

Action Plan:

Brent reservoir

The Trust is committed to seeing positive change at the Brent reservoir, also known as the Welsh Harp. To undertake this, it will require commitment and collaboration from the Trust and its partners. The Trust are pledging to undertake the following:

Vision	All parties recognise the need for a coherent and cohesive vision. This will form the basis of the external consultation in 2021.
Green Flag Award	The Trust's aim for the site is to be awarded the Green Flag. The Green Flag Award is an accreditation given to publicly accessible parks and open spaces, in order to promote standards of good management and best practice amongst the green space sector.
Management Plan	There is currently a jointly agreed management plan that will be reviewed following the outcomes of the public consultation that is taking place in 2021.
Consultation	In 2021 the Consultative Group is employing an external consultant to undertake a stakeholder engagement exercise focused on the future of the site.

The aim of the exercise is to galvanise interest groups, partners, and stakeholders behind an agreed long-term vision, and seeking to prioritise projects, management, and improvements for visitors and access that can be collectively delivered.

The consultation is being funded by the GLA and the London Borough of Barnet.

Consultative Groups	There are a few consultative groups closely associated with the Welsh Harp. In liaison with partners the Trust would like to propose a review of the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee to ensure it is composed of the required groups to deliver the vision.
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1. The Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee
2. The Welsh Harp Joint Vision steering group: This is a sub-group of the WHJCC and has been temporarily formed to draft a vision for the consultation. It is composed of several environmental authorities and stakeholders.
3. The Brent Catchment Partnership that is overseeing a catchment based approach.
4. Brent 2100 is a workshop that is focused on a longer-term plan to 2100.

Destination Plan	This plan will focus on upgrading the visitor and access elements of the site.
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Action!

1. The Trust has supported the amazing work of the community to clean up the rubbish. We recognise there is a need to continue this with regular volunteering alongside addressing the cause.
2. Volunteering. Our local teams are already planning more litter clearance days, co-ordinating activity with other groups, and this will include removing heavier items and using canoes to remove the floating litter.
3. With the permission of statutory bodies and a co-ordinated approach we are investigating further periods of de-watering of the reservoir with the aim of removing rubbish.
4. New projects and fundraising. We recognise the need to find more funding for the site, whether it be for new bird rafts or signage. We will work closely with everyone to enable the site to make a significant step forward.
5. Dredging and micro-plastics remain, and are, an issue that needs further investigation. The reservoir acts as a sink for the whole catchment with silt and plastics carried into the reservoir from further afield. The key will be to prevent them from entering the system.
6. Non-native invasive species require ongoing management. The Trust have an ongoing plan. There is a treatment plan in place in the southern area of the site, aimed at reducing the levels of Japanese Knotweed.
7. The Trust are producing a waste management plan and will work with the Environment Agency to ensure the trash screens are cleared regularly.
8. Nationally, each year an estimated 14 million pieces of plastic rubbish end up in and around our canals and rivers, with around 500,000 pieces flowing out into our oceans. As a charity we work with communities to help us clean our local towpaths, reservoirs and stop local litter becoming a global problem.