

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

I do hope everyone remains safe and well. A lot seems to have happened since our last newsletter in April!

As lockdown eases, Twickenham Green has become increasingly popular with visitors. While we enjoy seeing others getting pleasure from our open space, there have been some negative effects, sadly, including littering and other anti-social behaviour. After lobbying local councillors, many committee members joined councillors and the local police for an online meeting, which you can see [here](#). As a result, increased police and Park Guard attendance, more litter bins and traffic warden patrols have already happened. Committee members continue to lobby for better signage to community toilets and a greater number of litter bins on a permanent basis.

You may have noticed an improved presence on social media recently with a new website, more active Twitter, new email address and Facebook page. Thanks to Peter for getting these up and running.

This is my last newsletter as Chair as my two-year tenure has come to an end. We are looking for a volunteer to be our new Chair. If you can spare around an hour a week and would enjoy taking a more prominent role in the local community, do please get in touch using the email address opposite and I would be happy to talk to you about what it entails. We have a very supportive and active committee who would be delighted to work with you! If you don't feel ready to become the Chair but would prefer to join as a committee member in the meantime, again, do get in touch.

Who we are:

Chair - Helen Williams

Vice Chair - Steve Guichard

Secretary - Pam McMillan

Treasurer - Nicky Rayner

Environment Officer - Howard Roberts

Membership Officer - David Vaughan

Web editor/social media - Peter Thomsen

I hope to see you at the AGM on 8th September. We are anticipating holding this in the cricket pavilion as planned; social distancing will be respected. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

Helen Williams
Chair, Friends of Twickenham Green

Green update

Howard Roberts, Environment Officer

It has been wonderful to see The Green serve our community so well during the lockdown. Great to see so many families enjoying our precious open space, whilst all other organised events have for the moment been suspended.

Dry May brought Twickenham Brown, whilst the rain restored Twickenham Green in June. However, the grass is in a rather poor state. Arthur's end has lots of bare patches, the last seeding having been largely ineffective. The dry spell had again highlighted the mystery rectangle outside Arthur's. Cricket end is in poor state as well. Cricket outfield looking more like arable pasture land. Rain in June has helped a little, but longer term, the grass is in need of major attention. We shall be making representations both through our councillors, and Parks.

Both shrubberies have roses blooming. Behind the pavilion is looking good, as is the new planting behind Arthur's. With regard to the trees, sadly, looks as if one of the established London Planes on the Hampton Road side, opposite the plumbers, has died. I have sent pictures to Jane Crowther/Matt Almond. Jane Crowther, parks tree person has been to investigate and will keep us informed.

Stay safe and keep enjoying The Green.

Dates for your diary

Friends' events:

Clean-up of the Green 19th July, 10.30 outside the cricket pavilion.

Next members' meeting (AGM): **8th September, 8.00 p.m.** in the cricket pavilion, Twickenham Green. **To be confirmed.**