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Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators **London in Bloom Awards**

We are delighted to announce that both Wimbledon Common and Putney Lower Common have won Gold awards in the “Common of the Year” category of this year’s London in Bloom competition. In addition we are thrilled that Wimbledon Common has been named the overall 2018 winner in this category – a much coveted award.

The London in Bloom campaign celebrates and recognises the passion Londoners have for greening their Capital city.

Wimbledon Common and Putney Lower Common were entered into the competition under the Parks and Green Space Awards, within which the Common of the Year sits.

Assessed 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. As a result both of these special areas were presented with gold awards having been judged to have reached an ‘outstanding’ standard, achieving a score of over 85% in the judges marking criteria.

Comments from the independent judge include:

Wimbledon Common - *“Security is good and the horses are an immediate attraction for visitors; the maintenance team do a good job in all areas; a growing number of volunteers are involved with a flora and fauna monitoring programme including sightings of Stag Beetles birds, bees and butterflies and a Walking for Health programme is also in operation.”*

Putney Lower Common - *“The Head Ranger has brought his considerable expertise to Putney and the refurbished container/workshop/tool storage facility is a great addition; although the Common is maintained for its natural look, there are areas of wildflowers which have been deliberately created especially near the new compound to soften the area.”*

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 accolade of the “Common of the Year” Award for Wimbledon Common.

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NOTES for Editors - Wimbledon and Putney Commons is a charity managed by the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators (WPCC). 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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