

Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage

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

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Celebrating 50 years of Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area



“Cricket Green the next 50 years”

Cricket Green Conservation Area celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

It was one of the first to be designated.

As part of our year-long celebration, we are refreshing the **Cricket Green Charter**, which sets the standards for the conservation area and its environs.

We need your help.

Give feedback on a draft at our web site (<https://bit.ly/2N7Uolo>) and come and have your say at our public meeting on Monday 8th April.

Join us on Monday 8th April, 7pm at Vestry Hall on London Road

All are welcome

England's FOURTH Favourite Conservation Area – a great birthday present!

There are more than **10,000** Conservation Areas in England. Civic Voice, the national charity for the civic movement, held a public vote to find England's Favourites.

249 Conservation Areas put themselves forward and **18** were shortlisted to take part in the public vote. Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation area was in the shortlist and came **fourth overall**.

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who voted for our Conservation Area. It just goes to show how much we all care about Cricket Green.

As we celebrate Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area's 50th birthday throughout this year, we are tweeting regularly about what makes Cricket Green special. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed @MitchamCrktGrn.

Plans have been submitted to build flats on the car park of the Grade II listed **White Hart pub** on Cricket Green, refurbish the pub's flats and reopen the pub. At the time of writing the new flats would be visible from the main road. We have asked for them to be lowered. We're pleased about plans to bring this much loved pub back into use.

We continue to work very closely with Mitcham Cricket Club on the future of the **Cricket Pavilion**, which has the same owner as the **Burn Bullock**. Watch our web site for the latest news about the development of the site, and Mitcham Cricket Club's fight to gain secure tenure of the pavilion.

The **Suez** waste management site at Benedict Wharf off Church Road will soon relocate to a site on Beddington Lane in Sutton. Suez wants to leave Benedict Wharf with 'outline' planning permission for housing. A developer might then come along and either implement that permission or work up their own plans. A number of public consultations have been

carried out, based around development of up to 800 homes, with blocks which could reach 8 or more storeys. This is a fast-moving situation – watch our web site for the latest news.

We regularly publish **History Nuggets** at our web site. Visit to find out about: Robinson Crusoe and Mitcham, Cranmer and Beehive Bridges, Upper Green East, Plaques on historic buildings, fire alarm pillars, postal areas, the mortuary chapel in the Parish Churchyard, and much more.

Merton Council is consulting on its **Local Plan**. This important document will have a major influence on how Cricket Green changes. It is the keynote document containing all the policies that decide where and what kind of development is permitted and how well it should be designed. We have commented on two rounds of consultation, and there will be a third later in the year. Find out how to have your say at our web site.

What Makes Cricket Green Special To You?

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cricket Green Conservation Area we are collecting everyone's thoughts on what they love most about the area. What are your favourite things? Is there a tree you find special? A view? A detail on a building – or a whole building?

Whatever you find special, send us a photo and a short description. We are collating everybody's favourite things for sharing, including on our own online community map. Why not join in!

Save Our Road Signs

Have you noticed the special Conservation Area style road signs that are dotted around local streets? They are green and have cricket stumps on them. The signs are the inspiration for our logo.

Some of the signs are getting old and their wooden posts are rotting away. We are supporting a programme by Merton Council to replace the old signs with new ones in our Conservation Area style. If you spot any signs that need replacing send a photo to us at info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk.

Dates for your diary

April 8th 7pm **Cricket Green – the next 50 years**. Have your say on the new Cricket Green Charter at Vestry Hall, 336/338 London Road, Mitcham, CR4 3UD.

June 15th noon till 5pm **Mitcham Carnival**. Come and say hello at our stall at the Mitcham Carnival on Three Kings Piece.

July 18th evening **Community on the Green**. Our annual informal celebration of Cricket Green. This year including celebrating the **50th anniversary** of Cricket Green Conservation Area. Bring family and friends to Cricket Green and enjoy the atmosphere. Guided walk, stalls and information, and cricket!

September 14th all day **Mitcham Heritage Day**. A day of free activities, exhibitions, open buildings and more. Lots to see and do throughout Mitcham. See what happened last year at our web site and check back for this year's news.

Last Tuesday of the month at 7pm, our **monthly open meeting**. Everyone is welcome. Find out more about us and what we do. Usually at Mitcham Cricket Pavilion, but check web site for venue and time.

For more information about events, news and our work, and for all the latest updates check our web site www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk.

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. Support our work by becoming a member today.

Complete the form – you should tick TWO of the three boxes.

I enclose a remittance of £10 in payment for my subscription as an Annual Member for the current year. Cheque payable to Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage. Post this form with your payment - address below.

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