

### Completed Parks and Open Spaces Projects FY 2023-24

Ward	Park	Project
Barnes	Suffolk Road Recreation Ground	Pollination station introduced at the back of the play area
		The basket swing was replaced
	Leg O' Mutton	Repairs made to the fenceline to make the site more secure
East Sheen	East Sheen Common	New self-closing gates added to the play area and way makers added to the site to provide directional signage
		Barnes Common Limited started a one-year contract for management of the woodland on the Common, which has been extended for a further 2 years.
		The net bridge in the play area was replaced with a more robust bridge
	Palewell Common	Pollination Station introduced along the boundary at the back of Hertford Avenue in the dog free area and surrounding the football field on the woodland sides.
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Fulwell and Hampton Hill	Holly Road Recreation Ground	An outdoor gym was installed on site with a pathway added to aid with access to the gym
Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside	Terrace Gardens	Replanted Aphrodite fountain (bulbous Betty) was replanted with aquatic planting and the beds surrounding the fountain. Minor repairs were carried out to get the water feature running.
	The Copse	Artificial badgerset was created and was proven effective as a badger had moved in and set up home.
		Works were carried out to resurface the road which was damaged by badger excavations
	Ham Village Green	The play area has received a new wooden climbing frame to replace the existing log climber and three freestanding interactive play panels. The basket swing at site has been relocated to the opposite side of the play area to allow space for hoarding for the development of the new community centre that is part of the Ham Close Development. We ensured works were completed ahead of the commencement of the building works (Feb 2024), to ensure continuity of play provision for this site.

Hampton	Carlisle Park	The Parks Team have refreshed the planting of the shrub beds by the pavilion and additional daffodils were planted
	Manor Gardens	New bulbs were planted throughout the site, these included winter aconites and snow drops
	Garricks Lawn	The Parks Team worked with the Trust on a new planting scheme, pathways were redefined and the new beds formally edged.
	St Albans Riverside	The Parks Team replaced the metal railings that sit next to the Duke of Northumberland’s confluence to the river Thames. Gravel was added to the sloped area by the sites gazebo to improve access.
Hampton North	Hampton Common	A pollination station was designated at this side towards Oak Avenue. Routes were cut though the grass and funding was received for additional tree planting, hedge planting, ecological baseline surveys and creation of dark corridors
		Trees were planted along the hedging on Buckingham Road with the support of the Friends Group
	Oak Avenue LNR	Monitoring mats were installed which were which were externally surveyed showing slow worms on site
		A nature pond was created on site, the pond was planted in spring. The Forge Lane entry had fencing replaced and natural daffodils were planted
Hampton Wick	Broom Road Recreation Ground	The steppingstones were removed from the former natural play area and a meadow was added
		The natural seating area underwent refurbishment
	Kings Field	Further to working with the web development team the skate passes have now been made digital
Heathfield	Jubilee Meadow	A new hedgerow was planted and gapped up as part of a corporate volunteer day. 26 out of 32 new trees were planted with the rest to follow in winter.
	Hounslow Heath	A new outdoor gym was installed and well received by residents
		The Parks Team, Habitats & Heritage and Continental Landscapes held a litter pick and bulb planting session. During this session 200 bulbs were planted in the beds.
Kew	Kew Pond	Reedbed management was carried out, with barriers installed to stop the growth of reeds in the centre of the pond.

	Kew Green	The Parks Team ran a public consultation to gather if there was support for additional railings on Kew Green, the results found that over 90% of the public were in support and as such the additional railings were installed
	Westerley Ware Recreation Ground	The Parks Team alongside the WWA consulted on the addition of a Pétanque Piste at the site, following receiving support the piste was installed and has been well used.
		A new multi-play boat unit and spider net climbing frame were installed and the safety surfacing was repaired on various units. The thermo-plastic floor markings were refreshed to ensure they continue to provide play provision.
	Kew Pier	Following the tree fall on the towpath by Kew Pier the Parks Team arranged for the railings to be repaired and repainted and the information board and post to be repaired and repainted. Further repairs were completed to the railings which back onto Westerley Ware.
Mortlake and Barnes Common	Mullins Path Open Space	The thermo-plastic floor markings were refreshed to ensure they continue to provide play provision.
	Vine Road Recreation Ground	The surfacing of the artificial grass mound was repaired to ensure a safe playing surface
		The Parks Team organised repainting of the parking lines on site to ensure they are visible for all users
	Barn Elms Southside	The Parks Team investigated the possibility of an outdoor gym at this site, alongside this we will add a new entrance gate closer to the Beverley Brook side and reduce the mowing in the corner of the site to increase biodiversity. Following support from the public consultation, quotes are being arranged for the addition of the gym.
	Mortlake Green	Bulbs were planted on the hill and in front of Cromwell Place to provide a spring display on the Green
North Richmond	Tangier Green	The Parks Team ordered new interactive play panels to be installed on site to provide more inclusive play features
	Raleigh Road Recreation Ground	The Parks Team ordered new interactive play panels to be installed on site to provide more inclusive play features
		Bulbs were planted to provide a spring display on the grass surrounding the pathway

South Richmond	Old Deer Park – adjacent to the carpark, formerly known as the Fun Fair Site	The Council have been working with the Old Deer Park Working Group to develop a new linked footpath between the car park and the Riverside to increase public access and enjoyment of this attractive and historic area. Part of the footpath and boardwalk as installed with the remaining sections to be installed in summer 2024
	Mears Walk	Tulip bulbs are to be added to the beginning of the walk to create a visual display that can be seen from Richmond Bridge
	Rotary Gardens	Bulbs are to be planted on the pathway which leads up to Cambourne Path, this is to enhance the existing display on site
	Bridge House Gardens	The sloped beds were replanted to refresh the display on site
	Worple Way	A new wheelchair accessible roundabout was installed and the swing bay was repainted
South Twickenham	Radnor Gardens	The Council have refreshed the planting in Radnor Gardens, additional planting has been added to the rockery and the rose garden and the planting in the herb garden is being refreshed.
	Wellesley Road Open Space	The Parks Team arranged for the surfacing to be repaired to ensure the site is safe and in a good playable condition
St Margarets and North Twickenham	Mereway Nature Reserve	New river re-naturalisation project will be undertaken, removing another section of concrete bank and installing artificial berms and gravels into the river channel.
	River Crane at London Road	New berm to be installed in the river on northern bank
	Craneford Way Recreation Ground	The Council is exploring improvements to the facilities on the site including the addition of new play and fitness/sports facilities. There will be a public consultation, following this the project go ahead is subject to available funding
Teddington	Church Road Play Area	The Parks Team ordered new interactive play panels to be installed on site to provide more inclusive play features
	Grove Gardens	Bat and bird boxes, a stag beetle loggery and log piles were added to the site
		The Parks Team has supplied the newly formed Friends of Grove Gardens with 300 white and lilac crocus to plant at site. Local beekeepers have prepared an area in the “old yard” where a small hive was added.
	Manor Gardens	The Council are working to try to reinstate the historic drinking water fountain at this site.
Elmfield Gardens	The benches and the bins at this site were refurbished	

	Jubilee Gardens	Bulbs have been added to enhance the existing ones on the bund area. ulbs have been added to enhance the existing ones on the bund area.
Twickenham Riverside	Cambridge Gardens	'Friendly Parks for All' The Parks Team are working with Lets Go Outside and Learn to designate this park at the 6th Friendly Park for All in the borough. We are working with MenCap to address the barriers the group faces when accessing a Parks and Open Spaces. A public consultation was run for further improvements including an outdoor gym, sensory/community garden and boat sculptures which showed that residents were supportive. The project will look to include a way marked trail and other improvements to make this an accessible space
	Oak Lane Cemetery	The northern side of the cemetery was reseeded, this side of the cemetery will remain closed for a minimum of 3 month to allow the grassland to re-establish.
	York House Gardens	The beds in the sunken lawn have been replanted, to refresh and improve the site. There has also been replanting in the Japanese garden to refresh the heathers and new planting in the woodland area. The Parks Team have worked with Facilities Management to organise repairs for the Japanese Pond.
West Twickenham	Kneller Gardens	As part of the Friendly Parks for All scheme a new sculpture was installed, the artist completed the engraving on site 'And still I rise', new railings have been installed around the sculpture. A sensory garden area an accessible pathway was installed around this sculpture.
		Tree trail with waymarkers that have braille and rubbing discs to be added to the site. Plans are currently being finalised for the design of these.
		The central bed at the site has been cleared ahead of sewing of a wildflower mix across the area.
		300 spring bulbs added to site with CL, Friends and Green gyms support.
		The Council alongside the Friends Group decided on improvements to the play provision at Kneller Gardens, these include a steel framed activity/trim trail and an inclusive roundabout. An existing springer may be relocated to accommodate the roundabout.

		Several fence mounted play or interactive panels will also be installed. A Widget board for non-verbal communication will be created. The Parks Team have secured full S106 funding for this project
	Mill Road Open Space	New mixed native hedging has been planted by the Parks Team staff.
Whitton	Chase Green	New thermoplastic graphics and games and renewal the existing graphics in the play area and Multi-use games area have been completed. The Parks Team ordered new interactive play panels to be installed on site to provide more inclusive play features
	Cypress Avenue Play Area	This play area has been completely resurfaced along with three play panels renewed/replaced.
	Murray Park	The Tree Team is working with the friends of Murray Park to establish a tree management strategy for the site, this will include provision for immediate and long-term tree planting, and a range of works to enhance the protection of and educational information relating to heritage and veteran trees. Large Mulch rings around the trees were created  A new bench and plinth were added to the site and other bench plinths have been extended to cover eroded areas. We have added a new accessible picnic bench to the play area.

**Youth Engagement Consultation**

The Parks Team have run a consultation to get a better understanding of young people’s engagement with Parks and Open Spaces in the borough. The consultation commenced on 11th of August and has been extended until the 15th of October. The consultation asks how the respondent currently uses parks and what they would like to see in the future. There is a prize drawer which can be entered following completion of the questionnaire. As part of the consultation the Parks Team ran Youth Engagement fun day in Kings Field with the aim to promote the consultation and engage with visitors on the day. The fun day had various free activities, including street art, drumming, bike maintenance, tennis and table tennis sessions. The team received positive feedback from visitors on the day.

**Customer Satisfaction Survey**

The Parks Team ran the bi-annual customer satisfaction survey, this is to understand the overall satisfaction with Parks in the borough including their maintenance and facilities and to hear suggestions of what improvements can be made. The consultation ran from 31st of October until the 20th of November 2023. A results have been analysed and written into a report which has been circulated and published on the consultation finder.

**Towpath Tree Management**

Alongside the Port of London Authority, the Council have created a wooded towpath management plan from 2022-2036. The management plan seeks to unify the approach to managing and maintaining the bank and towpath environment for the future. The plan focuses on tree and woodland management whilst considering the wider ecology, heritage and user matters.

Tree works started in February 2023. The majority of the works will be carried out without any closures with diversions directing users to alternative routes.