

BRONDESBURY PARK STATION



STATION HISTORY:

The station was open on 1st June 1908, as part of the London and North Western Railway.

GARDEN INSTALLATION

JULY 2016

STATION USAGE (2015-2016)

1.049M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“ We have more communication with the local residents now, a lot more interaction. It feels like a friendlier environment. People see the station in a fresh light- they now see it as ‘their’ station. We’re all very proud of the garden, and it’s created a real sense of belonging in the community. It’s wonderful to be working so closely with our customers. ”

Alessandra Della Scala, Station Delivery Manager



- Hops used to make Energy Garden Ale
- Vegetables such as broad beans, tri-colour pak choy, and lettuce are growing in and will soon be ready for harvest. In the past, hops, broccoli, carrots, aubergines, strawberries and raspberries have been grown and harvested here. These were made into quiches, samosas and more, and the hops were even brewed into Energy Garden Ale.
- Spring flowers are also supporting honeybees and bumble bees, which are under threat in London.

FROM THE VOLUNTEERS...

“ The station staff are great, very friendly and happy people. They are always very helpful when I come looking for a key - and they tend to help with watering as well, which is a blessing in those summer months. ”

“ I’m not gardener by trade an amateur really, but that’s fine, because most of us working the garden are, but there’s always someone who knows what to do. The more I garden on the station, the more I find out about what Energy Garden is doing, and I’m really proud to be a part of this movement. ”

Patrizia Lorefice, local resident to Brondesbury Park Station



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Installation of a beehive that will be the first along the London Overground. This will incorporate a community launch at the station that will include weaving a willow fence that will go around the beehive.



FOREST HILL STATION



STATION HISTORY:

The station was opened by the original London & Croydon Railway (L&CR) on 5 June 1839, as Dartmouth Arms (the name of the local inn).

GARDEN INSTALLATION

APRIL 2017

STATION USAGE (2015-2016)

5,264M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



Herbs, bug hotel, apple trees, bamboos, wild flowers

FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“I’ve worked here for the last 8 years and have been a manager on the South part of the line for 5 years. I’ve met with a lot of the energy garden team to come up ideas in conjunction with EG at our stations and they have been very successful at Norwood Junction, Penge West, Honor Oak Park and Forest Hill. We have had other teams working at the stations before, but EG with their enthusiasm has been more successful with taking the idea forward of greening our stations. Passengers make positive comments all the time, and we have actually won awards for our stations, one was at Penge West. I would like to see the stations become even more environmentally friendly and more input from station staff.”

Floyd McFarlane, Forest Hill, Anerley, Crystal Palace, Norwood Junction & Penge West – Service Delivery Manager



FROM THE VOLUNTEERS...

“We in the Forest Hill Society were impressed by the quality of the work which Energy Gardens did at the station, and pleased with the way in which our suggestions for improvements or alterations were accepted and incorporated. The Energy Gardens staff were cooperative and a pleasure to work with.”

Quetta Kaye



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

To add other varieties of herbs and plants, extend the garden, possibly with green walls.



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HAMPSTEAD HEATH STATION



STATION HISTORY:

The station was opened in 1860. In the nineteenth century up to 100,000 people per day used the station at weekends and on public holidays as the Heath was a popular holiday destination for Londoners.

GARDEN
INSTALLATION

JULY 2016

STATION USAGE
(2015-2016)

3,332M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



Salad leaf, tomatoes, broad beans, flowers.

FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“ The Energy Garden project at Hampstead Heath has been well received by the staff and the local community. We have a vegetable plot, wild flower meadow and fragrance garden as well as plants on the opposite platform. With the help of Jonathan (Peace Garden) in arranging volunteers and watering the plots they thrive. Local produce was harvested in the summer which was well received by the passengers passing through and local schools have been encouraged to visit. ”

Pauline Lawler, Station Delivery Manager, Hampstead Heath

FROM THE VOLUNTEERS...

“ Since the inception of The Energy Garden at Hampstead Heath Overground local Volunteers have been impressed with the passengers response to what we are doing on the platforms. This is something that we are keen to build on with improving passenger interest and involvement, especially for the experience for young and old through enhancing the design elements of our Energy Garden to create a more inviting space. ”

Jonathon Bergman , Founder of Peace garden



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The community group wishes to create a more attractive experience for a larger variety of the public through installation of a rose arbour in The Wildflower Meadow Area, wooden circular seating and welcoming positive signage.



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KEW GARDENS STATION



STATION HISTORY:

The station was opened by the London and South Western Railway on 1 January 1869, in an area of market gardens and orchards.

GARDEN INSTALLATION

2016-17

STATION USAGE (2015-2016)

1,179M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



- Two large flower beds on both platforms displaying an array of ever-green plants
- Wood spurge, fox glove, Hellebore/ Lenten rose, Japanese spurge, Common polypody, Soft shield fern, New Zealand flax, Feather reed grass, Rock rose, Mexican fleabane, Spurge, Lamb's ears, Palms, Lavender
- Provides habitats for bees and insects

FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“ The Energy Garden has been a huge hit with customers and staff. Customers often take pictures and cuttings from the garden to grow at home. The ambience of the station has changed since the garden has been planted. It is now in keeping with Kew gardens itself. This is a credit to the volunteers that maintain the garden. ”

Debbie O'Reilly, Kew Gardens Station Staff

FROM THE VOLUNTEERS...

“ Most of the 2 million visitors per annum to the World Heritage Site of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew arrive via Kew Gardens station. We, the Kew Society, are delighted that working with Energy Gardens, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Transport for London and Richmond Borough Council their arrival into Kew has been transformed. We could not have done it without Energy Garden! Four badly neglected open areas at the station are now filled with 1500 plants, tended by Kew Society volunteers helped by Energy Gardens staff. Volunteers are regularly stopped by people using the station to comment on how grateful they are for the transformation and all the work that has gone into this. Station staff have also welcomed the improvements and have adopted an area at the station for their own planting project. ”



Caroline Brock, Chair, Kew Society



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The community wishes to make the most of every available planting space at the station, so that beautiful flowerbeds instead of weed-strewn slopes greet the commuters. A storage unit will be put in place so that volunteers can easily access the equipment they require for gardening maintenance.



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NORWOOD JUNCTION STATION



STATION HISTORY:

In 1839 the London and Croydon Railway opened Jolly-sailor station - It became Norwood Junction by 1856.

GARDEN INSTALLATION

STATION USAGE (2015-2016)

MARCH 2017

4,266M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



Energy Garden along with the British Transport Police Community garden, the latter has multiple planters that Energy Garden has plans to use for educational purposes.

FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“ I have worked here for nearly 4 years and what I love about Energy Garden involvement is the consistency. We have had other companies and community groups offering the same sort of service, trying to promote community engagement, but EG is the first company that has followed their plan through. After first hearing about them 3 years ago they have been very dependable with showing us what they planned for each station whilst keeping station managers up to date.

Other community groups found it hard to think outside the box with the sort of planting that should go on at particular stations, EG were really creative with there thinking. Enhancing what the local environment has to offer and moving away from traditional concrete grey stations. I thought it was a really clever engaging way to include the community. ”

Callister Ankrah, Regional Support Manager for South Region.



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The British Transport Police garden which is at the station will be back to life, the space is huge and has loads of potential. It can be used as teaching space for local schools about gardening. The greenhouse will be used for seedlings and can provide plants for nearer stations.



STOKE NEWINGTON STATION



STATION HISTORY:

The station was opened in 1872 and transferred to London Overground operation in 2015.

GARDEN INSTALLATION

APRIL 2017

STATION USAGE (2015-2016)

1,165M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“ I have worked for Arriva Rail London for approximately 2 years and during this period of time I have had the pleasure of witnessing the great work Energy Garden have carried out.

Not only does this give back to the community it also make the stations very welcoming and pleasant. The Energy gardens bring the local community and the station staff together creating ownership and a sense of pride for your area.

The work carried out by Energy Gardens can vary in scale dependant on the space available. However Energy Gardens are highly skilled in making the best out of any space. Energy Gardens is an amazing initiative and the more support and funding that can be granted to them, the better! ”

Dean Herbert, Service Delivery Manager, Stoke Newington



FROM THE VOLUNTEERS...

“ We're looking forward to seeing the full impact of Energy Garden this summer and are hopeful that it will make a positive improvement to how Stoke Newington station looks and feels.

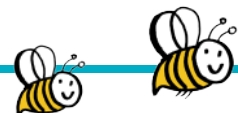
All the station and management staff have been really encouraging and helpful. They have taken on watering and weeding the planters, and took time to meet us to discuss ideas. Like commuters, they want the station to be more bio-diverse and enjoyable to be in. ”

Berni Graham, Volunteer



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Community has plans to utilize the space at the side of the station to plant trees and other vegetation that will maximize the potential of the natural environment. This will include some small trees that love ammonia like lemon trees, diverse plants that are drought and frost tolerant, bee-friendly, and climbers to provide, colour, scent and height.



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WEST CROYDON STATION



STATION HISTORY:

Opened as Croydon in 1839 then was renamed West Croydon in 1851.

GARDEN INSTALLATION

JULY 2017

STATION USAGE (2015-2016)

5,113M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



Garlic, lavender (friendly for bees), feather reed grass, fox gloves, general herbs and flowers

FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“I’ve worked at the station for 17 years and I think Energy Garden is a fantastic idea, the staff and passengers comment all the time on how good the green wall looks as well as the planters. We have a dedicated group of volunteers that go the extra mile and the passengers really appreciate that the station is having some extra care and greenery to their commute.”



Alan, West Croydon, Station Supervisor

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Rameez Ahmed, Customer Experience Manager - manage all stations from New Cross Gate to West Croydon.

FROM THE VOLUNTEERS...

“Through the West Croydon Energy Garden project we have created some wonderful green spaces at what was a fairly dull station, and everyone loves our Green Wall. Our gardening sessions have brought a lot of people together and we have a great group of volunteers. We had fun making our insect hotels and continue to have fun doing the gardening. As well as having lots of plans for our Energy Garden, including an edible garden and educational displays using renewable energy, we are looking to work together to create some community gardens in the streets outside.”



Malcolm Bell, Chair of the local residents association, Broad Green, Croydon.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

West Croydon has a lot of potential with the multiple platforms, more planters are wanted by the community groups with the addition of edibles that commuters could help themselves to on their travels.



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WOOD STREET STATION



STATION HISTORY:

The station was opened in 1873 by the Great Eastern Railway

GARDEN INSTALLATION

STATION USAGE (2017-2018)

FEBRUARY 2019

1,41M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



- During spring the garden has tulips, narcissi and daffodils. Also 3 specimen helebore for the shady bed.
- For the summer verbena, lots of herbs sage, rosemary, thyme, lavender, ivy.
- Two big statement plants: jasmine and a hazel.

FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“ Since Energy Garden have come to Wood Street, the station has looked much more bright, welcoming and pretty. We have had several passengers tell us that the flowers have made their morning commute more enjoyable. The flowers are a constant source of pleasure to passengers waiting for their train, children going to school and staff performing their security checks. I look forward to seeing how the project evolves through the seasons. ”

Freddy Agyemang, Station Manager

FROM THE VOLUNTEERS...

“ It has been an absolute joy for our volunteer gardeners to work with the fabulous Energy Gardens on installing the flower beds at Wood Street Station. We spend our days greening up the streets around the Wood Street area and to be able to do this on our station platforms is such a wonderful extension of our efforts. Many local groups came together to build, install and plant our fabulous new planters: Wood Street South Gardening Club, The 14th Waltham stow Scout Group, local business owners and even our very own ward councilor: Vicky te Velde, who on installation day could be seen sprinting up the stairs through the commuters with bags of compost on her back! even the odd commuter scooped up a bag or 2 as they ran for their train. It has bought the whole community together and the feedback and endless positive comments from regular users of the station are never ending ”

Helen Smith, Community gardener at Wood Street Station

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The team is planning on adding colour to the garden. We are hoping to plant salvia hot lips, amethyst lips, cherry reds, viola klises and nemorosas during the next year.



WEST HAMPSTEAD STATION



STATION HISTORY:

The station was opened in 1888 under the name of West End Lane, it changed to its current name in 1975.

GARDEN INSTALLATION

MAY 2019

STATION USAGE (2017-2018)

4,603M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“ The customers seem to enjoy the garden and the staff appreciates the hard work volunteers put into it ”

Noel Horan, Costumers service Supervisor



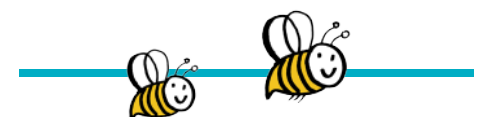
FROM THE VOLUNTEERS...

“ It's wonderful to be involved in transforming the first rather sad, weed filled raised beds at West Hampstead Station into a little oasis of flowers, herbs and vegetables. People getting of the tube smile and thank us as we weed and water, while eyeing the ripening tomatoes with anticipation! We've also noticed that they now sit on the edge of the raised bed we've planted rather than the adjacent bench or either of the remaining beds. We'd love to plant those too but need more volunteers. So any West Hampsters reading this, please join ”



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We are planning to expand the garden into a third bed with the same plants scheme.



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FINCHLEY CENTRAL STATION



STATION HISTORY:

The station was open on July 1867 and has since been renamed twice. The current name was given on 1st April 1940.

GARDEN INSTALLATION

STATION USAGE (2017-2018)

FEBRUARY 2019

7,2M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



- The garden contains a range of different plants such as Buddleia, Cordyline, Verbena;
- Some great aromas like Lavender and Rosemary,
- Sage and decorative grasses

FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“ I saw the original sketches and plans but seeing it in person has definitely exceeded my expectations. It has added colour and a nice focal point to the platform which hasn't gone unnoticed by staff and members of the public alike. It was a great idea to include locals and encourage community engagement ”

Marcus Mascoll, Station Supervisor



FROM THE VOLUNTEERS...

“ This is all absolutely thrilling - in a pollical landscape that creates nothing but dismay, it is so wonderful that there are pockets of positive action in the neighborhood ”

Deena Kestenbaum, Community gardener from Finchley Central Station



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The group will be adding structure to the garden with some raised beds and planters. The plan for the next year is to allow the garden to become established.



SOUTH WOODFORD STATION



STATION HISTORY:

Originally called George Lane, the South Woodford station is in East London. It opened on the 22nd of August 1856.

GARDEN INSTALLATION

JULY 2019

STATION USAGE (2017-2018)

5,28M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



- Salvia Hot Lips
- Jasmine and Lyme
- Lavender and Rosemary
- Cordyline
- Sage

FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“ I have enjoyed working with the team on the South Woodford project. The local community seems very engaged with the garden and it has improved the ambience for everyone, staff and customers alike. ”

Claudia Borgatti, Station Manager



FROM THE VOLUNTEERS...

“ I have been going over regularly with my family to water the plants. We are really looking forward to maintaining and adding to the garden and to see all the plants bloom. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers - we couldn't have done it without you! ”

Attiya Thanvi, Community gardener from South Woodford



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The group will be installing trellis to the back of the planters to support a climbing Jasmine.



HACKNEY DOWNS STATION



STATION HISTORY:

Built in 1872 as part of the Great Eastern Railway.

GARDEN INSTALLATION

SEPT 2016

STATION USAGE (2015-2016)

2,267M

IN THIS ENERGY GARDEN:



Apples, flower beds, herbs

FROM THE STATION STAFF...

“Energy Garden is a great initiative that will transform Hackney Downs station into a green and environmentally friendly station, one which will appeal to all sections of the public”



Ashwin Patalay, Station Delivery Manager for the West Anglica Line



“Energy Gardens is a great initiative bringing communities together and building close bonds, some of the initial feedback has been great and I am looking forward to the day when we have gardens set up at Hackney Downs.”



Rohan Palmer, Station Supervisor for Hackney Downs station



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

More herbs and plants will be added in the garden, possibly edible ones so the commuters can enjoy and get involved with the garden.

