

QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK PRESS PACK

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OVERVIEW

- ▶ Spread across 560 acres, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park is a dynamic east London destination, featuring landscaped gardens, historic waterways, five permanent sporting venues, an arts and events programme and the ArcelorMittal Orbit visitor attraction. Open 24/7 and free to enter, the Park welcomes millions of visitors each year.
- ▶ London's successful bid to host the Games came with a legacy promise to transform the heart of east London. The area is now evolving into a vibrant hub that blends visitor experiences with opportunities to live, work, learn, innovate and engage with knowledge, culture and technology.
- ▶ The Park is home to world-class cultural and educational institutions such as Sadler's Wells East, BBC Music Studios, V&A East, UAL's London College of Fashion and UCL East.



LLDC

- ▶ London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) is the organisation behind Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.
- ▶ Formed in April 2012, LLDC was established to use the once in-a-lifetime opportunity of the London 2012 Games to drive sustainable regeneration in the Park and surrounding areas.
- ▶ LLDC is committed to fostering inclusive growth and creating thriving, sustainable neighbourhoods that provide opportunities for lasting economic and social benefits for local communities and beyond.
- ▶ Through its [Climate Action Strategy](#), LLDC advocates the right of all communities to a liveable climate and works with its partners to tackle climate challenges and promote environmental resilience.
- ▶ The International Olympic Committee sees London's regeneration commitments as a blueprint for other cities to follow. Watch the IOC's video showing how the legacy of the Games goes far beyond the physical changes of the Park [here](#).
- ▶ LLDC is a Mayoral Development Corporation and accountable to Londoners through the Mayor of London.



SPORTS AND LEISURE VENUES

ARCELORMITTAL ORBIT

- ▶ ArcelorMittal Orbit: With breathtaking views of London, the world's longest and tallest tunnel slide and the UK's highest freefall abseil, the ArcelorMittal Orbit is a viewing experience like no other. The slide loops its way around the ArcelorMittal Orbit 12 times taking visitors through gentle curves, thrilling drops and a tight corkscrew named 'the bettfeder' – bedspring in German. The venue is now operated by [Zip World](#).



COPPERBOX ARENA

- ▶ Premier destination for sports and entertainment in London; holds 7000 people; hosted high-profile esports events like League of Legends and Apex Legends, to boxing matches, music concerts, skateboarding competitions and the Wheelchair Rugby League World Cup.



LONDON AQUATICS CENTRE

- ▶ Designed for swimmers of all abilities, from absolute beginners to Olympic and Paralympic champions; offers a wide-ranging programme of activities including fun family sessions, lane swimming, diving, swimming lessons and the very popular inflatable AquaSplash course.



LONDON STADIUM

- ▶ Europe's most versatile stadium regularly hosts world-class athletics, Major League Baseball (MLB), Premiership football and sell-out concerts driving major economic benefits for London, including £107m from the 2017 World Athletics Championships and MLB events in [2019](#) (£37m), [2023](#) (£53m), and [2024](#) (£56.5m). See the latest video showing the Stadium's [2024 transition here](#).



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LEE VALLEY HOCKEY AND TENNIS CENTRE

- ▶ The excellent facilities include two hockey pitches, four indoor tennis courts and six outdoor courts, available for public use, all year round. A state-of-the-art clubhouse offers changing rooms, a bar and areas to relax and socialise. The Centre has hosted many high-profile events, including the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters and the 2015 EuroHockey Championships, as well as the 2018 Women's Hockey World Cup.



LEE VALLEY VELOPARK

- ▶ Lee Valley VeloPark is the first place in the world where people can take part in four types of cycling in one place: track cycling, road racing, BMX or mountain biking. Bikes and equipment can be hired.



ABBA VOYAGE

- ▶ ABBA Voyage, staged in a £50 million purpose-built state-of-the-art arena at Pudding Mill, blends cutting-edge technology, spectacular lighting, and some of the most loved songs ever written from the Swedish pop sensation.
- ▶ ABBA Arena, which seats about 3,000 people, was built specifically for the show.
- ▶ According to Bloomberg, in 15 months, the show has more than 1.5 million tickets and the venue is 99% full every night.
- ▶ Shows are currently scheduled to run until 2026.
- ▶ The Standard reported that analysis revealed the ABBA Arena contributed £1.4 billion economic boost to the UK economy



EAST BANK

- ▶ East Bank is the UK's newest cultural quarter at the heart of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. It is made up of BBC Music Studios, Sadler's Wells East, UAL: London College of Fashion, UCL East (University College London), V&A East and the V&A East Storehouse.
- ▶ A powerhouse for innovation, creativity and learning in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, East Bank is rooted in the diverse communities of East London and is a reflection of the creative spirit and the legacy of the 2012 Games. The East Bank press pack is [here](#).
- ▶ **Over the last 10 years:**
 - Over £600m of funding has been put in place from the Mayor of London and from the central Government.
 - More than 5,800 construction jobs have been created onsite across East Bank
 - East Bank will create over 2,500 jobs
 - More than 17,000sqm of brownfield land has been reclaimed to construct East Bank's buildings
 - East Bank has collectively engaged more than 40,000 children and young people from 326 colleges, schools, and further education colleges in a range of its programmes and projects.



EAST BANK TIMELINE

- ▶ **September 2022:** UCL East One Pool Street opens
- ▶ **September 2023:** London College of Fashion and UCL East Marshgate open
- ▶ **February 2025:** Sadler's Wells East opens
- ▶ **May 2025:** V&A East Storehouse opens
- ▶ **Spring 2026:** V&A East Museum opens
- ▶ **2026/27:** BBC Music Studios opens

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ **To May 2025:** West Ham United Premier League and cup matches – London Stadium
- ▶ **To June 2025:** London Pulse Super League netball matches – Copper Box Arena
- ▶ **31 May:** V&A East Storehouse opens
- ▶ **06 June:** Sam Fender concert at London Stadium
- ▶ **14-22 June:** FIH Pro League hockey at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre
- ▶ **18 June:** Iron Maiden concert at London Stadium
- ▶ **29 June:** [The Herds](#)
- ▶ **06 July:** 20th anniversary of London winning bid for 2012 Games
- ▶ **19 July:** London Athletics Meet at London Stadium
- ▶ **13 Sept:** David Bowie Centre opens at V&A East Storehouse
- ▶ **10 Aug:** UK Black Pride (20th anniversary)



PLAYGROUNDS, FOUNTAINS & WATERWAYS

- ▶ Nestled among the Park's 30 acres of biodiverse woodland are incredible play areas for all ages. In the south of the Park the Pleasure Gardens play areas include swings, a sandpit and climbing wall.
- ▶ There is also an outdoor gym for adults. In the north, the award-winning Tumbling Bay playground and Timber Lodge café are exemplars of accessibility and universal design.
- ▶ The Waterworks Fountains outside London Stadium are a magnet for toddlers with 195 water jets providing a labyrinth of computer-controlled walls of water. Visitors can enjoy more than six miles of rivers and canals from the wetlands along the River Lea, the canoes and paddleboards on the River Lee Navigation or a relaxing boat tour along the canals with an expert guide.
- ▶ In May 2025, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park launched its latest Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), revealing exciting discoveries of new species and demonstrating the Park's evolution into a flourishing ecosystem for plants and animals. You can read the BAP [here](#).



JOBS, SKILLS & BUSINESS

- ▶ 40,000 jobs to be located at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park by the mid-2030s, including:
 - 25,000 at Stratford Cross
 - 5300+ at Here East
 - 2500+ at East Bank, plus 1100 indirect jobs
 - 2000 in construction
 - 4000 in neighbourhood
- ▶ The London Living Wage is paid to all employees working in Park's venues or businesses



JOBS, SKILLS & BUSINESS

- ▶ Tens of thousands of jobs in and around the Park have already been delivered through initiatives including £2m investment in the **Good Growth Hub**. Over the first five years:
 - 2,800 local residents will receive information, advice and guidance
 - 600 will receive mentoring
 - 850 businesses supported to adopt inclusive working practices
 - 465 jobs will be secured paying London Living Wage as a minimum
 - 500 local people trained at **Build East construction and skills hub** each year along with 70 apprentices
- ▶ Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Innovation District, unites business, academia, government, and communities to tackle urban challenges focusing on climate, health and wellbeing, and mobility. 45 innovation trials have been delivered, with 11 more underway.



HOUSING & PLACEMAKING

- ▶ Five new neighbourhoods will be built on the Park - Chobham Manor, East Wick, Sweetwater, Stratford Waterfront and Pudding Mill plus developments on LLDC-owned land on Rick Roberts Way, Hackney Wick and Chobham Farm delivering 5,800 homes - 40% affordable
- ▶ 50% affordable homes on developments permitted on land owned by LLDC since 2016 (Stratford Waterfront, Pudding Mill, Rick Roberts Way, Aquatics Triangle and Chobham Farm)
- ▶ 33,000 homes will be built by 2036 on and around the Park - average of 35% affordable
- ▶ 26 zero carbon exemplar homes have been built at Chobham Manor
- ▶ Building new communities isn't just about housing - it's also about making sure the right support and facilities are also built for new and existing residents. Four new schools have been built on or near the Park: [Chobham Academy](#) in East Village, [Mossbourne Riverside Academy](#), and [Bobby Moore Academy](#), which is split across two school sites - one primary, one secondary.



FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about the Park, venues and visitor attractions please contact the LLDC press office on press@londonlegacy.co.uk or call +44 (0) 203 734 9010. The press office operates 24/7, 365 days a year.

Please contact us if you need spokespeople to talk about topics including Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the legacy from the London 2012 Games, events and sport, inclusive growth, regeneration, tourism, cultural quarters, jobs and skills, community relations and more.

Download images of the Park [here](#).