

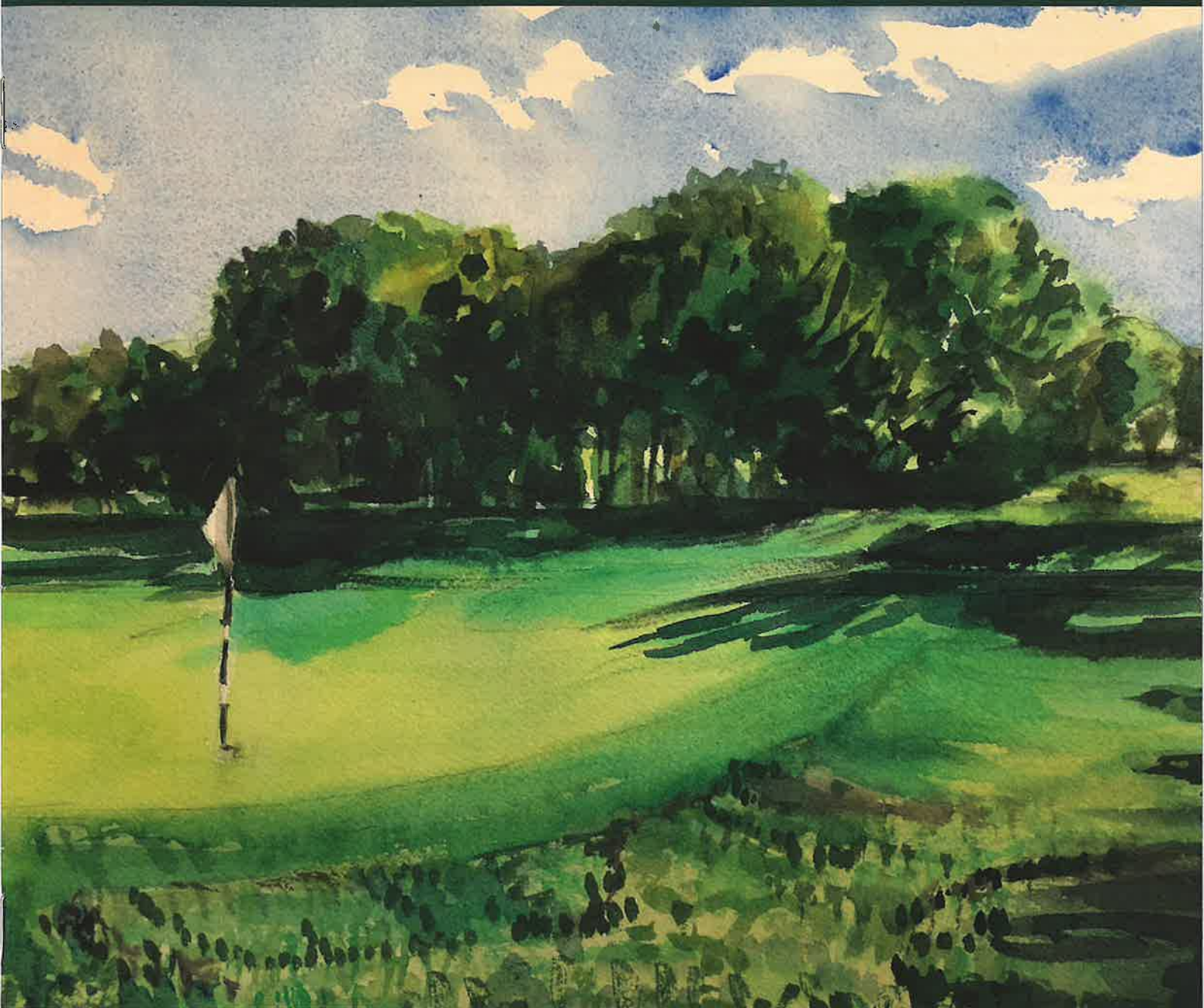
# THE COMMONS NEWS



Wimbledon  
and Putney  
Commons

Wimbledon Common Putney Heath Putney Lower Common

Summer 2022





# Chairman's Welcome

With the pandemic now receding almost as mysteriously and, in many ways, unexpectedly as it first appeared, life on Wimbledon and Putney Commons is slowly returning to some semblance of normality. Without doubt, however, one of the enduring legacies of the pandemic is a heightened sense of gratitude felt by all for this precious endowment.

Owing to the pandemic, the 150th anniversary of the date on which the 1871 Act that created Wimbledon and Putney Commons received Royal Assent, 16 August 2021, was marked with respect but celebrated with restraint. We are, however, delighted that our postponed programme of events to collectively commemorate this important milestone is finally underway and will now be celebrated alongside the Platinum Jubilee. Given the links between the Commons and the monarchy over the centuries, in many ways, this coincidence of celebrations could not be more fitting.

The governance arrangements set out in the 1871 Act remain critical in defining the character of the Commons. It was therefore a welcome development that the Board that was constituted following the February 2021 elections was finally able to meet in person for the very first time in October 2021. The newly constituted Board also agreed to open the non-confidential part of Board meetings to the public in support of the Conservators' longstanding objective of increasing transparency and openness wherever possible.

Although COVID has brought to the fore the importance of this unique resource, it has also exposed its fragility. In recognition of this fact, we have prioritised the natural environment aspects of the masterplan and are hoping to consult on the proposals in this area later this year. We have also bolstered our fundraising efforts and continue to examine the case for reforming the levy to support the required investment.

The past two years have been like none other and, on behalf of the Conservators, I would like to thank all of the staff for their relentless effort in providing what has always been recognised by the local community as an essential service, even though it may have taken a pandemic to persuade the government to use this form of words. Their sense of duty and commitment has never been in question and we owe them all a debt of gratitude. This is particularly true as they now face an intensive period of delivering all the works that were suspended during the pandemic in addition to the day to day management that is absolutely vital to keep the Commons functioning properly.

I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to all of our volunteers, whether they don a fluorescent waistcoat whilst fording a stream or contribute in another fashion, including all those who support us anonymously. Regardless of the form that their contribution takes, they all give their time generously, motivated by nothing more than a passion for the Commons and a sense of community. We are also enormously grateful to those who have supported us financially either in aid of a specific project or more generally, including membership of the Friends. The generosity of all our donors is humbling and every contribution will help protect the Commons for current and future generations.

*Thank you*



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## Conservators' Annual Open Meeting 8pm, 29 June 2022

Holy Trinity Church, 7 Ponsonby Road, Roehampton SW15 4LA

In accordance with the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Act 1871, the Annual Open Meeting of the Conservators at which the Annual Report and Accounts are presented to levy-payers will be held on Wednesday 29 June 2022.

The Conservators are delighted to once again be able to hold the meeting face to face and they look forward to welcoming you.

Further details can be found on our website:  
[wpcc.org.uk/AOM22](http://wpcc.org.uk/AOM22) or by scanning the QR code.



## Join the Friends of Wimbledon and Putney Commons!

The Friends of Wimbledon and Putney Commons was established to bring together all of those who are connected by a passion for the Commons, for the purposes of collective celebration and fund raising.

Why Support Us? Every path, heathland, bog, stream, pond and woodland has an incalculable value that requires ongoing investment. Without skilled conservation officers, mounted keepers and our very committed staff, our unique Commons would not be as they are today: safe, clean and preserved. That is why every contribution and donation made, however small or large, is so important. By becoming a Friend of Wimbledon and Putney Commons, you can play a crucial role in preserving, protecting and maintaining this unique and special place.

Find out more on our website at [wpcc.org.uk/friends](http://wpcc.org.uk/friends)

# Fundraising for the Commons

As a charity, we are very fortunate to be funded by the Levy on properties within  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of the Commons, or the old Parish of Putney, but running an open space like the Commons, particularly with the increased footfall we've experienced over the last two years, does require additional funds to deal with bigger infrastructure projects.

The Board of Conservators therefore agreed to create a new position of Fundraising Manager, and we are delighted that Maggie May joined the team at the Ranger's Office at the beginning of 2022.

Whilst the levy covers the day-to-day maintenance of the Commons, recent work to assess the condition of the Commons has revealed that major investment is required if we are to hand the Commons onto the next generation in at least the condition we all enjoy today.

Maggie's role will be to help the charity to raise funds to improve and enhance the Commons for both people and wildlife. From improving access for all by repairing and improving paths, to protecting and enhancing nature by carefully managing habitats, to improving the visitor experience by modernising the toilet facilities we shall be working to secure additional income to make our Commons even better.

The team here at the Ranger's Office will continue to work closely with the Friends of Wimbledon and Putney Commons so that together we can collectively celebrate and fundraise for the Commons.

We are grateful to you as levy-payers for the contribution you make to keeping our Commons thriving. If you can, please consider supporting the charity that cares for them. You'll be helping to protect and enhance precious wildlife habitats, and you'll be improving the Commons experience for everyone.

These are some of the ways that you could help:

- Join the Friends and be part of the Common's community!
- Sign up to our mailing list and stay up to date with the latest news – e-newsletters are sent seasonally
- Volunteer and directly help care for nature

- Leave a gift in your will – help the Commons for future generations
- Make a monthly donation – every £1 donated helps

If you have a fundraising idea or would like to find out more about our current appeals, then please get in touch with Maggie by popping in to the Rangers Office or emailing [maggie@wpcc.org.uk](mailto:maggie@wpcc.org.uk)



## We're bringing back the Bridge!

In February 2022 we launched a fundraising appeal to raise £15,000 to restore the footbridge over the Beverley Brook on Putney Lower Common. By April, we reached that target thanks to the generosity of local residents and the Putney Society. We are incredibly grateful to all those who made donations be they small or large to help achieve our target ahead of schedule. So many donations were made anonymously so if you made a donation this way – THANK YOU! The work to restore the bridge will begin in the summer. We can't wait to have the circular walk around the Common back, and the chance to play Pooh sticks again!



## Commemorative benches

Commemorative benches provide a meaningful way to pay tribute to someone who loved the Commons or to celebrate special memories made here, whilst supporting the place you love.

At the moment we only have opportunities for new benches along the newly restored Beverley Brook Ride.

Many of the existing benches on the Commons have come to the end of their life and so may need replacing. As these benches were donated decades ago, we no longer have up to date contact details for the families who made these gifts. If you have a bench on the Common, please do get in touch with Maggie so that we can update our records - [maggie@wpcc.org.uk](mailto:maggie@wpcc.org.uk)

We receive daily enquiries and so know how special commemorating someone in this way is. Following a recent survey of all our benches we will be investigating where there are opportunities for new donors to fund a new bench.

### Sign up for our E-Newsletter

If you'd like to stay up to date with our latest nature news, or be the first to hear about events taking place on the Commons, do please sign up to our e-newsletter. Sent out every six weeks or so, it is a great way to keep in touch and has lots of information on what to look out for on the Commons and also our latest conservation works.

Sign up on our website  
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# Meet the Maintenance Team

The role of our Maintenance Team, not only in the day to day upkeep of the Commons but also in its long-term conservation, cannot be under-stated. Head of Maintenance, Jack Rowland, shares with us a brief snapshot of his team and the varied work they carry out.

There have been people working the land the Commons sits on since well before its official formation in 1871, managing the landscape, heath and woodlands – through different means and for different goals but managing the site none the less. Cattle grazed the heathland and meadows, the woodland was managed for the various crops that it yielded. Today, the Maintenance Team replicates this management through slightly different methods with the chainsaw replacing the axe and tractor mowers taking over the role of livestock.

My team – Dan, Jason, Sarah, John, Phil and Joe – have a range of experience that means we have all the skills necessary to carry out the majority of work that is needed on the Commons. Three of the

team: myself, Joe and Dan, are qualified arborists, Jason has years of grounds maintenance experience and Sarah, the newest member of the team, brings a background in conservation from the London Wildlife Trust and the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. I was born and brought up on the Commons, and Phil has worked with us for over 30 years and there's not an inch of the Commons he doesn't know! John is our mechanical guru and keeps all our equipment in proper working order. We well and truly earn our nickname of the "Swiss Army Knife"!

Keeping the maintenance of the Commons "in-house" rather than outsourcing the work to contractors gives the benefit of having staff who not only know and care about the Commons but understand its sensitivities and can react quickly to emergencies – the immediate clear up to make the Commons safe following Storm Eunice being a good example.

Our work is split into 2 main categories: regular maintenance tasks and seasonal projects and then reactional/emergency works. Some of the work we undertake includes:

- **Waste Management** – Keeping the Commons clear of litter is a fundamental part of our work – our team removes on average from the Commons **1.5 tonne of rubbish and 1 tonne of dog-waste each week**. This area of maintenance has increased dramatically over the last 18 months with the increase in visitors, to such an extent that we now employ one person simply to deal with emptying bins and litter-picking.
- **Path and Drainage Works** – regular maintenance to pathways and drainage clearance to keep the network of paths safe. This is one area where increased work is needed and many of the paths now need substantial rebuilding so contractors will be brought in as and when funds are available to do this.
- **Pond, Rivers and Bogs** – restoration of the important bog habitats and the team also played a large part in the recent restoration of the Beverley Brook.
- **Grass Cutting/Meadow Restoration Works** - Working with the landscape and nature means that certain tasks need to be carried out in sync with the seasons – something that is getting harder to plan and predict as the distinct seasonal lines now blur between one another. These works include the cutting back of vegetation along paths, roads and sightlines, regular cutting of the larger amenity areas and more specialised cut and collect bailing works to manage the acid grassland and restoration to our wildflower meadows.
- **Invasive Species Management** - Other time sensitive works include the control of invasive species including managing Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam along our water ways and of course the removal of the Oak Processionary Moth nests – where you will see the team in full chemical suits and respirator gear removing the nests from the oaks throughout the early summer.
- **Heathland Works** - The heathland restoration works involve not only combatting the scrub that grows throughout the heather but also stopping secondary woodland encroachment along the edges of these important sites. Projects to reclaim back areas of heathland that have been lost include felling trees along these woodland belts, allowing the acid grassland and patches of heath to thrive again. Timber from these fells is then used for projects around the site such as dead hedging and the building of nature stacks or stag beetle hotels that wildlife can use as shelter.
- **Woodland/Tree Safety Works** - Selective felling for safety reasons, coppicing and tree/whip planting

Other ad-hoc works include repairs to the infrastructure such as carparks, roads and line marking, the building of bridges and installation of gates and fences, posts and benches. The team are also responsible for the day to day maintenance of the Windmill.

Every day I am grateful to manage a team that constantly punches above its combined weight. We also recognise the contribution our visitors make, particularly our volunteers who help with litter-picking and scrub clearance. The genuine care and passion about the Commons that the public have is understood by the team and they always welcome the opportunity to chat with anyone who wants to learn more about why they might be doing a particular piece of work – so if it's safe to do so, don't be afraid to stop and chat!





# Conservation Update

**Ponds** - Whilst large areas of open water can be visually appealing, it provides very little in the way of useful habitat. Most of the wildlife inhabits the margins of the ponds where a good source of vegetation and muddy ground can be found to provide protection. For example, female frogs lay their frogspawn amongst the protection of marginal vegetation. Unfortunately too many of the Commons' ponds are lacking this vital component. Again, the increase in visitors and the amount of dogs that like to go in and out of the water has had an impact on our ponds too.

Our team are therefore starting a project in spring 2022 to help protect and restore these areas of important vegetation in two of the Commons' ponds. Temporary fencing has been positioned around sections of Scio Pond on Putney Heath and Hookhamslade Pond on Wimbledon Common. The aim is to reduce the levels of disturbance in these two ponds to allow the marginal vegetation to grow and re-establish, and so provide more of this important habitat for our wildlife. If the project is successful, it will be rolled out to other ponds in the coming years.



## Heathland Restoration

The edge of the golf course on Wimbledon Common has, in the past, been the site of some of the Commons' heathland but it has sadly been lost or degraded over the years.

In order to help regenerate this important habitat, our team have turned to a traditional method of restoration – the creation and seeding of “bare ground scrapes”. This also has the benefit of helping with some of the older areas of heather on Putney Heath.

Peter Haldane, our Conservation and Engagement Officer, commented “The life cycle of heather follows four stages of growth - Pioneer (0-5 years), Building (5-15 years), Mature (15-25 years) and Degenerate (25-40 years). Much of the heather found on the Commons has now reached the mature to degenerate stages of growth and, in some areas, would certainly benefit from being cut back to encourage new growth”.

The first part of the project was to create the bare ground scrapes and this was carried out late in 2021. Three areas around the edge of the golf course close to Caesar's Well, the upper section of Gravelly Ride and the Birches Fairway were selected, and the bare ground created by scraping away the top layer of turf and soil.

Two of the older areas of heather on Putney Heath were mowed and all the cut heather removed. This, together with seeds, was then spread over the bare ground scrapes and is now being left to rot down into the ground, allowing the seeds to germinate and hopefully establish a new area of heather growth. Peter continued “This process can take up to about 4 years so in the meantime the mulch provides a valuable breeding and hunting ground for a wide range of invertebrate and vertebrate species”.

We have also added some fencing around the scrapes to protect the new growth from being nibbled by rabbits.

## Ride Management

If you walk the woodland to the south east of the Commons, you will have noticed the quite dramatic change to the area, not only the holly removal which is dramatic enough in itself, but also the clearance along the rides. So what have we been up to?

Stephen Bound, our Chief Executive, commented “Traditionally, a path or track becomes a “ride” when it is wide enough for there to be a gap in the canopy above it which allows sunlight to reach the ground. On the Commons there are numerous paths and rides and since the beginning of January 2022 we have been working hard to improve two of them: Upper Gravelly Ride and Lower Gravelly Ride. Both are located in the woodland immediately below the Sandy Ring”.

With a greater number of species inhabiting the first 10 metres of any woodland or ride edge than inhabit the remainder of the woodland, sensitive management of these areas is an important way of improving the biodiversity of the woodland. Our team have been coppicing small to medium sized trees along the edge of these two rides which will allow more sunlight and consequently warmth to reach the woodland floor.

This work will also help to improve the herb layer along the edge of the rides which will promote an improved environment for a wide range of animals and pollinators.



## NEWSBITE

The Richardson Evans Memorial Playing Fields hosts the world's largest Schools Rugby 7s tournament in March each year. This year there were 1760 matches played over 5 days with an average of 5,000 visitors a day.



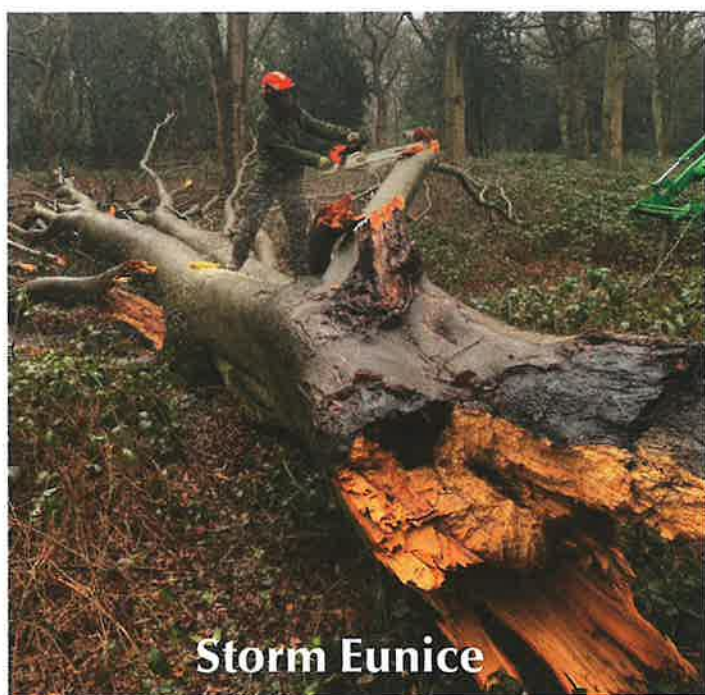
# Helping our nesting birds

The recognised period for bird nesting in the UK is from the 1 March until the 31 July and our team here does what it can to make sure any disturbance to the nesting birds on the Commons is kept to a minimum.

All the major woodland operations and clearances undertaken by our Maintenance Team are stopped until late summer and notices are placed around the perimeter of The Plain asking visitors to keep to the paths through the area and keep dogs on lead so that we can hopefully provide a suitable area for potential ground nesting birds to use. Although it's informally called the "Skylark area" it isn't just for skylarks. Other ground-nesting species, such as the Meadow Pipit, also nest on The Plain.

We also are also lending a helping hand by providing a variety of built nesting opportunities for our resident birds to use. Earlier this year, Conservation and Engagement Officer, Peter Haldane, sited six new bird boxes along the edge of Upper Gravelly Ride. The boxes are specially designed for great tit, blue tit, coal tit, nut hatch and possibly wren with an entrance hole that is sized so nothing larger than these birds can get in and predate their eggs. Around the Windmill complex, we've put up two nest boxes that have been specifically designed to attract wrens, and three designed for robins. These all complement the boxes that are already up around the Commons, including two boxes specifically for Kestrels.

Perhaps one of the most novel nesting innovations that we tried during 2021 was the use of two duck tubes that were positioned close to the island on Kingsmere. With mallard numbers declining in the UK, providing a raised nesting tube is a very simple and effective way of giving them some protection during the nesting season. Mallards would normally nest on the ground where they are vulnerable not only to flooding, but also predation by foxes and disturbance from dogs. By elevating the nesting tubes several feet off the ground, the eggs and ducklings are less at risk. The tubes are constructed of a wire mesh frame lined with hay and with a narrow entrance, the tubes provide a nesting site which both protects the female, her eggs and the chicks once they hatch.



Storm Eunice certainly hit hard on the Commons in February.

At the height of the storm, car parks were closed, golf cancelled and visitors advised to stay home and stay safe as we weathered winds of over 100mph.

It is credit to the years of ongoing tree inspections, preventative tree surgery and felling work that makes up our tree safety programme that the Commons did not suffer as much damage as might have been expected. Most of the larger trees came down within the more secluded areas of the woodland on the Commons, with just one tree coming down across Parkside which our Maintenance team, with Keepers and Office staff lending a hand, cleared within 30 minutes. Our Maintenance Team worked throughout the next few days to ensure that all the trees that needed remedial work were made safe as quickly as possible.

## Oil Spill in the Beverley Brook

In late March 2022, an incident in Pyl Brook, a tributary of the Beverley Brook, resulted in pools of thick black oil on the section of the Brook where it flows through Wimbledon Common.

Thames Water and the Environment Agency quickly had contractors in place to start the clear up but with some 14km of the two brooks affected, this took some time. Booms were placed on the Brook near the A3 to stop the oil getting any further downstream and from there it was syphoned off the surface and taken off site for proper disposal.

The full impact of the contamination may yet be felt and sadly we lost at least two herons. At the time of writing, it is understood that this was an illegal dumping of waste oil but the Environment Agency are still putting a case together and could not advise if any prosecution was pending.

We are very grateful to visitors who, within days, had donated over £3,500 towards any expenses that the charity might incur following the incident. We hope this money can be spent on replacing much of the planting that had taken place earlier in 2021, and future maintenance of the Brook.

## NEWSBITES

- Both Wimbledon Common and Putney Lower Common won Gold awards in the "Common of the Year" category of this year's London in Bloom competition.
- Each of our patrol horses cover on average 20 kilometres a day when out on patrol and it costs roughly £5,000 a year to keep one of our patrol horses for a year



## Nature Notes

The Commons are home to a wide variety of wildlife and in 2021 we recorded 10 mammal species, 113 plant species, 402 moth species, 26 butterflies and 9 dragonfly species.

Over the past 12 months a few of the most notable reports that we have received have included a Soft Shell turtle, a Common lizard with young and, with increasing regularity, a Muntjac deer on Putney Heath.



- The total species count of 95 species of birds on the Commons during 2021 was certainly an improvement on the last couple of years, although is still low when compared to even just 10 years ago. Decline in abundance for several species continues, particularly Meadow Pipit, Wheatear, House Martin and Swift, whilst there were just two records for Stonechat and no records at all for Lesser Spotted Woodpecker or Sand Martin.
- Some birds are clearly continuing to thrive, not least the Firecrest, Buzzard and Red Kite while the Commons still welcome back good numbers of Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs each year. Kingfisher numbers still seem to be on the increase and are being seen more regularly on some of the ponds this year, while the Swallows returned once again for another year at the stables with a Dartford Warbler also coming back to the usual haunt at Ladies Mile in the autumn.
- The year threw up a handful of surprises and with wet conditions in late summer and early autumn, water birds featured prominently with the likes of **Water Rail**, **Goldeneye**, **Wigeon**, **Pochard**, **Gadwall**, and **Teal**.
- Butterfly numbers dropped slightly in 2021 but then 2020 was an exceptional year with a very warm start to spring. A new addition for 2021 were three **Clouded Yellows** seen together in July – the first formal recording of this species for some time.
- Between April and September 2021, we received 22 separate reports of **Common Lizard** on the Commons. Most of the reports were made on heathland near Ladies Mile, other sightings were made at Rushmere, Hookhamslade Pond, Thatched Cottages, The Plain, the Cabbage Patch, meadow near Telegraph Cottage and the Southern Pound.
- A highlight of the year was a **Grass Snake** found near Roehampton Church School in November 2021. This has been the first confirmed report of a grass snake on the Commons for many years.
- The Commons were designated a Special Area of Conservation in 1986, in part due to the presence of **Stag beetles**. As part of our woodland management programme, dead wood habitats (both standing and fallen) are maintained specifically for the ongoing survival of these magnificent creatures. Over 20 reports of sightings were received last year – either on the Commons or from their immediate surroundings.
- Although there have been the occasional sightings of this tiny, elusive creature over recent years, 2021 saw a record number of sightings of several **Muntjac** deer along Wildcroft Road on Putney Heath, including a youngster which would indicate that they are starting to breed in the area.
- We also received a report of what is believed to be a Florida Softshell turtle *Apalone ferox*. As with all the turtles in the Commons' ponds – it will have been left here by someone who could no longer care for it as a pet. The introduction of these non-native species can have quite an effect on our ecosystem so if you find yourself unable to care for a turtle or terrapin, please do contact a suitable rescue organisation.



## NEWSBITES

The 2021 Birds, Butterflies and Dragonflies of Wimbledon and Putney Commons Annual Report is now available to download free of charge from our website, or £4 for a hard copy from the Ranger's Office.

# 150th Anniversary Picture Competition

In August 2021, we launched a picture competition to celebrate the Commons. The competition is running until July 2022 and each month a winner has been chosen to receive a prize donated by many of the local businesses around the Commons. At the end of the competition, we will open up the judging to all of you to choose the overall winner! Below, and on the front cover, are just a few of the superb entries we have received.

We have been delighted and overwhelmed by both the number and standard of entries that we have been receiving each month - there are some very talented photographers and artists out there! If you haven't already joined in, you still have two months to get out and about with your cameras and send us your picture of the Commons! Full details on how to take part can be found on our website: [www.wpcc.org.uk/picturecomp](http://www.wpcc.org.uk/picturecomp)



## Wildlife Recording - Can you Help?

The Commons are designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Area of Conservation due to the rare species and habitats that are found here - our heathland and grassland represent some of the best remaining examples of these left in England. Monitoring of plants, insects, birds and animals and habitats help us to assess the health of the Commons tells us what we need to do to protect and enhance the site to ensure the unique and rare wildlife thrives for current and future generations.

Our small group of volunteer recorders are one group of volunteers on the Commons who often go unseen but nevertheless play a vital part in increasing our knowledge. Input from these volunteers can range from a regular commitment recording our varied flora and fauna to those who contact us when they spot something of interest whilst out walking. From mammal sightings to regular reports of insects and birds, each and every piece of information that is sent to us is collected and included in the Commons' annual monitoring report.



Do you have expertise in a specific area of wildlife and want to play a part in conserving the Commons? Or do you have a good basic all-round knowledge and can identify lots of common species? We particularly need someone who could record dragonflies/damselflies or insects in general. If you can commit to some regular recording, or even now and again, we would welcome the chance to have a chat! Contact Peter or Angela at the Ranger's Office on 020 8788 7655 or by e-mail: [rangersoffice@wpcc.org.uk](mailto:rangersoffice@wpcc.org.uk)

## 2022 Events Diary

### 17-19 June - BioBlitz Weekend of Nature

Bats, Moths, Birds, butterflies, bees and all manner of insects and small mammals to be found and identified. Join our experts for a series of walks around the Commons. This year we will also have a visit from Reptile Events with a selection of snakes for you to meet. Full details are available on our website

### 29 June at 8pm - Conservators' Annual Open Meeting

The Conservators will present their Accounts and Annual Report for 2021/22. The meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton - details can be found at on our website: [wpcc.org.uk/aom22](http://wpcc.org.uk/aom22)

### 5 July at 7.00pm - Summer Evening Walk

A Guided Evening Walk led by our senior staff. Learn about our history and conservation work. Further details on our website.

### 21 July - Reception at the House of Commons

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebrations to mark the founding of the Commons and the passing Act of Parliament which governs us, we are holding a reception at the Terrace Pavilion in the House of Commons. Tickets are now on sale and details are on our website.

### 11 September - Commons Open Day

Having been cancelled for the last two years we are delighted that our annual day of fun and merriment here at the Ranger's Office is back! Meet the horses, birds of prey, and this year we are delighted to welcome Pedal Power v Parkour. And, of course, not forgetting the Wacky Dog Show! Free entry all day.

### 30 November General Open Meeting Venue TBA

Open meeting with updates from the Conservators and staff

### 10 December at 4pm - Carols at the Windmill

The Conservators and the Windmill Museum Trustees invite you to join us for carols, mince pies and mulled cider!