

**Acton Gardens Artwork: Update on arson attacks**

We are shocked and saddened by the recent arson attacks on The People's Throne in Central Park and The Tree of Life on Palmerston Road. These acts of vandalism are deeply upsetting and go against the values of respect, inclusion, and community that define Acton Gardens and the wider neighbourhood.

We are supporting the police investigation fully and have collected and shared CCTV footage to assist their enquiries. We are also working with the London Borough of Ealing's Safer Communities team to share information and support the investigation.

In response to the incidents, the Acton Gardens partnership and key partners have agreed on a clear and coordinated plan of action, for which work is already underway. This includes safely removing and storing The People's Throne and cleaning and repairing the Tree of Life. Both artists have visited the site to assess what work needs to be done. The plinth on which The People’s Throne stood is being made safe, and L&Q's Housing Management team is working with their insurance team to progress the full repair of The Tree of Life mosaic.

Looking ahead, there is a shared commitment from all partners to restore the public art and if this is not possible, to replace it with something meaningful. We are keen to ensure that any new piece is safe and durable, and we will be working with your Community Board members to explore potential ideas.

We understand how important these artworks are to the community and are working closely with all partners to protect and celebrate the role of public art at Acton Gardens.

Further updates will continue to be shared through newsletters, our website, Community Board meetings and block noticeboards. If you would like to contact us about the arson attacks, please email us on:

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