

# 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

A happy Easter to all our members!

You will recall that we are publishing a newsletter four times a year to keep everyone up to date with what's happening between meetings. This is the second one of this year; if you have been forwarded this by another member, do give us your correct email address as these are only being sent electronically.

Since the last newsletter, a group of us collected litter at the biannual clean-up of the Green (and attempted to recruit new members while we were at it!) Thanks to everyone who gave up their time to litter pick – photo overleaf! We are having an inspection of the Green with the parks department at the end of April and the Friends continue to lobby with local councillors and the parks department to maintain its upkeep.

The committee has produced a vision plan for the future of the Green to comply with council expectations; this will be available through our website shortly.

Our next members' meeting is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 8.00 pm in the cricket pavilion. I look forward to welcoming you there.

Best wishes  
Helen Williams  
Chair, Friends of Twickenham Green



## Who we are

Chair - Helen Williams

Vice Chair - Steve Guichard

Secretary - Pam McMillan

Treasurer - Nicky Rayner

Environment Officer - Howard Roberts

Membership Officer - Carmelle Jaitly

Web editor - Carmelle Jaitly

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## What's new

*Green update by Howard Roberts, Environment Officer*

A little rain and a little sunshine, and The Green transforms itself, each spring, every year. Not that it has been an easy winter. Events held on The Green in December caused extensive surface damage and have left the surface in a poor state in some parts of the events end (Arthurs end) of The Green. On the positive side, Parks have undertaken re-turfing in four key damaged areas, currently with a good degree of success. As ever, much will depend on weather and climate, and of course the volume of traffic across the grass.

Our five saplings have all survived the winter and are already in bud. Our volunteer tree waterers will be ready to go in to action if and when the first dry spells start to take effect. We now have our full complement of trees, and the mix of Chestnuts, Lime trees and London Planes are all thriving.

The shrubbery behind Arthurs is long overdue for attention and a makeover, and Parks are preparing a planting scheme for later in the year. Our other shrubbery behind the pavilion, was re-planted with roses in the autumn, and I am very pleased to say these are now all in leaf and looking good.

Thanks as ever to the staff at Parks for their excellent work on our precious open space, and thanks too, to all the Friends of Twickenham Green volunteers who do so much to protect and promote The Green.

### *Membership*

We are about to begin our summer recruitment drive. If you are willing to support us in this, please contact our Vice-Chair Steve, [friendsoftwickenhamgreen@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftwickenhamgreen@gmail.com)

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## Dates for your diary

Friends events:

Next members' meeting: **4<sup>th</sup> June, 8.00 p.m** in the cricket pavilion, Twickenham Green. Guest speaker: David Meaden from Friends of Turner's House speaking on Turner in Twickenham.

HANDS Fair on The Green: **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

FOTG Summer fete on Twickenham Green: **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Please contact Carmelle, via the above email address if you would like a stall (particularly hand-made goods or handicrafts) or can help in any way – all offers gratefully accepted.**