

Appendix 5 Activity Update 2022/23

King George's Fields Trust

1) Activities for Children, Young People and Families

The data and information provided in Table 1 is for activities held between 1 April 2022 and 7 March 2023 at Mile End Park, Whitehorse Adventure Playground, Stepney Green astroturf and via the volunteer programme. A full report will be provided to the Charity Commission as part of the charity's annual returns.

Table 1 provides an overview of the total number of beneficiaries and sessions delivered. All sessions, apart from the Astroturf usage, are free of charge.

Table 1:

Facility	Number of sessions	Number of Participants
Mile End Park	212	6,922
Whitehorse Adventure Playground	146	11,326
Mile End Corporate Volunteers	13	326
Total	371	18,574

In addition to the above, the Stepney Green AstroTurf has had 895 bookings to date with 12,530 people using the facility.

Activity overview:

During the Easter school holiday, May half-term and summer holidays, the following workshops and activities have been delivered by the Parks service and partner organisations:

- Pond dipping, nature walks, growing activities, pizza making and arts and crafts at Mile End Park and Play Pavilion
- Guided play sessions at Whitehouse Adventure Playground

Quotes from participants:

Mile End Park, Locksley Street Family Day

- "Everything was great, great experience for my children, big thank you"

Mile End Park, Cooking Activity

- “My children like to do baking, we join every week because when they make food, they like to try it and they enjoy it so much”
- “Everything was really organised and really friendly staff. We loved it”

Mile End Park, Gardening Activity

- “My two year old and I stumbled upon the gardening activity today. Such a wonderful experience for him to plant and pick. Excellent opportunity for the community”



During the October and February half-term holidays, the following workshops and activities were delivered by the Parks service and partner organisations:

- Pond dipping, nature walks, growing activities, pizza making and arts and bird box making at Mile End Park and Play Pavilion
- Guided play sessions at Whitehouse Adventure Playground

Mile End Park – Halloween Activity



Mile End Park – Cooking Activity



2) Overview of Activities and Bookings at the Pavilions

Table 2 below provides an overview of the activities and bookings held at the Arts and Ecology Pavilions from 1 April to 7 March 2023.

	Arts Pavilion (no of days)	Eco Pavilion (no of days)
Private Hire	29	61
Corporate Hire	13	44
Exhibition - open to the public	95	NA
Subsidised Hire / community	8	13
Turnaround Days including exhibition and event set up and clear up	58	35
Works	42	32
Closed (Christmas Eve & Day, Boxing Day, NYE & Day)	5	5

Total Occupancy (out of 365 days)	250 days	190 Days
Percentage	68.5%	52%
Total occupancy for both Pavilions %	60%	

Overall bookings have started to recover from the impact of the pandemic, with a good level of private hires that contribute towards income generation for the Charity. In addition, the Pavilions have supported community and cultural activities with highlights including:

Untold 6 – 18 April

International Exhibiting group PRISM use textiles to offer a rich and dynamic interpretation of the title 'Untold' with storytelling, histories, and contemporary comment.

Trellis 29 April – 8 May

Showcase of new artwork created in collaboration between artist, east London communities and UCL researchers. Accompanying programme of workshops and events.

ART MATTERS 1 & 2 Essential School of Painting 23 -28 June & 1 – 6 July
ESOP presented their annual end of year shows, with some brilliant and topical artwork made during extraordinary times.

Middlesex University MA Postgraduate Exhibition 9 – 14 July
A diverse range of works from across the postgraduate community, featuring students from the MA Fine Art, MA Fine Art Printmaking and MA Photography courses.

The East End Canal Festival 16-17 July
Two days of free community activity celebrating 200 years of the Regent's Canal (postponed from 2020).

Urban Makers 14 – 15 May, 26 & 27 November, 10 & 11 December
Regular Makers Market in the Ecology Pavilion supporting small businesses.

Noor Aromas Summer Market 13 & 14 August, Pre-Ramadan Market 19 March 2023
Makers Market showcasing local businesses, the majority of whom are women led and started up during the pandemic.

Peruvian Cultural Dance Workshop 14 June, 7 July (13 Oct)
3 x Peruvian Dance workshop evenings, primarily to support QMUL students but open to all.

Create-a-Borough, Art Catcher 22-29 October
A week long exhibition of workshops and events celebrating all things Tower Hamlets. This culminated with an a bottle top mosaic, made by Tower Hamlets residents featuring their memorable places, which now has a permanent home in The Royal Foundation St Katherines Yurt Café.

Tracks in Time, THAT Network 27 Feb – 10 March 2023
Showcase of 14 Tower Hamlets schools' art work, including several school workshops and opportunities for pupils to meet higher education providers and galleries.

Create-a-borough, Katja Romberg

