

Parks Project Update July to September 2024

Ward	Site	Project	Status
Barnes	Leg O'Mutton	Sediment sampling has been arranged to test the suitability for a flood resilience project on site.	Ongoing
	Castelnau Recreation Ground	The Parks Team plans to make improvements to the play area, outdoor gym and MUGA, we would also like to add a basket swing and other accessible play features. These are subject to public consultation and available funding. We are working with Habitats & Heritage to develop a Friends Group on this site.	Ongoing
	Barn Elms Southside	Following a successful public consultation the Parks Team has selected a supplier for installation of the gym at this site. The gym is expected to be installed by end of Autumn.	Expected to be installed by end of Autumn
East Sheen	East Sheen Common	Barnes Common Limited are continuing management of the woodland on the Common.	Ongoing
		The Parks Team have arranged for an inclusive toilet at the back of the pavilion to be open to the public on weekends.	Ongoing
	Palewell Common	Barnes Common Limited are continuing management of the woodland and nature conservation areas on the site Common.	Ongoing
		The play area was resurfaced in required areas to ensure there is a safe playing surface on site	Complete in July
Fulwell and Hampton Hill	Holly Road Recreation Ground	The railings at the site were repaired and repainted. A new pathway to access the outdoor gym was added to the site.	Complete
Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside	Ham Lands	The Parks team are currently consulting on the potential of adding a Multi-Use-Games-Area to the current informal pitch area by Beaufort Court.	In progress
		Week long litter pick events on Ham Lands to celebrate world Habitats day, in partnership with the Friends of Ham Lands and Habitats and Heritage	7 th – 11 th October 24
	Terrace Gardens	Aphrodite Fountain – The park Team is adding a selection of sempervivums (houseleeks) to the surrounding raised beds. The selected varieties will include dark beauty, utopia, commander hay and bronco they will offer year-round floral interest and are drought tolerant. Works already completed on the Aphrodite Fountain have been nominated for The Richmond Society Awards Wednesday 16 October 2024 Winter reductions to large wood shrubs will be continuing this year to open up the vistas within the gardens.	Ongoing

	Ham Common Woods	Restoration of the common verge along Church Road by removing self set trees, shrubs and bramble.	Due end of October/Nov
Hampton	Bell Hill Recreation Ground	The Parks Team will be adding new planting to the existing shrub beds around this site in the winter of 2024/25	Ongoing
	Carlisle Park	The Sports Development Team have added a new astroturf wicket to the site.	Complete
Hampton North	Hatherop Park	The Parks Team is donating a number of winter woodland bulbs, which are to be added to the sloped bank next to where all the pond works took place this year.	Ongoing
	Oak Avenue LNR	Funding from the Mayor of London is being used to continue using shire horses to carry out a traditional hay cut. Hedge laying of the southern boundary hedgerow will take place this autumn.	Ongoing
Hampton Wick & South Teddington	Broom Road Recreation Ground	Parks team are planning to add play items to this site and will be consulting on the potential to add a new outdoor gym in Dec 2024. We are seeking to add loggeries in the longer grass area towards the riverside of the site.	Ongoing
	Langdon Park play area	The sites roundabout was refurbished.	Complete
	Kings Field	The Parks Team are currently adding a new sand play facility at this site and a new planting scheme around the cafes terrace which is being extended.	In progress
Heathfield	Crane Park	The Parks Team has worked with the London Wildlife Trust to add a drinking fountain on the volunteers shed located next to the Shot Tower. By the end of 2024 we will be installing a mosaic that is to celebrate the sites wildlife including a kingfisher, water vole and a damsel fly. The Parks Team is supporting the London Wildlife Trust to install a donated defibrillator in memory of a member of the public. The 2 nd part of the river restoration works will commence in winter to open up canopies, woodland thinning and replanting and adding deflectors to the watercourse.	Ongoing
	Hounslow Heath	The Parks Team are working with the Arts Service and have successfully consulted on adding a community garden to this space. Site meetings have been held and public engagement will be conducted over the winter months with a view to implementing this community led scheme in spring 2025.	Ongoing
	Jubilee Meadows	Information board installed in July, bee bank installed in August.	Complete
Kew	St Lukes' Open Space	The Parks Team is working with local residents on improvements to this site, including	Ongoing

		additional picnic seating and providing more shade. The picnic table is expected to be installed in October.	
	Westerley Ware Open Space	The Parks Team with the Westerley Ware Association have picked a location near the new pétanque piste to add a picnic table. The picnic table has been ordered and is expected to be installed in October. This is part funded by the Parks Team and the WWA.	Expected to be installed in October
	North Sheen Recreation Ground	The Parks Team have organised for the roundabout to be replaced as the current one has come to the end of it's life	Due to be complete over winter
Mortlake and Barnes Common	Jubilee Gardens	The Parks Team will be arranging for the shrub bed to be replanted to provide new interest to the site	Due to be complete by winter
	Mortlake Green	The Parks Team will be arranging for the shrub bed on Sheen Lane to be replanted with species that are beneficial for pollinators. More bulbs will be planted on the hilly area opposite Lower Richmond Road	Due to be complete by winter
	Rocks Lane Recreation Ground	The roundabout was refurbished	Complete in July
North Richmond	Tangier Green	The Parks Team are arranging installation of interactive play panels on this site. These will be fence mounted and will provide inclusive play.	Due to be installed in Autumn 2024
	Raleigh Road Recreation Ground	The Parks Team are arranging installation of interactive play panels on this site. These will be installed throughout the site and will provide inclusive play opportunities.	Due to be installed in Autumn 2024
		In partnership with Habitats & Heritage, the Parks Team ran a consultation for improvements to this site to create a Green Hub. The proposal included creation of a 'Pollination Station' and community growing beds for local community and the nursery and asked whether residents would like to create a Friends Group. The results from the consultation will inform whether the proposals are progressed. The results are due to be reported by early October.	Ongoing
South Richmond	Old Deer Park – adjacent to the carpark, formerly known as the Fun Fair Site	<p>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.</p> <p>The work commenced, with the pathway and boardwalk being created. Due to adverse weather the project was put on hold as the area was too wet, the work will recommence in summer.</p>	Expected to be complete in Autumn 2024

South Twickenham	Radnor Gardens	The Property Team with support of the Parks Team are looking for a new tenant for the café in the park.	Ongoing
		The Friends of Radnor Gardens and the Parks Team are arranging for the memorial gates to be repainted prior to Memorial Day through joint funding.	Expected completion by early November
St Margarets and North Twickenham	Craneford Way	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.	In progress
	Mereway Nature Park	New river renaturalisation project will be undertaken, removing another section of concrete bank and installing artificial berms and gravels into the river channel.	Ongoing
	River Crane at London Road	New berm to be installed in the river on northern bank	Ongoing
Teddington	Church Road Play Area	Fence mounted play panels have been ordered for this site. Repairs have been made to the wet pour safety surfacing. We are currently seeking quotations to completely renew the wet pour surfacing at the site, as part of this project the older play equipment will be painted.	Due by Dec 2024
	Grove Gardens	The Parks Team has supported the Friends of Grove Gardens to install a bug hotel and will be supply logs for a community event where log piles will be made to increase habitat and biodiversity.	Oct 2024
	Manor Gardens	The Council are working to try to reinstate the historic drinking water fountain at this site. Investigations are on-going with this project.	Ongoing
	Jubilee Gardens	The Parks team will seek to improve the shrub beds in 2024 due to box blight in the existing hedge. We are working with the Teddington Society to implement a new scheme they will be donating and have planned with us for the site.	Dec 2024
Twickenham Riverside	Orleans Gardens	The Parks Team are making improvements to the play area at Orleans Gardens. This will include repainting, replacement of the wheelchair accessible roundabout, fence mounted play panels and consultation for a basket swing.	Due to be completed by winter
	Orleans House Gallery	Two glades to be cleared in woodland for replanting with native species during winter. An alternative desire-line footpath will be created to compensate for the closed path underneath the cedar tree.	Due to be completed this winter
	Oak Lane Cemetery	A new insect hotel has been installed, transferred from Twickenham Riverside. Permanent signage has been put up to	Complete in August

		encourage people to keep dogs under close control in order to protect hedgehogs.	
	York House Gardens	Facilities Management in collaboration with the Parks Team are arranging for repairs to the Japanese pond. This will include resealing the boundary rocks, filling any gaps in the surface to ensure there are no leaks. Aquatic plants will be installed in the pond.	Expected to be complete by end of 2024
	Cambridge Gardens	<p>'Friendly Parks for All'</p> <p>The Parks Team are working with Let's 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. As there was support for the proposals, the Parks Team has arranged for an outdoor gym to be installed and for the boat sculptures to be created, once installed these will be painted. These will be installed by the end of October.</p> <p>The project will look to include a way marked trail and other improvements to make this an accessible space.</p>	Ongoing
West Twickenham	Kneller Gardens	<p>The Council is planning to install a dog-dipping area at Kneller Gardens and repair areas around the bridges and near the fish pass where the banks have been eroded and toe boards damaged.</p> <p>The Parks Team are developing a Wiget board to support non-verbal children to communicate within the park, this will be placed within the play area.</p>	Ongoing
Whitton	Chase Green	The Council will also install several new play and interactive fence mounted panels.	Panels by Dec 2024
	Murray Park	The Parks Team are about to consult on the potential to reintroduction of grass roots football pitches to the site and a weekend only mobile catering concession.	Ongoing

Other Projects

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.

Seeds of Change project - Walk this way

Wellbeing Walks / Accessible Wellbeing Walks

A new programme of walks has been developed for 2024 with partners. The dementia inclusive litter pick has been included in the programme. All activities are listed on the council website https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/parks_and_open_spaces/explore_richmonds_parks_and_open_spaces/friendly_parks_for_all

Climate Change project – Re-imagining Richmond

The project linked to the borough Climate Change emergency aims to get young people to envisage what an open space could look like and the role that it could play in mitigating climate change. The project will be working with the Friends of Heathfield and 3 local schools.

Green Flag Award

The Parks Team achieved 22 Green Flag Awards for the below sites for 2024-25 and a new Green Flag for East Sheen Common.

Below is a list of our 21 other Green Flag sites:

- [Buccleuch Gardens](#) (combined with Terrace Gardens)
- [Cambridge Gardens](#)
- [Carlisle Park](#)
- [Crane Park](#) (joint with LB Hounslow)
- [Garrick's Lawn](#)
- [Ham Village Green](#)
- [Hampton Common](#)
- [Hatherop Park](#)
- [Heathfield Recreation Ground](#)
- [Kew Green](#)
- [Kneller Gardens](#)
- [Murray Park](#)
- [North Sheen Recreation Ground](#)
- [Palewell Common and Fields](#)
- [Radnor Gardens](#)
- [Richmond Green](#)
- [Terrace Gardens](#) (combined with Buccleuch Gardens)
- [The Kings Field](#)
- [Twickenham Green](#)
- [Vine Road Recreation Ground](#)
- [Westerley Ware](#)
- [York House Gardens](#)