

Green Spaces – an overview

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Community Services and Open Spaces

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OUR SPEAKERS

- Colin Cooper – CEO, Habitats and Heritage
- David Lindo – The Urban Birder
- Emma Broadbent – London Rivers Officer, South East Rivers Trust
- Ian Mitchell – Chief Executive, Enable Leisure and Culture
- We will also showcase a film from the Friends of Wandsworth Common



OUR VISION

- We declared a climate emergency in July 2019
- Our vision is to make Wandsworth the greenest Inner London borough by committing ourselves to:
 - Urban greening,
 - Planting and maintaining trees,
 - Encouraging biodiversity,
 - Protecting and enhancing our existing parks and open and green spaces





“Climate change is a major threat to biodiversity, ecosystem services and human wellbeing.”

WANDSWORTH ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY



Our strategy and action plan set out a series of actions on green spaces and biodiversity, including:

- A refreshed trees strategy
- An ecosystems strategy and specific biodiversity action plan
- A sustainable planting programme





HOW WILL WE ACHIEVE THIS?

- By getting everyone involved
- Our ambition is to upgrade these spaces for and with everyone
- We have seen success with this approach – the Tooting Common Heritage Project





MORE GREEN FLAGS THAN EVER BEFORE



- The Green Flag Award is an international mark of quality for well-managed parks and green spaces all over the world
- This year, we have been awarded three new green flags bringing our total to five
- Green flags have been awarded to Battersea Park, Wandsworth Park, Wandsworth Common, King George's Park and Tooting Common





TREE PLANTING

We currently maintain approximately 60,000 trees, all situated on public land, streets, parks and housing sites

We will be spending £100,000 on new trees over the next two years

“Tree planting and development of green spaces are critical to our overall carbon reduction ambitions“



LOVE TO GARDEN

This year we have been running a climate action campaign [#LovetoGarden](#) to highlight the beautiful gardens we have in Wandsworth, as well as encouraging residents to start their own gardens



Please ask any questions in the Q&A box on Teams.

These will be collated and put to panellists at the end of the session.

