



MEDIA RELEASE
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Launch of the Friends of Wimbledon and Putney Commons

The Conservators are delighted to announce the launch of the Friends of Wimbledon and Putney Commons, bringing together members of the local community who are connected by a passion for the Commons for the purposes of collective celebration and fund raising.

"Every path, heathland, bog, stream, pond and woodland has an incalculable value that requires ongoing investment," said Diane Neil Mills, Chairman of Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators. "Without skilled conservation officers, mounted keepers and the other members of our very committed staff, our unique Commons would not be as they are today: safe, clean and preserved. That is why every contribution you make, small and large, is so important. By becoming a Friend of Wimbledon and Putney Commons, you will be playing a crucial role in preserving, protecting and maintaining this unique and special place."

As a Friend, you will be invited to attend special events that will provide a unique experience of the Commons. The first event of this type will be the Friends' Launch Event on Friday 20th September 2019 from 7.00pm. This special evening will celebrate the historic links between the Commons and the London Scottish Regiment through words, music, food and wine commencing with a piper led walk from the windmill through the woods to a recital on the banks of Queensmere.

We are delighted that both Stephen Hammond MP and the Right Honourable Justine Greening MP will be able to join us for this important occasion.

Three annual membership options are available:

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| Friend (Individual) | £30 per annum |
| Friend (Household - two adults and two children) | £40 per annum |
| Benefactor | £250 per annum |

You can sign up to become a Friend online on our website or alternatively you can join by post or in person at the Ranger's Office with payment by cheque, bank transfer, standing order or credit card. Full details for both options are available on our website [here](#).

For any questions, please contact us by email at friends@wpcc.org.uk or by phone at 020 8788 7655. Alternatively, visit us at The Ranger's Office, Manor Cottage, Windmill Road, Wimbledon SW19 5NR.

Commons Open Day

Do come and join us for the annual Wimbledon and Putney Commons Open Day 2019 on Sunday 8th September 2019 from 10.30am to 5.00pm (see poster below).

The team here are delighted to welcome back the Essex Dog Display Team who were such a hit in 2018. We have a new Bird of Prey Display Team this year and look forward to introducing South Wilts Falconry to our visitors.

Our regular visitors, Wimbledon Village Stables and the Household Cavalry, will once again be joining us as well as a fantastic selection of over 60 stalls to browse, including local charity and craft stalls.

The Conservators will be present and you will be able to sign up to join the Friends.

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NOTES for Editors - Wimbledon and Putney Commons is a charity managed by the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators (WPCC). It was established under the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Act of 1871. The Commons comprise some 1,140 acres across Wimbledon Common, Putney Heath and Putney Lower Common.

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Wimbledon and Putney Commons



OPEN DAY

Sunday 8th September

Ranger's Office
near the Windmill
SW19 5NR
10.30am to
5.30pm



Stalls to browse,
tractor and dray
rides, have a go
at Flyball,
selection of food
stalls and
Wimbledon
Brewery

With special
guests in
the Arena:
The Essex
Dog Display
Team



Arena Events
including musical
mats for dogs,
Birds of Prey,
and riding
displays



Not forgetting
the Wacky Dog
Show!