

# Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage

For the benefit of Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation  
Area and its environs

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## Latest News

We've been busier than ever in the last few months with lots of activity going on and some important and notable successes to be proud of.

Here are some of the highlights:

**Queen Elizabeth II Field.** We're delighted by the success of our campaign to have London Road Playing Fields designated a Queen Elizabeth II Field. This follows on from our efforts which resulted in Figges Marsh being put forward as a Queen Elizabeth II Field.

The scheme is managed by Fields In Trust and is a celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and London Olympic and Paralympic Games. More information at [www.fieldsintrust.org/QEII.aspx](http://www.fieldsintrust.org/QEII.aspx).

**SITA survey.** We surveyed lorry movements in and out of the SITA waste facility at Benedict Wharf. We monitored more than 250 lorries and found that two a minute went into or left the facility.

Our survey found an astounding 78 percent of vehicles used the narrow part of Church Road despite SITA

telling us it discourages use of this route. Many of these are large container lorries which can't pass each other in Church Road and are intimidating to users of the narrow pavement.

SITA was disappointingly dismissive of our findings and has so far refused to take action. The full survey report is at our web site [www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk/2012/11/](http://www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk/2012/11/).

**A Community Vision for Cricket Green.** We are working with the Council's future Merton team to help develop a community vision for Cricket Green. This is being promoted widely including on our web site.

Please come to the Vestry Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> March between 3.30pm and 6.30pm to take part in a fun event where you can share your hopes for Cricket Green.

**HLF funding.** We're extremely pleased and proud to have been awarded a £20,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant. We have several projects planned - see the separate story on this.

## **Our exciting Heritage Lottery Funded project – Know Your Cricket Green**

We have secured £20,000 funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to raise public awareness and understanding of the historic significance of Mitcham's Cricket Green through activities which promote the area and encourage local involvement.

Know Your Cricket Green comprises several projects. The first, taking place this Spring, includes cleaning and conservation of the cricket memorial stone and listed horse trough and milestone. The horse trough will be moved slightly back from its location at the corner of London Road and Cricket Green to protect it from traffic.

We will produce an audio trail to guide people around the heart of the area and record oral histories based on interviews with local people.

Later in 2013 we will organise a photographic exhibition of sporting history and introduce a geocache trail through which people can explore the area. We will also provide a Hall of Fame on our website with information and photographs of famous Mitcham residents.

Look out for more activities relating to this project, and more news at our web site [www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](http://www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk). If you want to get involved in any of the projects please contact us at [info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](mailto:info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk)

## **Planning Inspector dismisses two appeals to develop Cricketers pub**

Our long campaign to prevent demolition of the Cricketers pub for new flats has borne fruit with the rejection of two appeals by an independent Inspector.

This follows months of lobbying and an 8 hour planning hearing in January where we gave evidence.

The Inspector concluded that both the "contemporary" proposal (see our

front page picture) and a development based on "fake history" would "be detrimental to the character and appearance" of the Conservation Area.

This success is down to the hard work of everyone involved and the level of support which has been evident throughout from all those who wrote in, spoke about or attended meetings about the proposals.

## Lights, camera, action!

If you are wondering what all the bright lights around Cricket Green have been for recently, then we can let you in on the news. A film crew is making the Alan Partridge Movie. It is due for release in August. See information about the film at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Alان\\_Partridge\\_Movie](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Alان_Partridge_Movie).

## About Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage

Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage is the civic society for Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area and its environs. Cricket Green has great historical importance, including a really interesting sporting heritage that's about more than just cricket. We work hard to protect Cricket Green, maintain its much valued village character, and encourage everyone to enjoy its open spaces and take pleasure in its history and diverse local community.

We are part of a national network of hundreds of civic societies through our membership of Civic Voice.

## Join us and make a difference

As a local charity and voluntary group we rely on your support. How you can help us:

- Join us – help us grow and become even more influential. Annual membership costs £10. You will find a joining form at our web site or send an email to [info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](mailto:info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk)
- Give us your views on issues in this Bulletin ([info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](mailto:info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk))
- Ask us for more information about anything in this issue
- Come along to one of our meetings. We meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the Cricket Pavilion (except December). Everyone is welcome.

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