

# Social Value within Richmond Barnes Common and Vine Road

**Barnes  
Common**



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*Photo taken by Andrew Wilson*



# Barnes Common Limited

## Social Value delivered to the local community

Located in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, Barnes Common is an integral part of its community and a site for local residents to explore nature on their doorstep.

Barnes Common Limited have been responsible for overseeing conservation and community engagement activity for the area for decades. They are funded by the Parks Team at Richmond Council to manage the space. Social value is at the heart of everything the charity does, and examples of their work include:



Providing jobs for local residents



Large number of voluntary hours donated



Educating the community about conservation



Safe spaces for young people within the borough, such as a proposed new skate park



Safeguarding the natural environment



Schemes to support vulnerable people, including dementia friendly walks



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## Safeguarding the natural Environment

Everything Barnes Common Limited do is working towards safeguarding the Natural environment.

You can find out more here: [Conservation - Barnes Common Limited](#).



Woodland Management



Habitat creation, such as dead hedges and stag beetle loggeries



Beverley Brook restoration work



Species surveys



Protecting rare or endangered habitats and species; Barnes Common has been established as a site of national significance for invertebrates

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## Social Value at Vine Road

### Vine Road Project

An innovative vision to reinvigorate the Vine Road Recreation Ground and provide a fresh and vibrant, green and open space. Proposals include a brand-new community hub / climate refuge, an exhibition space where local people can interact with information on conservation and flood resilience, a skate park for young people to exercise and socialise and a learning space for schools and children.

### A community growing project

The Community Growing Project uses regenerative, organic, no dig processes to grow food and flowers, most of which is donated to a local food bank. By engaging volunteers and local groups in regular sessions, we aim to inspire the community to grow in their own spaces.

### A safe space for young people

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We believe our philosophy of talking with and listening to young people has helped reduce persistent antisocial behaviour over the past 15 years

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### An environment with community at its centre:

All activity undertaken by BCL is directed towards safeguarding the natural environment along with providing opportunities for the local community to engage with BCL and the work it does. To find out more about all BCL's events and activities, please visit the [Barnes Common](#) website.