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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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

#### **London in Bloom Awards 2017**

We are delighted to announce that Wimbledon Common and Putney Lower Common both won Gold awards in the “Common of the Year” category of this year’s London in Bloom competition.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the London in Bloom campaign is about celebrating and recognising the passion Londoners have for greening our Capital city.

Two very special areas of the Commons - Wimbledon Common and Putney Lower Common - were entered into the competition under the Parks and Green Space Awards, into which the Common of the Year sits. This is the first time that Putney Lower Common has been entered into the competition.

Judged under a broad range of criteria including community involvement, conservation, maintenance of facilities and ensuring the welfare of users, both Commons scored extremely well in all categories and as a result both Wimbledon Common and Putney Lower Common were presented with gold awards which are given to entries that have been recognised by judges as having reached an ‘outstanding’ standard, achieving a score of 85% and above in the judges marking criteria.

These awards are a fantastic recognition of the hard work all our staff and volunteers put in to ensure the Commons remain a wonderful place to visit. We are particularly delighted with the result at Putney Lower Common, signifying that the recent landscape work to restore the Commons, providing enhanced woodland habitats, new hedge/shrub plantings and wildflower meadows have been recognised as a success by an independent judge.

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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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