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February Update

Open Meeting – Grazing on Public Open Spaces

On Tuesday 9th February 2016, the WPCC Board, through its Wildlife and Conservation Forum, hosted an open lecture at the London Scottish Golf Club on the subject of Grazing on Public Open Spaces. This topic clearly inspired the local community as over 100 people attended to hear James Adler of the Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) talk about the work SWT is doing to introduce various grazing regimes across a number of Surrey's open spaces. Although there are no plans for introducing grazing back onto the Commons, the benefits in terms of improved ecology and habitats were very apparent. The WPCC Board were urged by those attending to at least explore if such techniques could be used to maintain and improve the habitats of our Commons and Heath.

Wimbledon Windmill - Heritage Lottery Fund

Working in partnership with the Wimbledon Windmill Museum Trustees, an external funding bid has now been submitted to Heritage Lottery Fund under the "Our Heritage" scheme. Local community groups and amenity societies provided valuable letters of support for the project. It is hoped that the outcome of the bid will be known by Easter 2016.

Board Meeting - 8th February 2016

Commons Strategic Plan

One of the key recommendations from the Governance Review undertaken in 2014 was the need to prepare a Strategic Plan for the Commons. The Charity recognises that its limited resources mean that it cannot achieve everything it wants to and therefore it needs to prioritise and schedule its activities. Having a compelling vision and clear objectives for what it will seek to deliver in the short, medium and long-term will benefit the Charity. The Board agreed a timetable for the development of a Commons strategy which will include the essential involvement of stakeholders and the local community.

Putney Hospital Site

The appointment of lawyers Charles Russell Speechlys (CRS) was confirmed to guide and advise the Trust through the implementation of the Charity Commission's Formal Action Plan. In April the firm will present Trustees with clear recommendations on the matters to be resolved and how to best to proceed to resolution.

23rd February 2016

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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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