



Wimbledon and Putney Commons

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Triennial Election of Conservators

As announced in November, the triennial election for the five elected Conservators will take place on Wednesday 10 March 2021. The statutory notice regarding the election together with a separate notice inviting candidates to stand for election have been issued today and can be downloaded [here](#). Copies of the statutory notice will be published in local papers on 10 and 17 December 2020 and will be displayed in public libraries, churches and other places of worship.

The date of the election is the day by which completed ballot papers must be received by the Scrutineer, Civica Election Services, either physically or electronically. The ballot papers will be dispatched to electors by the Scrutineer during the week commencing 8 February 2021.

The table below summarises the key dates relating to the election:

List of electors available for public inspection at Manor Cottage – <i>see note 1 below</i>	30 December 2020 until 20 January 2021
Meetings for prospective candidates with Returning Officer – <i>see note 2 below</i>	5 & 7 January 2021
Last date for receipt of claims and objections to the list of electors	20 January 2021
Last date for receipt of candidate application packs from candidates who wish to have their names and biographical details included in the ballot papers	27 January 2021
Ballot papers to be dispatched to electors by Scrutineer	Week commencing 8 February 2021
Last date for receipt of candidate applications	24 February 2021
Latest time by which completed ballot papers must be received by Scrutineer (either electronically or physically)	5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 10 March 2021
Result of election announced	11 March 2021

Note 1: Public inspection of list of electors

Because of the ongoing Coronavirus restrictions, the inspection of the list of electors will need to be conducted in a carefully controlled manner. Any voter wishing to inspect the list of electors should send an email to election@wpcc.org.uk in order to make an appointment.

Note 2: Meetings for prospective candidates

In view of the Coronavirus restrictions, it will not be appropriate to hold physical meetings. Accordingly, the meetings on 5 and 7 January will be held via video-conference at 7.00 p.m. on each date. Candidates wishing to attend should send an email to election@wpcc.org.uk specifying their preferred date.

Call for candidates

Any individual who is on the electoral roll for local government elections and lives within three quarters of a mile of Wimbledon Common, or who lives in the old Parish of Putney, is potentially eligible to stand as a candidate for election as a Conservator.

The Conservators are responsible for managing the Commons in accordance with the provisions of the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Act 1871. The WPCC is also a registered charity and, therefore, the Conservators are charity trustees responsible for complying with the provisions of the Charities' Acts.

Individuals who have a genuine interest in all aspects of the Commons, are prepared to attend regular Board meetings and are committed to ensuring that the Commons remain a natural open space can find further information about being a Conservator [here](#). A Candidate Brief and Application pack can be downloaded from the website.

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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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