

# CLEANING LOCAL LANDMARKS



**Mitcham Cricket Green  
Community & Heritage**

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

In spring 2014 Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage managed a Heritage Lottery Fund supported project to conserve three important local landmarks.

- ▶ The listed horse trough at the junction of London Road and Cricket Green known as Jubilee Corner was moved to protect it from traffic and improve its setting. It was also cleaned.
- ▶ The Tom Ruff memorial stone located just inside the cricket ground on Cricket Green was cleaned.
- ▶ The listed milestone at the corner of London Road and Lower Green West was cleaned.



## Horse trough

The Grade II listed horse trough commemorates Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887. It was precariously sited on the edge of the pavement and in danger of being hit by large lorries.

The location also made access to the crossing difficult for pedestrians and it was hard for people to appreciate the horse trough from all angles.



In order to relocate the horse trough it had to be taken away from the site completely. This was necessary to allow its old location to be reverted back to ordinary pavement, and a new location prepared for it to return to.

The best way to remove the horse trough was to separate it into different parts – the trough weighs approximately 1.5 tonnes.



When the horse trough was returned it was carefully concreted into place.

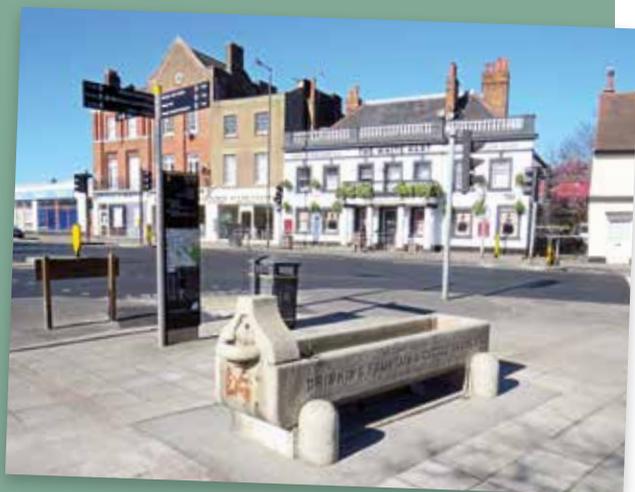


The trough was also cleaned using a fine jet of water at high pressure.



You will see a water trap at the base of the trough. This gathered water for dogs to drink.

Did you know that horse troughs were not only used by horses? We think this one was also used by cattle being driven along the road to market.



With the horse trough in its new location it is now safe from traffic and people have clear access to the kerb. It is also in a much more open setting so that it stands out well from its surroundings.



## Tom Ruff memorial stone

The Tom Ruff memorial stone was unveiled 50 years ago in 1963. Our cleaning project is a fitting anniversary 'gift'.

Tom Ruff was a member of Mitcham Cricket Club and was Mayor of Mitcham when he died in 1962. The memorial was paid for by voluntary contributions. The memorial also recorded the names of 16 Mitcham cricketers. Many went on to play for Surrey and England.



Mitcham Cricket Club has added a new plaque to celebrate further cricketers of importance and has published a pamphlet about the original 16.



## Milestone

The Grade II listed milestone is one of a series that was set up in 1755 – it says it is 8½ miles to Whitehall. The milestone is delicate, and the cleaning had to be done very carefully.

## Get involved

Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage cares passionately about the history and heritage of our area. Mitcham Cricket Green is the first Conservation Area created in Merton and was designated in 1969.

We have a vision which respects and enhances the past while proposing changes future generations can be proud of. If you share our interest then please support our work by becoming a member.



## Become a member

Mitcham Cricket Green is a place to sit, a place to rest, a place to play, work and explore. It is a place full of surprises. Please help look after Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area and its environs, and continue a story which spans half a millennium.

## I wish to become a member of Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage

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### Membership fee enclosed

- £10 (annual membership, per person)  
 £100 (life membership, per person)

Cheques made payable to:  
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# What we do

Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage is the civic society for the Cricket Green Conservation Area and its environs.



We:

- ▶ Bring local people together through monthly open meetings
- ▶ Campaign on important planning and other issues
- ▶ Run projects and take practical steps to look after trees, tackle litter and care for the area
- ▶ Celebrate Cricket Green, including participating in Open House London, Civic Day and the Mitcham Carnival
- ▶ Work in partnership with other local organisations and Merton Council
- ▶ Promote Cricket Green and our activities locally through our website, Twitter, Facebook and a free bulletin
- ▶ Are part of the national civic movement through membership of Civic Voice
- ▶ Support Mitcham Cricket Club

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