

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators**

At its Board meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Trustees, by a majority, appointed Prue Whyte, Elected Conservator, as the new Chairman of the Board. Shirley Gillbe, Elected Conservator, continues as the Board's Vice-Chairman.

Trustees had previously met with representatives of the Charity Commission on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015. This was to address difficulties with governance within the Charity, specifically regarding the sale of access rights for the former Putney Hospital site.

As Regulator, the Charity Commission subsequently sent a letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 setting out a formal Action Plan.

At its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November Trustees agreed a series of steps to progress this formal Action Plan.

The Board also agreed to hold a General Open Meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 at the London Scottish Golf Club, Windmill Road, Wimbledon Common.

The Trustees regret to announce that Nicholas Evans, Elected Conservator, resigned on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Prue Whyte commented: "Nick's decision is disappointing. I'd like to thank him for the valuable contribution he has made to both the Board and the Committees on which he sat."

The Board will consider the Trustee vacancy at its forthcoming meeting in December 2015.

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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.

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