



To all Members of an Extra-ordinary meeting of the People Committee (Cllrs. Orrel Lawrence (Chair), Eartha Pond (Vice-chair), Sandra Bynoe, Brian Nicholas, Roger Diamond, Samantha Alleyne and Stella Wilson) with copies to all other Councillors for information).

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Meeting** of the **People Committee** to be held in **St Luke's Church, Fernhead Road** at 6pm on **Wednesday 6th March 2024**.

Shuwanna Aaron, Director

14th February

AGENDA

- PP 26-23/24** **Apologies for absence** – to receive and approve any apologies for absence from councillors.
- PP 27-23/24** **Declarations of interest** – to note any Declarations of Interest or Dispensations granted in respect of any item on the Agenda.
- PP 28-23/24** **Minutes of the previous meetings** – to consider for approval the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 25th October 2023.
- PP 29-23/24** **Public session** – to receive any questions, representations or petitions from members of the Public. *(Members of the Public may speak for up to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Chair).*
- PP 30-23/24** **Financial Report** - to receive a verbal report of current financial position.
- PP 31-23/24** **Working Groups Report** – to receive verbal reports from Children & Young People, Community Engagement, Events, and Social Inclusion / Care in Queen's Park Working Groups.
- PP 32-23/24** **Community Day** – to discuss, make recommendations and approve plans for a Community Day celebrating QPCC's 10th Anniversary.
- PP 33-23/24** **Eid Fun Day** – to discuss, make recommendation and approve plan for an Eid Fun Day.
- PP 34-23/24** **Chair's Report** – to receive a verbal update from the Chair of the Committee.
- PP 35-23/24** **Officers' Report** – to receive a verbal update from officers on activities not covered elsewhere.

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the People Committee Meeting held at St. Luke's Church
on **Wednesday 29th November 2023** commencing at 18:00.

Shuwanna Aaron, Proper Officer

30 November 2023

Present: Councillors: Samantha Alleyne, Sandra Bynoe, Shifaa Ali, Brian Nicholas (leaves 18:55), Cllr Diamond (arrives 19:01)

Also present: Shuwanna Aaron (Director), and two members of the public.

PP 18 23/24 - Apologies for absence – Councillors Diamond and Pond issued apologies both stating they had meeting scheduled prior to the rescheduling of this meeting. Votes was undertaken.

RESOLVED That, Cllr Diamond's be APPROVED

RESOLVED That, Cllr Pond' apologies be APPROVED

PP 19 23/24 - Declarations of interest – No declarations were made.

PP 20 23/24 - Minutes of the previous meetings – The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated with the meeting papers and accepted a read. The minutes were seconded as an accurate account of the meeting and a vote was undertaken.

RESOLVED THAT, the minutes be APPROVED

PP 21 23/24 - Public session – A member of the public raised an issue regarding bicycle storage hangers across the area, suggesting the Council update the Neighborhood Plan to reflect the increase in storage hangers. The Proper Officer confirmed that progress reports on the Neighborhood can be published on the Council's website to keep the community informed but the plan could only be updated with substantial changes.

PP 22 23/24 - Financial Report – The Proper Officer delivered a verbal report, noting no areas for concerns on any budget lines. A vote was undertaken.

RESOLVED THAT, the report be NOTED

PP 23 23/24 - Working Group report – The Proper Officer delivered a verbal report providing feedback on the Black History Month Event and the Annual fireworks Display. Updates were given about the pending Winter Festival, winter Social (Festive Community Lunch) and the Councillor's and Volunteer's dinner. The Officer also highlighted that the Housing and Precept surveys were published in the most recent issue of the Queen's Park Voice and gave beiref updates on the Well-being Wednesdays, Carers' Time for self and Communita projects. A vote was undertaken.

18:55 Cllr Nicholas exits the meeting

19:01 Councillor Diamond Arrives

RESOLVED THAT, the report be NOTED.

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PP 24-23/24 - Chair's Report – The Chair was not available for a report.

PP 25-23/24 - Officers' Report – The Proper Officer delivered a verbal report noting that most updates were covered in the Working Group report, adding that funding had been received to support the continuation of projects under the health, well-being and social-care working group.

RESOLVED THAT, the report be NOTED.

Meeting ends: 19:30

Minute Ref: PP18-25 – 23/24

Signed by..... Date.....
Cllr. Earth Pond (Vice-chair)

Report To:	Queen's Park Community Council		
Title:	Working Groups Report		
Purpose:	For information and discussion		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron, Proper Officer		
Date of Meeting	6 March 2024	Agenda Item	PP 31- 23/24

1 Summary

This report sets out some of the activity undertaken by the People Committee Working Groups since the last meeting of Committee.

2 Recommendations

That the Committee discusses the matters raised and notes the report

3 Main tasks / issues since last full meeting of Council

Events

Winter Festival

Last year's winter festival went quite successfully despite initial rain and delays caused by the weather. In addition to a well-attended and buzzing atmosphere in the Park, there were also a number of activities and a great atmosphere in St. Jude's Hall.

Winter Social

As in previous years last year's Winter Social/ Festive Community Lunch was well subscribed to with more than 50 residents in attendance. This year's event was significant more inter-generational than previous years in large part due to the information being shared by local social prescribing teams and families that took part in the summer in Queen's Park programme.

Cassius X

In February we had the opportunity to work in collaboration to screen a Cassius X: Becoming Muhammed Ali Documentary film at the All Stars boxing Gym. While turn-out was less than anticipated, both screenings saw attendees from across demographics and great feedback was provided on the day. Learning suggested that such events would be well received by the community in the future – with improvements made to the promotional efforts.

Eid

QPCC is working in collaboration with Queen's Park Bangladeshi Association, the Queen's Park Library. Local Ward Councillors and others to facilitate a Eid Celebration this year in the Queen's Park Gardens and/or Forth Avenue. The Celebration intends to offer food, refreshments and activities to those celebrating.

Annual Community Meeting

Plans are being put in place for the Annual Community Meeting, which this year will take the form of a daylong event at the Happy Hub on Third Avenue in recognition of the Council's 10th Anniversary. The event will showcase the Council's Journey

over the last ten years, including key achievements, milestones, ongoing projects and will culminate with a multi-medium community showcase.

Beethoven Surgeries

QPCC will now have a table at the bi monthly Citizen's Advice surgery session at the Beethoven. Members of the Forward Planning Working Group will be invited to host the stall alongside the Director and/or Community Development Officer.

Health, Well-being and Social Care

Wellbeing Wednesday

Wellbeing Wednesday's programme re-started in January with a four-week cooking project where participants were guided through the recipes to produce low cost, plant-based meals inspired by North and West African traditional recipes. The fourth session which was focused on plant-based baking was cancelled due to the illness of the facilitator. The programme will now move on to three weeks of Qigong classes, before three weeks of taking therapies and six-weeks of dance classes. Appendix A: contains participant's feedback from the last two quarters of the project.

Communitia

As of January, the Communitia project is now being facilitated at both Juniper House and Brooke Court Assisted living. Residents at each location have provided positive feedback about the programme, and actively engage in the co-production of the programme by outlining the types of activities they wish to engage in. Brooke Court will also receive a visit for the North Paddington Employment Project - N-POP, which will provide information on remote working, support and benefits available to disabled workers.

Carer's Time for Self

The Carers Time for Self programme has restarted five-week scrapbooking project intended to support participant's selfcare and help them maintain good mental health.

Garden Clean up

The Garden Clean up project will start again this spring with the first groups already lined up to support older and disabled residents to clean-up their garden ahead of summer.

Children and Young People

There are no updates from the Children and Young People Working Group – the group will meet in March to discuss plans for the year ahead.

Community Engagement

The Precept Survey has closed and the results have been presented to full council which has decided on an increase to the Precept.

The Queen's Park Housing Survey is still open to responses, and will continue until well into the year. Preliminary findings will be presented in May – with a view of incentivising further input from residents. The North Paddington Programme is aware of the survey and are interested in the responses.

Volunteer Development

A number of new volunteers have been added to the Council's Volunteer mailing list over since January – two have followed up initial response and have had undertaken an induction session with the proper officer ahead of their first volunteering activity.

Report To:	Queen's Park Community Council		
Title:	Community Day Report		
Purpose:	Discuss, recommend and approve		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron, Proper Officer		
Date of Meeting	6 th March 2024	Agenda Item	PP 32 – 23/24

1 Summary

This year marks a decade since the first election of Councillors to represent residents as part of the Queen's Park Community Council. It is being proposed that the Council host a Community Day bringing together its ambitions to host an annual Community Meeting with other activities that celebrate the Council's ten-year Anniversary.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee discusses the proposal to host a Community Day

2.2 That the Committee makes recommendation on the various aspects of the Community Day, providing institutional knowledge

2.3 That the Committee approves drawing on the Community Engagement Working Group budget and the Public and Community Arts Working Group budget to support the facilitation of this project.

3 Background

3.1 The Council has laid out ambitions in its Strategic Plan 2022 – 2026 to host a Community Meeting each year bringing residents together to feed-in and feed-back on the Council's work in a more informal setting compared to ordinary meetings.

3.2 May 2024 will mark ten years since the election of the first cohort of Queen's Park Community Councillors. To celebrate the journey to becoming London's first Community Council, and the ten years of service since then, the Proper Officer is proposing that this year's Community Meeting takes the form of a day-long event called Community Day drawing on the Community Engagement Working Group budget line, in addition to fundraising.

3.3 It is proposed that the Community Day consists of a range of exhibits highlighting the Council's history including information about and talks by key actors, key milestones and achievements, stalls and interactive feed-in and feed-back sessions on the Council's current projects and the progress of the strategic plan. In addition to collecting responses to the housing survey, fun activities, refreshments, and a mixed-medium community showcase with residents exploring their sense of community cohesion and belonging, drawing on the Public and Community Arts Working Group budget and fundraising efforts.

Report To:	Queen's Park Community Council		
Title:	Eid-Fun Day		
Purpose:	Discuss and approve		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron, Proper Officer		
Date of Meeting	6 th March 2024	Agenda Item	33 – 23/24

1 Summary

It is being proposed that the Council works in partnership with local organisations to facilitate and Eid Celebration in the Queen's Park Gardens.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee discusses the proposal

2.2 That the Committee approves drawing on the Community Engagement Working Group budget to support the facilitation of this project.

3 Background

3.1 The Council has laid out ambitions in its Strategic Plan 2022 – 2026 to “increase opportunities for residents to feel a part of the community by celebrating a range of cultural and religious celebrations” including Eid.

3.2 Officers have met with Cllr Ali, WCC Cllr Hamza and representatives from Queen's Park Bangladeshi Association and the Queen's Park Library to discuss the potential of facilitating an event in celebration of the first Eid of the year. The first Eid of 2024 will fall in April.

3.3 It is proposed that the event take place on Sunday 14th April in the Queen's Park Gardens or Happy Hub and include family friendly and culturally relevant entertainment and activities that brings the Muslim community together in celebration of Eid and helping to strengthen engagement with the Community Council. The event will also offer inter-cultural exchanges and learning and will be open to and inclusive of the wider community.

3.4 Officers are submitting an application to the Ward Budget to help facilitate the event and proposed that other spending is drawn from the Community Engagement Working Group budget.

Report To:	Queen's Park Community Council		
Title:	Officer's Report		
Purpose:	For information and discussion		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron, Proper Officer		
Date of Meeting	6 th March 2024	Agenda Item	PP 35-23/25

1 Summary

This report sets out some of the activity undertaken by the Officers since the last meeting of Committee.

2 Recommendations

That the Committee discusses the matters raised and notes the report

3 Main tasks / issues since last full meeting of Council

<p>Events</p> <p>Winter Festival Officers worked alongside the Events co-ordinator to plan and facilitate the Winter Festival, including setting up and facilitating the QPCC information stall and stall providing hot chocolate, mulled wines and war pies. Officers were also support by a number of Councillors throughout the day.</p> <p>Winter Social Officers organised this year's winter social and worked alongside Cllrs Bynoe and Alleyne with support of Cllr McArdle, Community Champions and a number of other volunteers to run the event.</p> <p>Cassius X Officers worked with partners to organise and run the event. Support was provided on the day by Cllrs Ali and Alleyne.</p> <p>Eid Officers have met with Cllr Ali, WCC Councillors Cllr Hamza, and representatives from Queen's Park Bangladeshi Association and Queen's Park library to discuss and lay out plans for an event celebrating Eid.</p> <p>Annual Community Meeting Officers are currently planning, and organising feed-in sessions for Councillors to contribute to the plans for the Annual Community Meeting.</p>
<p>Beethoven Surgeries</p> <p>The Director and/or Community Development Officer will not take part in bi-monthly surgeries at the Beethoven Centre, providing advice, support and signposting to residents on issues relating to the Council's work.</p>
<p>Health, Well-being and Social Care</p>

Wellbeing Wednesday

Due to limitation of budget and the difficulty organising local volunteers, the director facilitated the cooking sessions as part of the well-being Wednesday project. Officers have also re-produced and published materials promoting the project.

Communitia

Officers have worked with Community Champions and the manager at Brooke Court to bring about the start of the programme there, and have produced digital and print materials to promote the project both at Brooke Court and Juniper House.

Carer's Time for Self

Similarly, Officers have re-produced and published promotional materials for the project and work with the facilitators to ensure smooth running of the project.

Garden Clean up

Officers are working with time and talents to organise a number of garden clean-up days with cooperate volunteers and are upskilling local volunteers to lead and provide on-the-day support to these cooperate groups.

Children and Young People

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Community Engagement

Officers continue to engage with the community at events and on a daily visit through drop-in to the office. A number of case work has been signposted to the City council and other local organisations. In addition, officers have/are working with local volunteers and through online channels to promote and incentivise engagement with the precept survey and housing survey.

Significant improvements have been made through our online communication channels. See Appendix A.

Volunteer Development

A number of new volunteers have been added to the Councils Volunteer mailing list over since January – two have followed up initial response and have had undertaken an induction session with the proper officer ahead of their first volunteering activity.

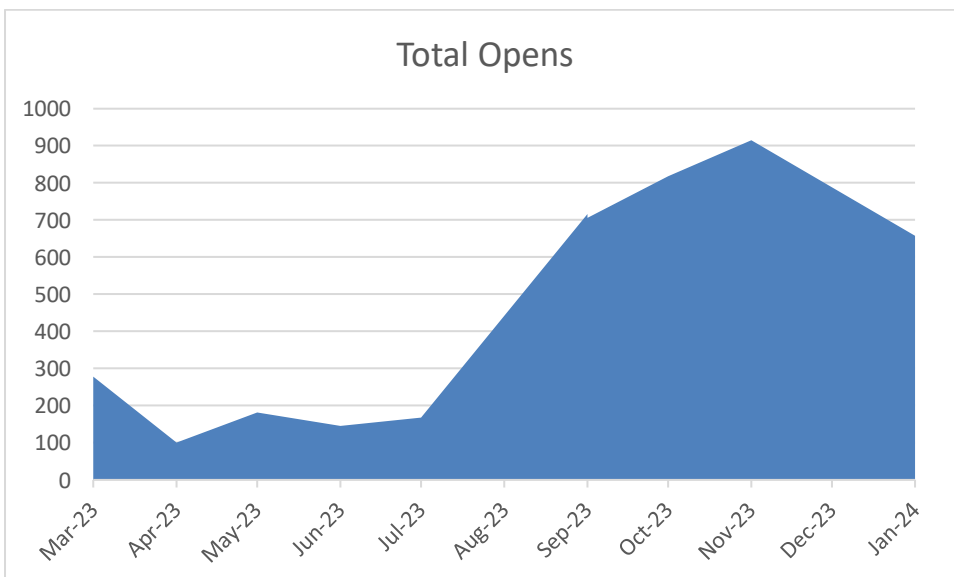
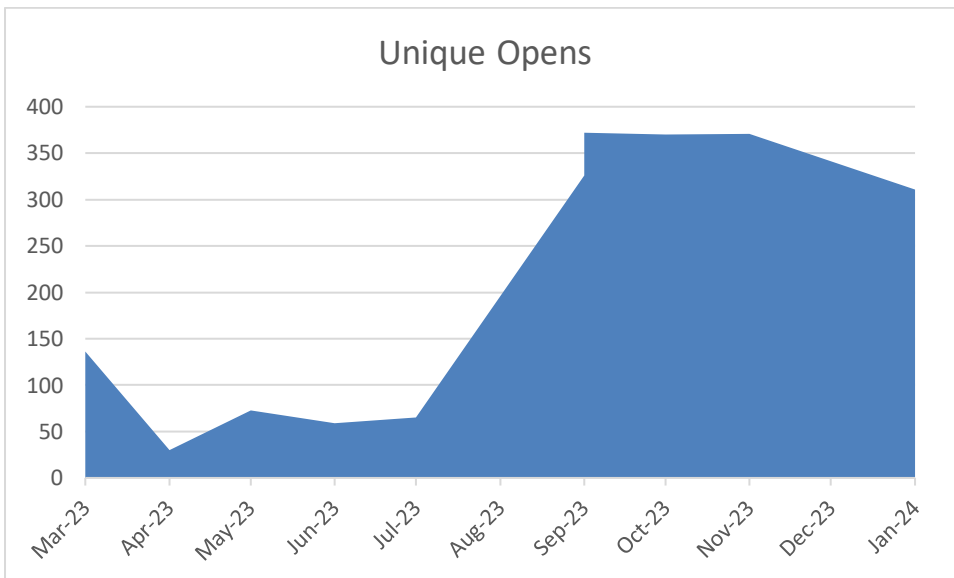
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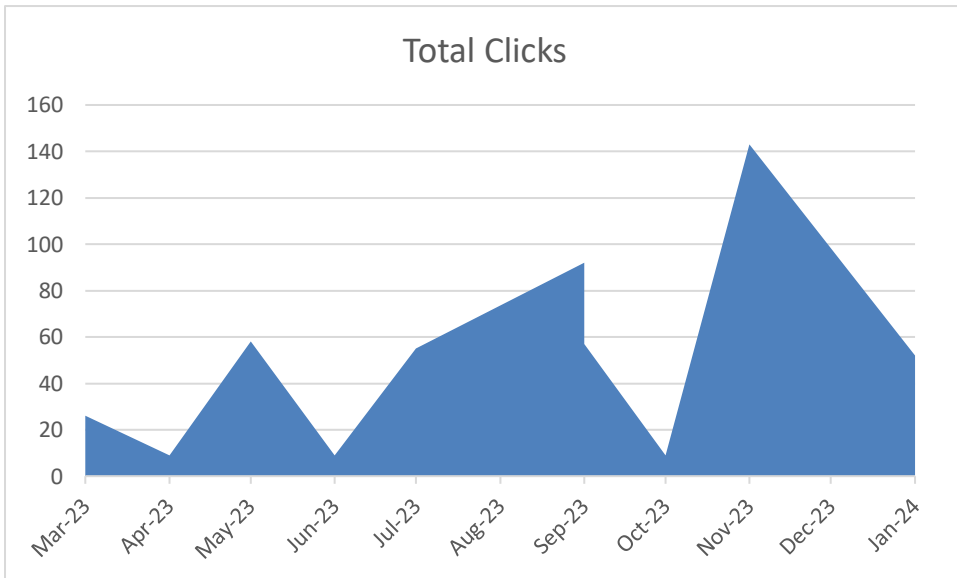
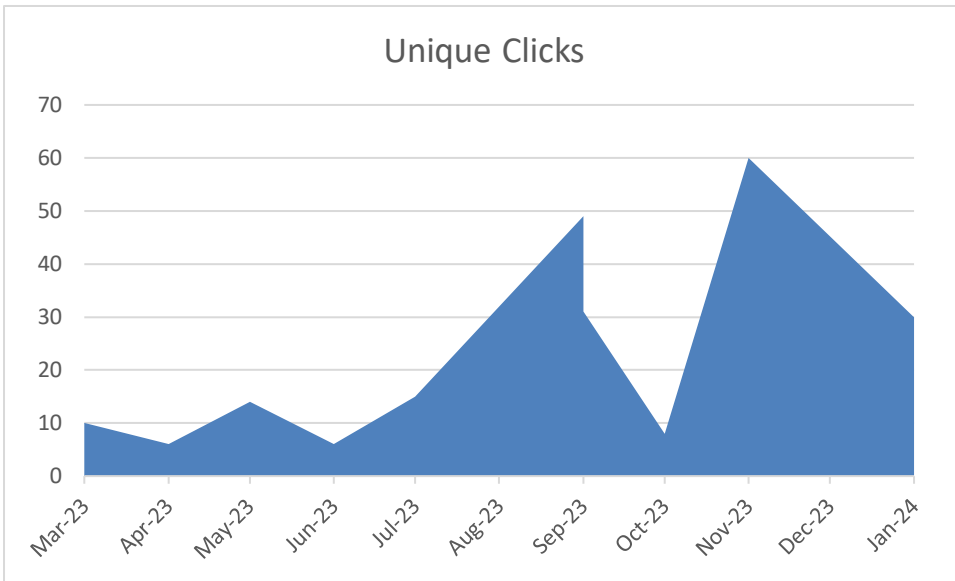
E-bulletin Engagement

Looking only at March 2023 and January 2024 (Move-over to Transpond from Mailchimp)

Description	Increase /decrease
Mailing list number	27%
Unique open increase	228%
total opens	236%
Total clicks	200%
Total Unique Opens	3894
Total Opens	8375

Breakdown





Twitter /X

NO comparative data is available.

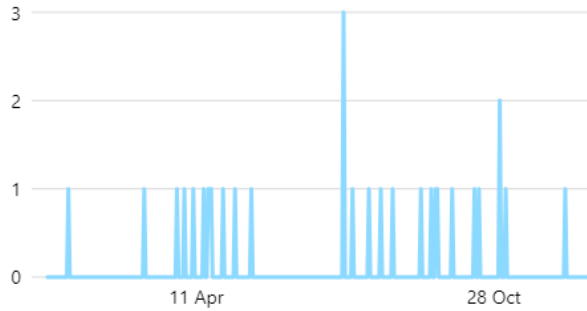
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New likes and follows

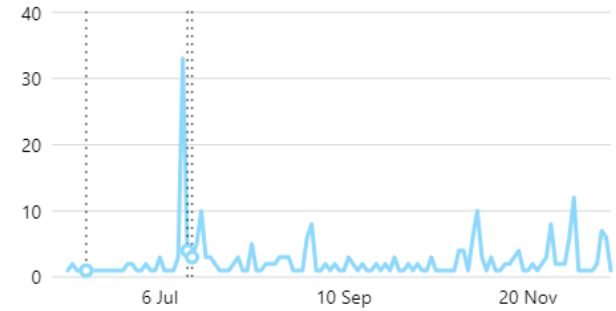
Facebook Page new likes ⁽ⁱ⁾

30 ↓ 47.4%



New Instagram followers ⁽ⁱ⁾

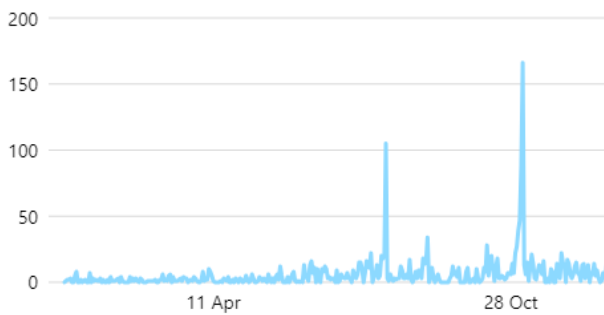
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Visits

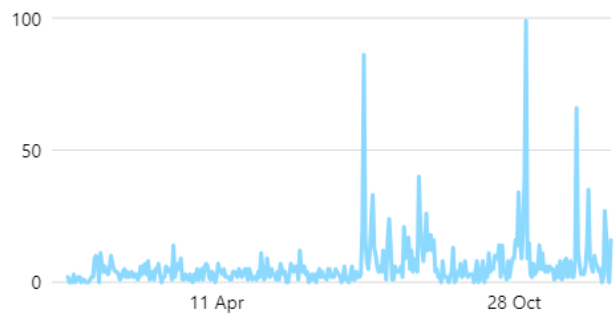
Facebook visits ⁽ⁱ⁾

2,155 ↑ 133.5%



Instagram profile visits ⁽ⁱ⁾

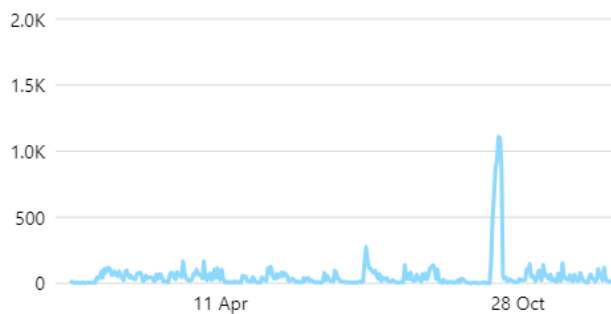
2,246 ↑ 45.8%



Reach

Facebook reach ⁽ⁱ⁾

7,231 ↑ 100.8%



Instagram reach ⁽ⁱ⁾

2,863 ↑ 20.2%

