



Friends of Twickenham Green

An open society of local residents and community working towards a common goal: to protect the charm and integrity of one of West London's most-treasured public spaces.

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Chair's Welcome

Once again may I take this opportunity to welcome you to our Newsletter.

Things are certainly looking up at last; the relaxing of COVID restrictions, the brighter (if somewhat chilly) weather and the Easter and Spring bank holidays have all bought increased use of The Green.

This has also enabled us to restart our 'clean-ups' which had great support on Sunday 2nd May with 25 volunteers attending.

With the increased usage we expect that the newly installed temporary toilets will be well used and that the problems of last summer will not be repeated. We are in contact with Councillors to find out what the council's long term solution is going to be and will keep you updated.

We had a very successful hustings, via Zoom, of the GLA S.W. London candidates which was very informative. I am writing this before the elections have taken place - so eagerly awaiting the outcome.

I am sad to inform you that the annual village fete for 2021 will not be going ahead, due to the changing nature of COVID and the related restrictions there has not been time to organise it for 2021. As you will be aware a large number of people and organisations take part rendering the logistics and timescales of this impossible. We are looking forward to restarting the fete in 2022.

Again, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and hope that you enjoy The Green over the coming months.

David Trigg

Chair, Friends of Twickenham Green

Who we are:

Chair - David Trigg

Vice Chair - Steve Guichard

Secretary - Pam McMillan

Treasurer - Nicky Rayner

Environment Officer - Howard Roberts

Membership Officer - David Vaughan

Web editor/social media - Peter Thomsen

The Green update

Now that we are hopefully approaching a post lockdown environment, Parks will be starting to assess repair and required remedial work to our local green open spaces. We have already had a preliminary inspection, and we await a schedule in due course. The grass is in a sorry state, but that was in a sense inevitable given that The Green has been so well used in recent lockdowns. On the plus side, it has been a pleasure to see The Green providing such an important service to our local community.

Meantime, anti-compaction work has already been undertaken around our trees. Compressed air was forced in, and nutrients added, so that root growth could be improved. Aside from Kew Gardens, Twickenham Green was the first site in the borough to receive this treatment.

Both rose shrubberies are doing well, although litter still continues to be a problem in the area behind the pavilion, and adjacent to the re-cycling centre.

Our trees seem to be doing well, despite an early dry spell. Three new horse chestnut saplings were planted over winter (complete with tree guards), and appear to be thriving. Local volunteers will be monitoring their progress and supplementing the watering schedule.

Because of lockdown, we have so far been unable to gauge the success of our bird and bat boxes. However, our regular wildlife surveys have highlighted the return to The Green of Thrushes, amongst many other species.

Thanks as ever to Parks for their attention and support, and also to our own volunteers, especially in the successful recent litter pick up.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates, and please continue to enjoy our precious open space.

Howard Roberts

Environment Officer, The Friends of Twickenham Green

Dates for you diary

Next members' meeting : **6 July, 8.00 p.m.** in the cricket pavilion, Twickenham Green. **To be confirmed**

We publish an events calendar on our website. <https://fotg.uk/calendar>