

# Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage

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

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## **Celebrating 10 years**

We're pleased and proud to be celebrating our tenth anniversary this year. Since 2003 we have worked hard to be true to our aims – to protect the traditions of the Cricket Green Conservation Area and its environs, and to support and expand its recreational facilities for the benefit of local people.

We're proud to champion this important, historic part of Mitcham, and we work hard to help keep it vibrant, attractive and special. We are also keen to shape its future and this Bulletin contains news of a Cricket Green Charter to manage and guide the way our area changes. Keep an eye on our web site and follow us on Twitter for the very latest news - [www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](http://www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk) and @MitchamCrktGrn.

## **Latest News**

We support the Mitcham Society's campaign to prevent a bus lane and other roads turning Fair Green into a cross roads. See our web site - <http://tinyurl.com/bnuntut>. Look out for the consultation from Merton due in June and have your say. Watch our web site for the latest information.

The owner of the Cricketers pub has requested permission from Merton Council to change the use of the existing building to offices, shops or a café. We are watching developments with interest. At our initiative Merton Council has written to the owner asking that the area be tidied up and litter removed.

We have been shocked by the insensitive way Merton Council has re-opened access to Willow Lane from Carshalton Road. The effect of 26 new road signs, yellow lines, pavements and steel fencing will be to urbanise

one of the last semi-rural lanes in Mitcham. See our web site for more, including photos and our comments on Merton's proposals.

We are entering the Cricket Green Conservation Area for this year's London In Bloom competition – in the It's Your Neighbourhood category. Judging takes place in July. If you live in the Conservation Area now is the time to spruce up your plants or put out a hanging basket or two. Every little helps!

Transport For London has reversed plans to close the crossing at Mitcham Tram stop. We worked with the Council and our Ward Councillors to keep the crossing open.

We are excited about our stall at the Mitcham Carnival on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Please come and see us. We want to hear what you have to say about Mitcham and what you think makes it special.

## **Conservation cleaning project**

In the last Bulletin we reported that we had secured £20,000 funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to raise public awareness and understanding of the historic significance of Mitcham's Cricket Green.

One of the projects involves cleaning three very important but often unnoticed stone items that sit around the Cricket Green - the horse trough, mile stone and the Tom Ruff memorial stone. (Tom Ruff was a councillor and keen cricketer in the 1930s).

They all sit very close to each other. The horse trough is at the junction of Cricket Green and London Road, the mile stone on London Road near the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Tom Ruff memorial stone just inside the cricket ground along London Road. We're producing a photographic record of this project – keep an eye out for the work and look out for updates on our web site.

## **An audio trail for Cricket Green**

Another strand of our Heritage Lottery funding will help us develop an audio trail for Cricket Green. The work on this is now well underway, and we are interviewing local people to be a part of the trail.

We've had expert advice and training to help us produce the audio trail, which we plan to launch before the end of the year. Watch out for the next Bulletin for a full update.

## **A Charter for Cricket Green**

Cricket Green is changing fast. There are lots of new planning applications every year and we are aware of plans which will affect important sites like the Wilson Hospital and old fire station.

So we teamed up with Merton Council and our ward councillors to run Tune In Cricket Green – a workshop with local residents exploring the kind of future we want for the area. The cover photo was taken at this event.

The results were published at the recent Mitcham Community Forum and the report can be read at our web site. Part of the report is a 21 point Cricket Green Charter to guide future development in the area. Have a look at the Cricket Green Charter and let us know what you think – [www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](http://www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk).

## 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 sporting heritage that's about more than just cricket. We work hard for Cricket Green, love its much valued village character, and want 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.

### Dates for your diary

- 15 June Mitcham Carnival. Come and say hello to us at our stall
- 22 June Walk the boundary of the Conservation Area to celebrate national Civic Day. Optional lunch at Park Place after. Meet at the Canons Leisure Centre main entrance at 10:30am. Please email [info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](mailto:info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk) to register a place and get full details. The walk is free, but we'd like to know the numbers

Email [info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](mailto:info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk) to join our mailing list, enquire further about the above activities or follow up on anything in this Bulletin.

### 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. Membership costs £10. There is a joining form at our web site or email [info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](mailto:info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk)
- Give us your views on issues in this Bulletin
- Ask us for more information about anything in this issue
- Come to our meetings - the last Tuesday of every month, 6pm, the Cricket Pavilion

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