



PROJECT	Restoration of Central Park Cafe and extension of bowling pavillion
CLIENT	London Borough of Newham
VALUE	£439K
CONSULTANT	London Borough of Newham

In 2007 London Borough of Newham secured a £1.9M Heritage Lottery Fund grant for the restoration of Central Park, East Ham. Some of these funds were set aside so that Lakehouse could transform the Central Park Cafe, refurbishing the existing single storey cafe and providing a single storey toilet block extension. The 22 week project also included the construction of an extension to the existing bowling pavillion which has provided a base for two skilled gardeners who look after the park.

After nearly two years' consultation between London Borough of Newham and members of Park Watch groups for Central Park, the Friends of Central Park and local residents over the design of new facilities, local people are now enjoying the facilities which were given a well deserved boost.

Nearly half a million visitors come through the gates of Central Park every year making it Newham's most well-used and popular park. Councillor Jo Corbett, executive member for culture said "The park lies at the centre of the community, providing a beautiful space for people to enjoy. It is very popular among people who go there for sports activities, parents who bring their children to use the play area and it offers people a haven away from the busy London streets."