

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators
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WPCC Board Chairman stands down

In the week after the meeting with the Charity Commission on Friday 9th October, the WPCC Chairman, Mr Keith Luck, wrote to his fellow Trustees:

“It is apparent that there is a long way to go before we resolve our current difficulty. The disappointing part of this is that we will be spending more time (money and resources) with lawyers than with the unique landscape of which we are Conservators.

While all priorities and challenges can be managed, it is personally unreasonable that I sacrifice other interests and dig yet further into a full time working week to give more time to progress these increasingly complicated and all-consuming matters”.

Therefore, with effect from midnight on Thursday 15th October, Mr Luck stepped down from the role of Chairman. Until fresh elections for the Chairman are held, the Vice Chairman, Shirley Gillbe, will fulfil the role of Chairman.

In standing down, Mr Luck said:

“My sincere thanks to the Chief Executive and the Commons’ staff for the wonderful work they do, and the way they have delivered while our own governance has been hamstrung.”

Mr Luck will continue as a Trustee, albeit in a less time consuming role.

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NOTES for Editors

Wimbledon and Putney Commons is a charity managed by the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators. 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.

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Website: www.wpcc.org.uk

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