

14 March 2018

OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACES

Saturday 24 March 2018

Dear resident,

We're writing to let you know about the arrangements for this year's Oxford vs Cambridge Boat Race event on Saturday 24 March and the steps we're taking to minimise disruption.

The scheduled start times for this year's races are

- **4.31pm - The women's Boat Race**
- **5.32pm - The men's Boat Race**

The event

The annual public event will be taking place in Furnivall Gardens from 12 noon on the day.

The event is free of charge and open to everyone to attend. It will include bars, a giant screen and food concessions.

The event organisers will start setting up in Furnivall Gardens on Thursday 22 March. They will clear up after the event on Sunday 25 March.

During the event construction, the site managers will temporarily section off small areas of the meadow for short periods of time, but we've asked them to keep this to an absolute minimum to minimise disruption.

Minimising disruption

It's a popular event, so we're expecting a lot of people on the day. We'll be closely monitoring the event, with help from the police, and we'll do everything we can to help the event run smoothly with the minimum nuisance to residents and businesses in the area.

Traffic management

We'll put a traffic management scheme in place to prevent obstructive parking on yellow lines - residents can still park within parking bays.

The roads included in the scheme are Bridgeview, Hammersmith Bridge Road by Digby Mansions, Mall road, Oil Mill Lane, Queen Caroline Street by Alexandra and Charlotte Houses, Rutland Grove, South Black Lion Lane, Rivercourt Road and Weltje Road (both south of Great West Road).

We'll put up signs in these before Boat Race day and, on the day itself, the police may also put up other temporary signs.

Hammersmith Bridge will be closed between 4pm and 6pm to allow spectators to watch the race from the bridge, so please use alternative routes for travelling. The police may also close other roads or restrict traffic movements, but only when necessary for crowd safety.

Parking

Parking will be suspended in five bays opposite Digby Mansions, Hammersmith Bridge Road, for BBC broadcasting vehicles and in Rutland Grove, west of Mall Road, for access for the event organisers into Furnivall Gardens. If you'd like more information on this parking suspension, please call us on 0845 206 8602.

If you have any queries in the lead up to the event, please call us on 0208 753 2135.

Best wishes

The events team
Hammersmith & Fulham Council