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## Did You Know?

### Ziggy Stardust Came from Isleworth

Ziggy Stardust was a rock and roll fantasy. But David Bowie's fictional rockstar, around whom his 1972 album, stage show and film were built, was inspired by a real performer, Vince Taylor. Born in Isleworth, Middlesex his record "Brand New Cadillac" remains to this day a British rock 'n' roll classic, covered later by The Clash.

Vince was frustrated by his limited success in Britain and, already displaying the unpredictable behaviour and volcanic temper that were to dog him for the rest of his days, he moved to France. Decked out in black leathers, chains, kohl eye make-up and with his hair greased up into a high pompadour he was immediately signed to the French Barclay label. But fuelled by alcohol and drugs Vince's behaviour became increasingly erratic. At a party he tried LSD for the first time. In his state of mind at the time it was absolutely the very last thing that he needed.

Vince Taylor underwent a kind of public breakdown at his next gig, where he started claiming he was a divine being. David Bowie bumped into him in London and later said: "Vince Taylor was the inspiration for Ziggy...He always stayed in my mind as an example of what can happen in rock n roll. I'm not sure if I held him up as an idol or as something not to become. There was something very tempting about him going completely off the edge."

On 18 August 2010 BBC Radio 4 broadcast the documentary Ziggy Stardust Came from Isleworth which, in the words of the producer, is a programme that "uncovers the truth about a singer whose wild lifestyle ultimately destroyed him, but in so doing he gave rise to a myth that transcended glam-rock and science fiction".



## Hounslow Central Local Policing Team



At a recent Ward Panel Meeting the Police reported that over the last 3 months they have been focusing on the following:

1. Street drinking
2. Cycle Patrols in local parks to tackle anti-social behaviour, including Thornbury Park
3. Licensing visits to certain Off-Licences to reinforce their duty not to serve underage and drunken customers

Other matters discussed were:

Conduct patrols would be undertaken concerning rough sleepers around the High Street area.

Plain clothes operations are planned to deal with the ongoing issue of pickpocketing on Hounslow High Street.

Although Hounslow does have a problem with ASB/Street Drinking/Begging, these issues were currently being experienced by every London Borough.

Future Ward Promises were agreed by the Panel to include the following:

Visible and plain clothes patrols to tackle drug dealing in and around the High Street junction with School Road and anti-social behaviour in the Town's various parks, including Thornbury Park.

Enforcing the Borough wide controlled drinking zone via the confiscation of alcohol and engaging with local businesses to raise awareness of the controlled drinking zone.

Warning letters are and will continue to be sent to drivers for non-compliance of speed restrictions.

Robust action against those begging will continue and the Police Team intend looking into the possibility of obtaining a Public Space Protection order and will be consulting with the Council.

## Planning Matters as at 16th October 2016

### Hounslow Central

#### Applications

##### 10 Worton Gardens

Erection of a single storey rear extension to the house.

#### Decisions

##### 187 Spring Grove Road

Ground floor rear extension 5 metres deep, maximum height of 2.950 metres, 2.675 metres high to the eaves.  
PRIOR APPROVAL NEEDED AND REFUSED 07/12/2016

##### 26 Worton Way

Erection of a two storey side, single storey rear and a front porch extensions following demolition of a garage and a rear roof extension incorporating hip to gable conversion, Juliet balcony and two front roof windows to the house.  
APPROVED 06/12/2016

### Osterley & Spring Grove

#### Applications

None

#### Decisions

##### 23A Spencer Road

Conversion of garage into habitable space.  
REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION 22/11/2016

##### 19 Witham Road


Erection of a single storey rear and part side extension to the house.  
APPROVED 21/11/2016

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## What is G15+

Just as individual residents join together to form a residents' association to achieve more credibility on matters affecting a given local area, various resident groups Borough-wide have come together to meet informally to discuss issues of common interest, and gain more influence with the Local Authority. Spring Grove Residents' Association is an active member of G15+. Indeed, the group's influence was instrumental in establishment of the Borough's Resident Associations' Forum.

#### Why the name?

From small beginnings of 3-4 groups realising they had similar concerns and interests, numbers grew to eight and the name G8 was born; then came an increase giving rise to G15. When numbers increased to over 25, a plus sign was added to avoid constant changes.

#### What are G15+'s main objectives?

To work positively with the Local Authority to:

- improve the Borough's infrastructure and environment, preserve and enhance its rich heritage and Conservation Areas;
- achieve open and transparent decision-making processes that encourage residents and community groups to offer views and know they will be taken into account;
- influence planning policies and outcomes;
- improve lines of communication including with outsourced services.

## Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) Updates

At a recent committee meeting the status of various schemes was raised with Cllr Louki. He subsequently returned to us with the following information.

#### Spencer Road

- Letter to residents regarding the statutory consultation result and implementation programme to be sent by the end of January.
- Lining of bays is programmed for weeks commencing 23.1.2017 and 30.1.2017.
- Signs installation to begin late January 2017 subject to Hounslow Highways confirmation.
- Provisional start date of the scheme is Monday 20.2.2017 and same should apply to the scheme around Thornbury Avenue, Church Road and Osterley Road.

#### Burlington Road (including Eversley Crescent, Witham Road, Vincent Road, The Close and Spring Grove Road [between the railway bridge and Thornbury Road])

- This was discussed at the Isleworth & Brentford Area Forum on 15.9.2016  
<http://democraticservices.hounslow.gov.uk/ie/ListDocuments.aspx?Cid=576&Mid=9250&Ver=4> and the report with appendices can be found at Item19.
- It was resolved that the Area Forum noted the results of the consultation and agreed to allow officers to progress to detailed design consultation on a CPZ operating Monday to Friday 10am – 12 Noon.
- Members agreed that residents should be notified of the consultation results and of this Area Forum's decision.
- An initial design will be drawn up in January 2017.
- A letter to residents, sharing the area forum decision and a detailed design consultation will be sent in February 2017.

#### The Drive

Scheme operational from 16th January.