and pride of place. Given the quality and number of entrants this year, we are very proud to be finalists and the community of Hale Village should be too.

Groups are assessed for their achievements in three areas: horticultural excellence; environmental responsibility; and community participation in cleaning up and greening up their local area.

There are many benefits of community gardens and gardening:

**Pride of place:** it has proved to be a source of considerable civic pride. Public spaces improved by the people that use them allows a sense of ownership and shared learning – for lasting benefit;

**Greener surrounds:** more gardens mean a cleaner and greener place to live and visit;

**Healthier Communities:** attracting wildlife with plants can help to boost local biodiversity and tackle air pollution;

**Safer streets:** cleaner, greener environments have been linked to lower crime rates and reduced anti-social behaviour.

This year the marking criteria has been changed to reflect the importance of community involvement and environmental stewardship. With this in mind, we have gold in our sights but the nomination is commendation in itself and is a huge achievement.

We are keeping our fingers crossed and, in the meantime, will continue with our community 'Bloom' projects including wild flower sowing and Bug Hotel, which you can read about later on in the newsletter.



The RHS Britain in Bloom judges will visit each of the finalists in August with the winners of each category announced at an awards ceremony in the autumn.

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Here are some of the community initiatives underway that have caught the eye of the Britain in Bloom judges.

## Wild flower sowing

**GROW WILD** is a national outreach initiative of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, whose mission is to bring people together to value and enjoy wildflowers and fungi. They have kindly donated lots of native wildflower seeds loved by pollinators to Hale Village.



With the help of some very willing volunteers, they have been sown on the CHP green roof in Perky'n's Park, by The Engine Room and Little Engineers Nursery. The seeds are now starting to germinate and we are looking forward to a splendid seasonal display. Later in the year, we will be harvesting the seeds for sowing next year.



Children planting

## BUG HOTEL community project

We have constructed a very smart Bug Hotel to home beetles, larvae and pollinating insects, using recycled building materials and household items gathered from residents, Hale Village management and Tower developers, Anthology. Bug Hotels provide a safe environment for breeding by mimicking the natural environment.

Volunteers including young people on the Hale Village Compact rolled up their sleeves to help with the build as part of a team building exercise and engaging with their local and natural environment.

We look forward to welcoming and observing these new tenants on the Village!



## New planting areas

You may have noticed a new splash of colour in our Perky'n Park's gardens and around the raised bedding area on the way to the Station. The Estate's management team has planted over 3,000 plants across the village for everyone to enjoy, including medicinal planting around the GP Surgery

How many can you identify?



## Veg seed giveaway – get yours now!

As part of this year's **Balconies in Bloom** competition, Hale Village management donated over 300 vegetable seed packets, pots and compost at the Easter Festival to encourage first time growers to grow in confined spaces.

The take-up was really good and seeds including beetroots, garden peas, aubergine, tomatoes and courgettes have been planted by many residents. We're loving the updates of their progress and look forward to hearing about the different dishes they create from their home-grown ingredients.

**We have more seeds available if you want to get growing. Just visit the Engine Room to collect your free seed packet - while stocks last - and don't forget to tell us about your grow journey.**



Residents choosing seed packets





# News from the Engine Room

[www.engineerom.org.uk](http://www.engineerom.org.uk)



Run winners with the former Spurs Captain, Gary Mabbutt

## Engine Run and Spurs Walk set off from Hale Village

Attracting runners from Surrey, Suffolk, the West Midlands and Kent, the second Engine Run 10k race took place on Saturday 15th June organised by the team at The Engine Room and featuring Tottenham Hotspur legend Gary Mabbutt as the celebrity starter! This year due to planned works, the route started and finished in Perkyn Square in the heart of Hale Village. Key to The Engine Run is a great team of volunteers and this year, as well as fantastic support from the Spurs Foundation team, staff from Anthology London gave up their Saturday to both marshal

and run the race. The winner of the male race, Sam Jackson made it two out of two, having won the 2018 event and made it in a slightly improved time of 39 minutes, 33 seconds with the female winner, Sarah Proudfoot smashing last year time by over two minutes with a superb time of 48 minutes, 11 seconds. Following The Engine Run, the team from the Spurs Foundation organised a hugely successful Spurs Walk around a 5 kilometre (3 mile) circuit of Tottenham Marshes.

Gary Mabbutt thanked the runners for their efforts, raising over £3,000 for the work with children and young people. He said: "In today's times it is so important that we support places which offer a safe space for young people to go to and it is great to see the fantastic work being done at The Engine Room."

Priest in charge at St Francis at The Engine Room, the Rev'd Andrew Williams commented on how the race was now becoming a feature of The Engine Room year; "Sport is so important to many in our local community and we are delighted that Spurs continue to support this event which shines a spotlight on the wonderful environments that we enjoy in both Hale Village and on Tottenham Marshes."

The race will take place again in June 2020 so there is plenty of time to get training and look out for details of how to sign up at:

[www.facebook.com/engineeromtottenhamhale](https://www.facebook.com/engineeromtottenhamhale)  
on twitter @stf\_engineerom  
or on the website  
[www.engineerom.org.uk](http://www.engineerom.org.uk)

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## Engine Room weekly programme

### Monday 4.30pm:

After School Art Classes

### Tuesday 7.00pm:

Mindfulness Meditation Group

### Thursday 11.00am:

Water Colour Painting for Adults

### Thursday 6.30pm:

COMPACT Youth Programme

### Thursday 7.00pm:

St Francis Church Music Group

### Saturday 11.00am:

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Dance Classes for Children

### Sunday 11.00am:

St Francis at The Engine Room Christian Worship (Church of England) with monthly shared lunch

### Wednesday & Fridays 5.00pm:

Weekly Madrassah Meetings

To find out about what is going on every week at The Engine Room, just email the word SUBSCRIBE to [info@engineerom.org.uk](mailto:info@engineerom.org.uk) and you will be signed up for their weekly email which goes out every Friday.

If you have any ideas, events or projects which need a home, then why not pop into the office and have a chat with the team. Father Andrew, AJ, Maria, Becky or Obi would love to chat to you.



COMPACT - Supporting local young people



## COMPACT - celebrating a year of supporting local young people

By Andrew Johnston

Supported by Lee Valley Estates, the new youth programme COMPACT, based at The Engine Room will soon be celebrating the conclusion of their first year of activities. Engaging with over 50 young people throughout the year, the programme has offered a safe space for young people to meet, share their concerns and develop important skills to prepare them for the world of work with professional

support and advice from an experienced team.

The programme represents Lee Valley Estate's considerable commitment to Haringey Council's Tottenham Charter helping young people access the world of work. As well as training sessions on work behaviours, CV writing, motivational talks and mentoring and guidance from a range of volunteers, the programme also attracted funding from the Mayor of London to encourage volunteering to break down barriers. Thus far, over 25 people have volunteered in different ways for the COMPACT programme.

Key volunteer, Emma Dapaah has led a programme focussing on working with girls and introducing them to a range of role models from the local community.

Estates Manager Jeremy Hickman recently visited the COMPACT programme and said, "I was impressed by the dedication of The Engine Room Team to support young people at a key time in their lives, helping to raise their aspirations and identify opportunities for them in the world of work." It is hoped that funding will enable the programme to continue, to grow and develop into 2020.



## News from **yogame happy**

Yoga at Paper Tank is a new venture in the heart of Tottenham Hale, held at Paper Tank Collective in Millmead Industrial Estate. The early evening classes are dynamic, fun and flowing yoga sessions to help you float your way through the week.

**Tuesday: 6.45pm Hatha Flow** | **Thursday: 6.45pm Vinyasa/Mandala**

£12 drop in. Price plans available online. Paper Tank House, Unit 12, Millmead Industrial Centre, Millmead Road, London N17 9QU  
[www.yogamehappy.co.uk/yogaatpapertank](http://www.yogamehappy.co.uk/yogaatpapertank)

## Tower update

The majority of the works continue to be creating the structure for the building. This involves the use of concrete and reinforcement to form the floors and columns which make up the frame of the building. Works are progressing well with this and have now completed the concrete basement slab which means it is now fully connected into the existing Hale Village basement. Eighty per cent of the ground floor level is complete and the developers are now working on pouring the concrete for the second floor columns and floor. Rising ahead of the floor is the stair and lift core which is currently at level seven.

Now that the basement and ground levels are mostly complete, the work of constructing the tower itself becomes more routine. It is expected that the concrete frame will progress at roughly a floor every ten days. From the beginning of July you will see our unitised façade panels being fitted to the exterior of the structure. This will likely correspond with an increase in activity on site as more trades arrive to work on the completed floors.

**There will be Community Liaison Group meetings on a quarterly basis.**



### Holiday Club – Booking now for Summer

Looking for an exciting club for your 2-4 year old during the summer holidays and half term? There's one right on your doorstep at Little Engineers Nursery.

- Full day care from 8am-6pm - £65 including meals
- A friendly, comfortable and secure environment
- Many activities and an opportunity to meet new friends

**Book now for Summer:**  
Monday 29th July – 30th August 2019

#### Upcoming dates also available:

- Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2019
- Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020
- Monday 6th April – Thursday 9th April 2020
- Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020

Engineers Nursery also has spaces for 2 year olds for September 2019 intake.

#### Contact:

**Little Engineers Nursery, Eagle Heights, Waterside Way, N17 9FU**  
**Tel: 020 3475 5316**  
**Email: [office@len.lidsact.org](mailto:office@len.lidsact.org)**  
**Website: [www.len.lidsact.org](http://www.len.lidsact.org)**

## OH 'Open House' at the Village

People love to visit Hale Village and see this amazing urban community, so for the 4th year running, we're taking part in the annual Open House London, the world's largest architecture festival, on the 21st September.

Each year, over a quarter of a million people take part in the Open House weekend visiting over 800 buildings, walks, talks and tours across London.

Hale Village features alongside other capital landmarks including The Shard, BT Tower and Bloomberg HQ, as an example of a new approach to regeneration and how good design can make London a more enjoyable and vibrant city in which to live and work.

### Want to do some local volunteering?

London Wildlife Trust is looking for volunteers at Walthamstow Wetlands. They have conservation, education, visitor engagement and surveying activities for volunteers to get involved in during weekdays and weekends.

All volunteers must register with the Trust and will then receive a newsletter detailing activities for the week ahead.

**For further information contact Nadia at [walthamstow@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:walthamstow@wildlondon.org.uk)**

**News from** **the gym** *find your fit*

**Want to get Summer fit? Don't forget that The Gym is refreshed and refurbished with lots more space for classes and lifting kit.**

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