

Bringing the Brentford Fountain Home

The Brentford Fountain stood between the Express Tavern and the northern approach to Kew Bridge. It was erected in 1877 and it remained in its original location until 1974 when it was moved to the Western International Market in Hayes Road, Southall. The Fountain now languishes there on a busy roadside surrounded by litter, and very seldom noticed by passers-by.



The Brentford Fountain ... then and now

We are aware that there is a great deal of support for this project within our community and Brentford Voice is committed to finding a way “to bring the Fountain home”. Some may recall that we carried out a straw poll on the community’s favoured site for the relocation. The most popular site was the grassed area between St. Lawrence’s Church and Augustus Close. A close second was a site in Waterman’s Park but the Friends of Watermans, for very understandable reasons, do not wish to accommodate the Fountain.

We have received a number of commercial quotations for the relocation of the Fountain and it is likely that the total cost would exceed £200,000. In 2019, Brentford Voice submitted a Project Enquiry to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and we received a very positive response.

However, because the Fountain and the site on which it is currently located, both belong to LB Hounslow, a revised Project Enquiry and a full application would have to be made by LB Hounslow with Brentford Voice as partners. Because of the large sums of money that have already been allocated by the HLF to other projects in Hounslow, we have been advised that it may prove difficult to make another successful application for the Brentford Fountain.

The latest development is that LB Hounslow are considering the transfer of the ownership of the Fountain to Brentford Voice. This may enhance the chances of receiving Heritage Lottery funding. We are now awaiting a response from LB Hounslow.