

12<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## **IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDEN, UNION STEET, SE1**

We have just received the go ahead to start work at the Marlborough next week.

These long planned works, which will be starting imminently, are the 'third phase' of an improvement programme organised by Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST) to provide better sports facilities for the community. This phase will see the addition of a bouldering wall for children, a better beach volleyball area, a new netball court and a new fence around the artificial turf football pitch. The Marlborough sits on top of old air raid shelters. These are too weak to keep and we have to fill them with concrete before we can begin improving the site. This will cause some disruption to traffic along Union Street.

Key information on the project follows:

- We have agreed that works will start on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October
- Work is scheduled to finish by the end of March 2018
- The whole site including the football pitch will be CLOSED to the public throughout this time
- A new permanent entrance into the Marlborough from Union Street will be created.
- On weekdays, from mid-November until early December, you may want to avoid this part of Union Street between 8am – 6pm as lorry movements will cause a build-up of traffic.

Finally BOST is also looking for help to put the 'Garden' into Marlborough. If you would be interested in giving some time or sponsoring some planting or habitats for wildlife please contact with us.

We ask for your patience over the winter as we improve the facilities at the Marlborough and look forward to reopening next year. Please get in touch with me at BOST, by email, phone or calling in at our office if you have any queries, comments or concerns in the meantime.

Best wishes,

***Helen John***

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