

Queenstown Green Management Plan

Queenstown Green is 'pocket park' popular with local residents for dog walking and exercise.

This plan is intended to provide Queenstown Green with its best chance to continue meeting the needs of the local community in addition to achieving the highest horticultural and environmental standards. Wandsworth has one of the highest numbers of council-owned greenspaces in inner London, culminating in over 300 hectares of public greenspace. Each greenspace has its own unique character, and each space provides the opportunity for a range of different activities for people and opportunities for biodiversity. The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and greenspaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and the world.

Wandsworth Borough Council wants each of the five big greenspaces to gain and keep their prestigious Green Flag Awards. Whilst Battersea Park, Wandsworth Park, King Georges Park, Wandsworth and Tooting Common have Green Flag status, the aim is, from 2032, each one of the borough's smaller greenspaces will be brought up to Green Flag level. This management plan for Queenstown Green sets out proposed plans for this park over the next 10 years.



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Key Action points

Park management and contractor activities - Subject to community input seek to improve permanent planting to provide year-round interest. Consider introduction of decorative beds.

Biodiversity activities - Improve existing planting areas increasing density, quantity and range of flowering plants to assist pollinators and other invertebrates.

Community engagement activities - Consider using this site as a key location to engage with dog owners to inform, work here and elsewhere.

Development and funding activities – Undertake engagement with users to identify priority requirements to the Green. Once priorities have been identified, seek funding to implement.

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Action Plan

Green Flag Category		What we already have / do	What improvements are needed	Current plans to deliver improvements	Timescale / costs / partners
A Welcoming Place	Welcome	A metal gate at the entrances gives good view into this space.	The site line from the entrance is lacking in a focal interest point to entice visitors into the space.	Review and improve existing planting scheme to provide more all year- round colour and interest.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental, £x
	Good and safe access	Access is easy for most visitors via gates. The egress at the entrance is maintained to ensure site is safe to users.			Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental, £x
	Signage, Interpretation and Waymarking	There is effective standard WBC welcome signage into Queenstown Green at the entrance	The welcome sign at site entrances are standard WBC signs that do not provide detail of heritage and biodiversity of the Gardens.	Audit of signage to be carried out as a service plan topic followed by discussion with WBC to action improved signage across all sites.	Medium/Long term Guided by delivery timetable of borough wide audit site signage and interpretation timetable 2022-2023

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			<p>There is no site-specific interpretation within the Gardens.</p> <p>There is limited waymarking in surrounding area to Queenstown Green and between Queenstown Green other local greenspaces</p>	<p>Undertake asset assessment to ensure the signs remain fit for purpose and informative.</p> <p>Improve directional signage in the surrounding neighbourhood to the Gardens.</p>	£xxx
	Equal access for all	Access into and around the Gardens is good for those with good mobility		<p>Carry out Accessibility Audit for site to ensure all points of the Park are currently accessible.</p> <p>Carry out Accessibility Audit for site to ensure all points of the Park are currently accessible.</p>	<p>Ongoing-Long term Enable Parks Team, WBC</p> <p>£x</p>
Healthy, Safe and Secure	Appropriate Provision of Quality Facilities and Activities		There is no water bottle refilling station or drinking fountain	<p>Introduce a drinking fountain</p> <p>There are currently no plan to install public</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental</p> <p>£x</p>

			There are no public conveniences at Queenstown Green	conveniences in this greenspace.	
Safe equipment and facilities	Regular routine inspections specifically address whether equipment, and facilities in Queenstown Green are safe.				Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental £x
Personal security	Reported issues from Parks and Events Police are regularly reviewed and acted upon Issues that cause fear for different members of the community – for example, inclusivity, racism, drugs, bullying, vandalism, and vagrancy are regularly reviewed.				Ongoing Enable Parks Team Parks Police £x
Control of dogs/ dog fouling	Responsible dog ownership is encouraged through Education, provision and maintenance and emptying of dog bins combined with active enforcement by Parks Police	This green space is regularly used by dog owners and is regularly found to be fouled.	Extend 'Paw Patrol' pop up events schedule to Queenstown Green More information can be found here: Dogs in Parks and Open Spaces Information		Ongoing Enable Parks Team Parks Police £x
Control of other "issues	Queenstown Green is governed by Wandsworth Borough Council Parks Byelaws Wandsworth Council Parks Bye laws				Ongoing Enable Parks Team

		More information can be found Public Spaces Protection Order leaflet (wandsworth.gov.uk)			Parks Police £x
Well Maintained and Clean	Litter and Waste Management		The litter bins in Queenstown Green are emptied daily by 10am and are not permitted to remain full for more than 24 hours. Litter picking is also carried out across the gardens.		Ongoing Enable Continental £x
	Horticultural Maintenance		General horticultural maintenance duties are carried out by contracted grounds people with members of Parks Team qualified in recognised horticultural skills.		Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x
		Decorative Beds		There are no decorative beds in Queenstown Green	Consider introduction of decorative beds. Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental, £x
		Shrubberies and Borders	The planted shrubberies are planted with a minimal pallet of shrubs.	There is a lack of interest in these beds.	Review and improve existing planting scheme to provide more all year- round colour and interest. Short Term Continental, Enable Parks Team, £ xx
	Arboriculture Maintenance		The trees in Queenstown Green are inspected by Enable's Tree Team every 3 years and works carried out according to instruction.		Ongoing Enable. KPS £xxx

	<p>Building and Infrastructure Maintenance</p>	<p>Ad hoc weekly inspections by Enable Parks officers are carried out and vandalism damage reported with repairs actioned.</p> <p>Parks Maintenance Contractors inspect the site on a regular basis reporting defects and undertaking any minor repairs needed to facilitate safety and/or return the equipment or area to use or cordoning off area if necessary, as a temporary measure to ensure user safety and to discourage vandalism.</p> <p>Paths are compacted gravel and in good condition.</p> <p>There is seating for 2 in Queenstown Green with are currently in good condition</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental</p> <p>£x</p>
<p>Environmental Management</p>	<p>Managing Environmental Impact</p>	<p>A suite of plans, policies and strategies guide our approach to managing our impact on the environment, including the Wandsworth Environment and Sustainability Strategy Enable's sustainable planting plan, Wandsworth Biodiversity Strategy and Wandsworth Tree Strategy More information can be found Together on nature - Wandsworth Borough Council</p> <p>Additionally, all appointed contractors have agreements in place to ensure that their processes are in accordance with these documents. We constantly review our delivery to ensure it meets these expectations.</p> <p>An organisation wide action plan has also been developed to ensure Enable's operations are in line with Paris Climate Commitments to Net Zero. Using One Planet Living principles developed by WWF and Bioregional, we have set targets, actions and indicators to reduce waste and energy use, improve water</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental</p> <p>£x</p>

		and resource efficiency, and work with local communities to reduce the impacts of travel to our sites.	
	Waste Minimisation	All green waste generated on site is taken to Battersea Park Depot where Continental, process the green waste into mulch which is re-used on beds within parks and open spaces across the Borough.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x
	Chemical Usage	Unless otherwise specified all weed removal will be performed by manual rather than chemical treatments, e.g., fungicides, herbicides and pesticides must be used strictly in accordance with the manufacturers and Authorised Officer's instructions, and only on specified areas As part of their commitment to safeguarding the environment, the Parks Team is seeking to reduce the number of chemical treatments used in horticultural operations and contractors will be expected to be sensitive to this aim. In general, no chemical treatments will be allowed in ecological areas.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x
	Peat Use	Horticultural waste is composted for use as a replacement for peat-based or commercial products when mulching.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x
	Climate Change Adaption Strategies	Implementing planting schemes that support the objectives of the 2021 Wandsworth Biodiversity Strategy allow greenspaces to support an increased mix of habitats and species for the longer term and help contribute to the significant environmental challenges we currently face.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x

Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage	Management of Natural Features, Wild Fauna and Flora	All new or replacement planting is designed to provide attractive and appropriate visual character, support biodiversity and be resilient to climate change in line with best practice and in accordance with Wandsworth Environment and Sustainability Strategy Enable's sustainable planting plan, Wandsworth Biodiversity Strategy and Wandsworth Tree Strategy More information can be found Together on nature - Wandsworth Borough Council .			Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x
	Conservation of Landscape Features				Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x
	Conservation of Buildings and Structures				Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x
Community Involvement	Community Involvement in Management and Development	We collaborate with the community in a wide range of ways to ensure we are responsive to local needs. This includes regular work in partnership with identified stakeholder groups; providing opportunities for volunteering; training and supporting local wildlife recorders; engagement activities to encourage stewardship, and environmental education programmes. Identify stakeholder groups; provide opportunities for volunteering; training and supporting local wildlife recorders;			Ongoing Enable Parks Team £x

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	Appropriate Provision for Community	<p>Demographic data is analysed to ensure our provision is targeting the appropriate age ranges. Each total playground refurbishment is informed by site specific consultation process which allow us to understand the types of play experiences the community enjoy and wish to see provided the community to choose between different playground designs so that provision can meet local demand and expectation.</p> <p>We always seek to embed provision for children with disabilities (physical and mental) so that they can play with and alongside their peers. We are mindful that parents and carers have a wide range of ages and abilities and our seating within playgrounds seeks to address this too.</p> <p>Suggestions received from the community for things they would like to see added into their local greenspace are fed into our plans for future exploration if we feel there is the opportunity to incorporate further items without them coming at the expense of existing well used / popular features or landscapes.</p> <p>These ideas are then subject to community conversations and consultations.</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental</p> <p>£x</p>
Marketing and Communication	Marketing and Promotion	<p>Events, news, or activities in our greenspaces are publicised on social media platforms</p> <p>We also work with Wandsworth Council to publish information in the quarterly Borough wide newsletter Quarterly Brightside and weekly Borough E-Bulletin, Weekly Brightside as well as ensuring</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental</p> <p>£x</p>

		that all relevant information is also advertised on their social platforms	
	Appropriate Information Channels	<p>We use (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook) with the handle “enableparks”</p> <p>This allows us to engage with the public, and community groups online and to share information that will engage a broader range of green space users.</p> <p>General information about the spaces is also available on Wandsworth Borough Council’s website: Wandsworth Borough Council Parks and Open Spaces</p> <p>A range of articles and press releases providing more detailed information about any exciting projects in our green spaces can be found Enable News</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental</p> <p>£x</p>
	Appropriate Educational and Interpretation Information		<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental</p> <p>£x</p>
Implementation of Management Plan		<p>4 x full team review sessions are delivered each year and fed into an impact report at the end of each session.</p> <p>A community suggestion file is also kept on record and will be fed into the plan when appropriate.</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental</p> <p>£x</p>

		Annual Impact reports will be made available each year on our website with the first report due to be published December 2023.	
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Management Plan Details

Site Name:	Queenstown Green
Plan author and approver:	Alice Henry and Valerie Selby
Previous Plans:	Queenstown Green Management Plan 2008 - 2013 (Wandsworth Borough Council)
Plan Dates:	Duration of plan – Autumn 2022 – Autumn 2032
Consultation:	Where Wandsworth Borough Council capital has been invested, WBC processes will be followed. Where other capital is invested WBC processes will also be followed however it is likely amendments may be a requirement to meet individual funder needs.
Aims of the plan:	To guide and inform on reaching criteria on Green Flag and London in Bloom awards, To encourage clear communication with stakeholders, To guide maintenance priorities, To guide funding investment and site improvements
Plan review and Monitoring:	Greenspace management is a continuous process that takes account of issues that arise. This Management and Maintenance Plan is a “live document” which will be updated dynamically throughout the year. As the plan is actively implemented, updates will be systematically reported by the Enable’s Parks Team. By constantly reviewing and monitoring, the Parks Team will ensure green spaces remain relevant to users’ needs and

	are cared for and respected by all. An Annual Actions Summary will be produced each year of the plan outlining key achievements in each year of the Plan.
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Site Details

<p>Titles, Deeds, Legislations and Destinations:</p>	<p>It is in the Shaftesbury and Queenstown.</p> <p>Elected members for this area until May 2026 are: Councillor Aydin Dikerdem, Councillor Sara Linton and Councillor Stephen Worrall.</p> <p>The grid reference of the bottom southwest corner of the site is TQ28617626. The area of the site totals 0.05 ha (558 square metres / 667 square yards).</p> <p>Queenstown Green is bounded to the north by the flank wall of number 149 Queenstown Road; to the east by Queenstown Road itself; to the south by the flank wall of number 139 Queenstown Road and to the west by the rear garden walls of numbers 41 to 51 Ingelow Street</p> <p>Designations: Park & Open Space</p> <p>The council has adopted planning policies which aim to protect and enhance public and private open space and green infrastructure in the borough. These policies are the basis for promoting and controlling development in the borough. The adopted Local Development Plan comprises the Core Strategy (2016), the Development Management Policies Document (2016), the Site-Specific Allocations Document (2016), the Employment and Industry Document (2018), the Policies Map (2016) and the Policies Map Changes Document: Employment and Industry Review (2017).</p> <p>Queenstown Green has no official current designation as a place of importance for wildlife however the Borough of Wandsworth is popular with several protected and priority</p>
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	<p>species and all its greenspaces including Queenstown Green offer the opportunity for increasing special habitats either for species to commute through or make their home.</p>
<p>Site Description:</p>	<p>Queenstown Green is an enclosed area of mown grass, planted beds and mature trees that provides a green break in the close residential terraces and complements the greenery of St Philip’s Church opposite (Grade II listed). It is also slightly set back from the busy traffic street. In spring, the ornamental blossom is a welcome sight visible for some distance along the road. There is a bench to enjoy some quiet time or sit and watch dogs enjoying some exercise.</p> <p>A compacted gravel footpath leads to the centre of the space and there is a raised mound of grass too giving some height to the space. It is surrounded on 3 sides by housing, with ornamental railings to the road frontage. There is one pedestrian entrance in Queenstown Road. There is no separate service gate</p> <p>The site can be accessed from Queenstown Road via a pedestrian gate. There is no vehicular service gate.</p> <p>The site of Queenstown Green was formerly two more houses in the terrace that continues on either side. During World War Two, a bomb landed and effectively demolished the two missing houses. Many bombsites were used immediately as sites for prefabricated homes to ease the housing shortage, or allotment sites to assist the war effort. The Abercrombie plan for post-war development included proposals for extended parkland. A number of sites such as this were retained as open spaces and public gardens, in part to honour the memory of those killed in the bombing raids.</p> <p>How to find Queenstown Green</p> <p>By bus – The closest bus stop is on Queenstown Road, Prairie Street stop and takes less than 5 minutes to walk from the bus stop to Queenstown Green from either direction you arrive.</p>

	<p>By tube- the closest tube stations are Clapham Common Underground Station and Battersea Power Underground Station, it takes 20 minutes to walk from each.</p> <p>By train – the closest train station is Queenstown Road Station, it takes 7 minutes to walk from the station to Queenstown Green.</p> <p>By bicycle –The closest TFL bike docking station is on Stanley Grove, it takes 3 mins to walk to Queenstown Green.</p> <p>By car -Queenstown Green has no dedicated car parking on site, although there is limited pay and display parking available nearby.</p> <p>Opening Times – Queenstown Green is open all year round.</p> <p>If you have any issues gaining access or exiting, please call Parks Police on 07500969442</p>
Current main uses and users:	The Gardens are also regularly frequented by dog owners.

Site Photos and maps

			
<p>Main Entrance Queenstown Road</p>	<p>Shrubbery Grassy area</p>	<p>Grassy area and rear wall</p>	<p>Bare ground</p>



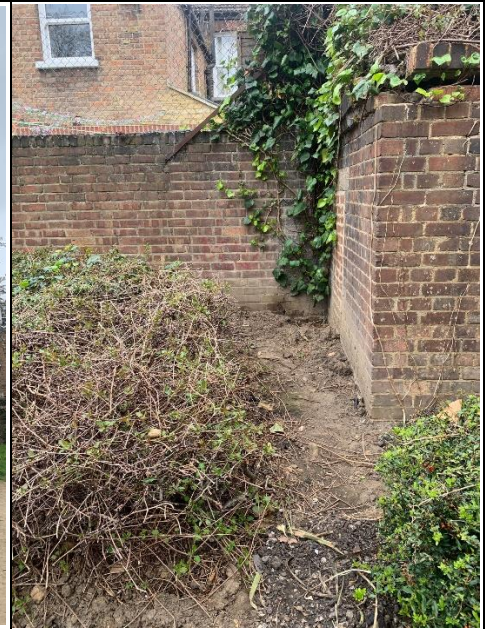
Perimeter shrubbery



Path across green



Path and boundary to SW



Shrubbery NW corner

Queenstown Green



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Assets:

- Bench
- Bin
- Sign



Responsibilities

Who is involved with looking after this place?

The Enable Parks team is a passionate group of people, who work together to maintain and improve Wandsworth Council's parks, commons, playgrounds, allotments and other greenspaces.

Broadly split into three specialist teams: the trees team, the operations team and the parks development team, we work to deliver sustainable planting and urban greening, following both the borough's Biodiversity Strategy and Tree Policy. We are keen to recognise, value, manage and enhance the biodiversity and plant heritage of our landscapes - through these measures, we are contributing to a healthy planet and the wellbeing of our communities.

Enable: look after all Wandsworth's public green spaces including Queenstown Green by ensuring the horticultural fabric, heritage, biodiversity and infrastructure of each site are maintained and improved.

The Parks Operations Team look after over 32 public green spaces in Wandsworth. Each greenspace, including Queenstown Green is managed according to the action plan within this document and in addition is checked regularly by Enable's Park Officers who report and act upon anything urgent in a timely manner. Please help them by reporting any concerns or suggestions regarding the upkeep of these places including Queenstown Green by emailing the Enable Parks Administrator parks@enablelc.org or by calling The Enable Park Office 0203 959 0060

The Parks Team process all enquires relating to Wandsworth's greenspaces monitoring the grounds maintenance, sport pitches and arboriculture contracts providing advice to Wandsworth Council on its responsibilities with respect to legislation relating to biodiversity and on best practice in the ecological maintenance.

The Parks team work also collaboratively with Enable's other areas including Health and Wellbeing, Sports and Leisure, Bereavement, Events, Filming, Putney School of Art and Public Halls.

The Parks Enable Parks Team have partnered with:

[Continental Landscapes](#) who are contracted and instructed by Enable to undertake horticultural maintenance, a sports pitch booking service, maintenance of buildings furniture, fixtures and fittings, indoor building cleaning duties, litter picking, outside sweeping and clearance duties, ecological maintenance tasks, grounds maintenance and provision of sports facilities, hard surfaces, weed control, care of paths and surfaces, event preparation and staging. They oversee installation of temporary fencing where it may be required for health and safety reasons or when required to protect/recover certain areas from excessive footfall. They also install new planting and restoration schemes managed by the Parks Team.

Please only contact Continental Landscapes for information enquiries regarding sports pitch and sports facilities. 0208 767 830 Wandsworthsports@continental-landscapes.co.uk

All general parks and greenspaces enquiries and feedback is best directed to the Enable Parks.

Enable: looks after all and are responsible for the care and wellbeing of all trees in Wandsworth's public greenspaces including Queenstown Green .

The Enable Tree team look after more than 60,000 trees in its parks, commons and public green spaces. Each Greenspace including, Queenstown Green , has a dedicated and experienced arboriculture officer who looks after the trees here and makes inspections on a three-year cycle which ensures that all trees are inspected regularly. The officer can assess a tree and identify whether works are of an urgent or non-urgent type. General tree health is considered as well as the condition and colour of the leaves, branches, upper crown and the trunk. Once all this information has been gathered a schedule of work is

produced and any remedial works are actioned. Enable's Tree Team also runs an out of hours service for dealing with all dangerous or hazardous trees in addition to monitoring and managing any outbreaks of tree pests and diseases. Please help them by reporting problems, such as vandalism or damage to trees in Queenstown Green by emailing trees@enablelc.org or by calling the 0203 959 0070.

The Enable Tree Team have partnered with:

[KPS](#) who carry out all tree maintenance works in Queenstown Green as instructed by Enable's Tree Team.

Enable: look after Wandsworth's public greenspaces by supporting and working closely with local stakeholders, volunteers and 'Friends of' groups who share the same aims of providing and making improvements to high quality, well managed and inclusive greenspaces including Queenstown Green .

The Enable Parks Team have partnered with:

[The Friends of Queenstown Green](#) The Friends of Queenstown Green are a relatively young Friends group, established in 2019. While many of the original group members have since moved on from the group, there still remains interest from select individuals. The group is currently establishing a constitution, aims and objectives, and roles and responsibilities for their committee. Their main interests include gardening and horticultural activities, improving the site for the local and wider community.

Enable: look after all Wandsworth's public green spaces including Queenstown Green by ensuring they remain safe and welcoming places or everyone to visit.

Enable's Parks Operation Teams and Grounds Maintenance teams make regular visits to this place checking acting on any site infrastructure issues and anti – social behaviour. responds to enquiries to do with any aspect regarding over 50 public greenspaces in Wandsworth. The Parks office is open 9am –5pm weekdays and Wandsworth's public greenspaces. Please

Enable's Parks Team have partnered with:

The Parks Police whose team routinely patrol these green spaces, enforcing byelaws and overseeing dog control, public spaces protection orders and policing events. The Parks Police provide a service 365 days a year and officers are trained in legal and enforcement processes, conflict resolution, personal safety training and first aid. In total The Parks Police look after over 50 public green spaces in Wandsworth. Please help them by reporting any anti- social behaviour including dog related incidents in Queenstown Green by emailing parkspolice@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk or by calling 020 8871 7532, their mobile patrol unit can also be reached by calling 07500 959442.

Call 999 if:

A serious offence is in progress or has just been committed

Someone is in immediate danger or harm

Property is in danger of being damaged

A serious disruption to the public is likely

Other Partnerships All work that does not fall under these contracts or within the remit of the Friends of Queenstown Green group is managed by Enable in partnership with Wandsworth Council and carried out under additional works programmes, by order, with the main contractor outside contractors depending on the scope of the work entailed



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