

Coronation Gardens Management Plan

Coronation Gardens is a much-loved historical park providing local residents with a tremendous space for family playtime, community engagement and exercise whilst also offering a tranquil space to enjoy and relax in nature.

This plan is intended to provide Coronation Gardens 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 Coronation Gardens sets out proposed plans for this park over the next 10 years.



Key Action points

Park management and contractor activities - Install tap allow community participation in garden maintenance, understand waterlogging of decorative beds and consider options for improvement alongside plant restoration scheme. Maintain planting in new quiet area garden.

Biodiversity activities - Expand the depth of the perimeter shrubbery increasing its density, quantity and range of flowering plants to assist pollinators and other invertebrates, revisit wild- flower plug planting project, introduce specific biodiversity interpretation, create educational activity resources around surveying and recording wildlife in the park.

Arboriculture activities - Remove cages, advise on orchard development.

Community engagement activities - Continue working with Friends of Coronation Gardens to support volunteer Gardening group, start discussion around expansion of existing orchard, consider wildlife identification and biodiversity monitoring activities. Deliver volunteer “planting for pollinator “sessions in conjunction with the FoCG gardening group

Development and funding activities - Full playground refurbishment, introduce wheelchair accessible picnic bench for inclusivity into social opportunities. Install interpretation to encourage site users to learn about the new wildlife friendly plants

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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	Ornamental gates at both entrances give good views into the Gardens.	The site lines from both entrances are lacking in focal interest points to entice visitors into the Gardens	Review and improve existing planting schemes at entrances into the Gardens to provide more all year- round colour and interest	Ongoing Continental, Enable Parks Team, £x
	Merton Road Entrance	This is a pedestrian gate. An avenue of Horse Chestnut trees provides a pleasant vista into the Gardens from	There are 2 trees which are caged Bulb planting is seasonal, flowering in spring.	Uncage trees Revisit wild- flower plug planting project for summer interest leaving a mown strip of grass to side of path to encourage biodiversity	Summer 2022 Enable Parks Team, FoCG £x

		<p>Merton Road entrance.</p> <p>Colourful bulb planting at Merton Road Entrance gives a pleasant view into the gardens in Spring.</p>			
	Pirbright Road Entrance	<p>The Pirbright Road entrance gates provide vehicular access for service vehicles. There is a removable bollard to reduce unauthorised vehicles entering the Gardens.</p>			
	Good and safe access	<p>Access is easy for visitors via both gates.</p> <p>The egress at both entrances</p>	<p>The barrier is twisted, bent, and needs to be restored/replaced.</p>	<p>Work with WBC and Highways re. street barrier at entrance of greenspaces</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental, FoCG</p> <p>£xx</p>

		<p>are maintained to ensure site is safe to users</p> <p>The barriers at the Merton Road entrance serve as a safety barrier between children entering and leaving Riversdale Primary School and busy traffic on Merton Road.</p>	<p>There is no cycle parking in Coronation Gardens</p>	<p>repair/maintenance across the borough</p> <p>Consider introducing cycle parking</p>	
	Signage, Interpretation and Waymarking	<p>There is effective, standard WBC welcome signage into Coronation Gardens at both entrances. There is also a FoCG information board further</p>	<p>The welcome sign at site entrances are standard WBC signs that do not provide detail of heritage and biodiversity of the Gardens.</p> <p>WBC only controls content on advertising board.</p>	<p>Audit of signage to be carried out as a service plan topic followed by discussion with WBC to action improved signage across all sites.</p> <p>Undertake asset assessment to ensure the signs remain fit</p>	<p>Ad hoc weekly inspections Enable Parks Team</p> <p>£xx</p>

		<p>into the Gardens</p> <p>There is also a standard WBC advertising board at the Merton Road Entrance.</p> <p>“No Ball Games” sign on park side of Riversdale wall</p> <p>There is one interpretation board in the quiet area and an information board at the Pirbright Road Entrance designed and installed by FoCG</p>	<p>Consider if “No Ball Games “is signage is appropriate for a recreational space</p> <p>There is no interpretation board at the Merton Road Entrance.</p> <p>There is limited waymarking in surrounding area to Coronation Gardens and between Coronation Gardens other local greenspaces</p>	<p>for purpose and informative.</p> <p>Add a FoCG notice board to the Merton Road Entrance</p> <p>Improve directional signage in the surrounding neighbourhood to the Gardens.</p>	
	Equal access for all	Access into and around the Gardens is good for those	Children with special needs are restricted in opportunities to play with and alongside their peers due to lack	Carry out Accessibility Audit for site to ensure all points of the Gardens	Ongoing with playground project March 2022 Late 2023

		<p>with good mobility</p> <p>The free to use playground for toddlers and juniors, has recently been restored to full public access following a period where access was restricted solely to the users of the adjacent nursery school.</p>	<p>of inclusive play equipment.</p> <p>The granite drinking fountain has restricted access for close engagement for people with mobility issues due to steps and uneven surface</p>	<p>are currently accessible.</p> <p>A full playground refurbishment plan includes modifications as necessary to land levels, full new safety surface and all new inclusive play equipment</p> <p>There is a WBC led plan to restore the historical drinking fountain.</p>	<p>Enable, FoCG, WBC, WLF</p> <p>£xxxx</p>
<p>Healthy, Safe and Secure</p>	<p>Appropriate Provision of Quality Facilities and Activities</p>	<p>Money has been allocated via the Wandsworth Local Fund scheme to secure a refurbished playground at this site. Initial consultation has been completed with input</p>	<p>The playground is outdated. Current play offer is limited and well worn. It is not challenging enough. The equipment is not sympathetic to the wider location within the Gardens. There are items that are not appropriate nor robust enough for a free to access public</p>	<p>A full playground refurbishment plan includes modifications as necessary to land levels, full new safety surface and all new inclusive play equipment.</p> <p>Install drinking and bottle filling station</p>	<p>March –22 Late July 2023</p> <p>£143,000</p> <p>Enable, FoCG, WBC</p>

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		from the friends group	playground have been added in The drinking fountain is a historical feature rather than functional There are no public conveniences at Coronation Gardens		
	Safe equipment and facilities	Regular routine inspections specifically address whether equipment, and facilities in Coronation Gardens are safe. Playground facilities are visually inspected by Enable's Playground Officer biweekly for damage or vandalism. The	There are various low risk defects to the playground area .	Take effective action to ensure the gate closes between 4 and 8 seconds Remove or repair all rough edges. Replace all affected timbers or remove the remaining posts and reinstate Reinstate surrounding surfaces to level to remove Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points	The last playground inspection found all equipment and areas reported as low risk.

		playground is also independently inspected 3 times a year.			
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 Coronation Gardens More information can be found here: Dogs in Parks and Open Spaces Information	Ongoing Enable Parks Team Parks Police £x	
Control of other “issues	Coronation Gardens is governed by Wandsworth Borough Council Parks Byelaws Wandsworth Council Parks Bye laws More information can be found Public Spaces Protection Order leaflet (wandsworth.gov.uk)				Ongoing Enable Parks Team Parks Police

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Well Maintained and Clean	Litter and Waste Management	The litter bins in Coronation Gardens 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 Parks Team £x
	Horticultural Maintenance	General horticultural maintenance duties are carried out by contracted grounds people with members of the Parks Team qualified in recognised horticultural skills.			Ongoing Enable Parks Team £x
		Decorative Beds	<p>The decorative Spring Bulb and Rose beds are on full view to all users of the Gardens especially those visiting the Playground and nursery.</p>	<p>The edges of decorative beds need renovation and require definition</p> <p>There are gaps and the planting is lacking in form and vigour.</p> <p>Some of the beds hold water which then freezes solid damaging plants</p>	<p>Consider installing rigid type retainer edging to beds.</p> <p>Design new spring/summer flowering bulb scheme for decorative beds</p> <p>Replace failing roses bushes adding more roses with long flowering thorn free double season varieties.</p> <p>Understand waterlogging of decorative beds and</p>

					<p>consider options for improvement</p> <p>Consider more a more balanced mix of resilient planting to address localised waterlogging if addressing localised waterlogging not economical.</p> <p>Improve soil structure with the addition of mulch in the winter months</p>	
		Shrubberies and Borders	<p>The north-east section of the shrubbery closest to the Quiet area and adjacent to wall border of the gardens of Standen Road was included in the recent replanting project of 2021 costing £30,000</p>	<p>There is no water supply to water new planting areas.</p> <p>Espalier apple trees are falling away from the wall</p> <p>There was an incident of plant theft from the shrubbery in 2021.</p> <p>There are gaps in this shrubbery which become more prevalent under the trees and</p>	<p>Install tap for watering new plants prior to replacing 6 x Lavandula Ballerina in Quiet Area shrub beds.</p> <p>Support apple trees with hooks and wire.</p> <p>Ensure "Please do not steal plants signs are visible</p> <p>Expand the depth of the perimeter shrubbery and</p>	<p>Spring 2023 Enable Parks Team, Continental</p> <p>£x</p> <p>Autumn 2023 Enable Parks Team, Continental,</p> <p>£7,000</p>

			<p>funded by WBC.</p> <p>There are also shrub plantings in Coronation Gardens along perimeter the perimeter line with the houses of Standen Road</p>	<p>further east along the wall.</p>	<p>increase the density of the shrubs.</p>	
	Arboriculture Maintenance		<p>The trees in Coronation Gardens are inspected by Enable's Tree Team every 3 years and works carried out according to instruction.</p> <p>Tree cover is good</p> <p>There are several fruiting saplings planted as part of an orchard</p>	<p>Caged trees</p> <p>The 'Orchard' is currently undefined consisting of a few crab-apple trees.</p>	<p>Uncage trees</p> <p>Consider establishing a comprehensive orchard</p> <p>Define area, type, maintenance and potential of fruit distribution to local foodbank.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Enable Parks Team</p> <p>£x</p>

		project in the grassy area close to the school			
	Building and Infrastructure Maintenance	<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</p>	<p>Paths have historically been affected by tree roots in some areas.</p> <p>New surfacing in NE corner does not match with older in area in front of historical drinking fountain.</p> <p>Wooden fencing around playground is not in keeping with the Gardens.</p>	<p>Deal with sections of path affected by tree roots before they become a hazard.</p> <p>Resurface NE corner where several footpaths conjoin so it matches that of the paths.</p> <p>Repaint metal railings and protect/replace wooden fencing</p> <p>Maintain repaint seating shelter</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Enable Parks Team</p> <p>£x</p>

		<p>area, if necessary, as a temporary measure to ensure user safety and to discourage vandalism.</p> <p>Paths are tarmac and in good condition having been resurfaced in last 5 years.</p> <p>Metal fencing and gates are in good condition having been repainted in last 5 years.</p> <p>These gates are regularly checked to ensure they are kept in good working order.</p>			
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		<p>Wooden fencing around playground is in good condition</p> <p>There is seating for 28 in Coronation Gardens, with are currently in good condition</p>			
Environmental Management	Managing Environmental Impact	<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, the Wandsworth biodiversity strategy, and the Wandsworth tree policy.</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 and resource efficiency, and work with local communities to reduce the impacts of travel to our sites.</p>			<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team</p> <p>£x</p>

	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 £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	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, FoCG Continental

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		<p>Biodiversity Strategy. and Wandsworth Tree Strategy More information can be found Together on nature - Wandsworth Borough Council.</p> <p>Widen beds along the north wall to increase quantity and range of flowering plants to assist pollinators and other invertebrates.</p> <p>Manage areas in keeping with conditions (i.e., wet/dry areas)</p>			£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	<p>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.</p> <p>Identify stakeholder groups; provide opportunities for volunteering; training and supporting local wildlife recorders;</p>			Ongoing Enable Parks Team, FoCG £x

		<p>engagement activities to encourage stewardship, and environmental education programmes.</p> <p>Encourage and support FOCG's wish to set up a Gardening group that will expand on their current offer of bulb planting, watering, various weeding and pruning tasks. New tasks to include plug planting and biodiversity monitoring and surveying projects led by Enable Parks team</p> <p>Encourage and support FoCG volunteering programme with DoE Award participants</p> <p>Encourage and support FoCG volunteer programme with Riversdale Primary School</p>	
	<p>Appropriate Provision for Community</p>	<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</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental</p> <p>£x</p>

		<p>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>	
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 that all relevant information is also advertised on their social platforms</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental</p> <p>£x</p>
	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>Deliver volunteer “planting for pollinator” sessions in conjunction with the FoCG gardening group</p> <p>Install interpretation to encourage site users to learn about the new wildlife friendly plants</p>	<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental</p> <p>£3,000</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>Annual Impact reports will be made available each year on our website with the first report due to be published December 2023.</p>			<p>Ongoing Enable Parks Team</p> <p>£x</p>

Management Plan Details

Site Name:	Coronation Gardens
Plan author and approver:	Alice Henry and Valerie Selby
Previous Plans:	Coronation Gardens Management Plan 2009 to 2014 (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.

Site Details

<p>Titles, Deeds, Legislations and Destinations:</p>	<p>This site is owned By Wandsworth Borough Council</p> <p>It is in the Southfields Ward. Elected members for this area until May 2026 are: Councillor Guy Humphries, Councillor Caddy Kim.</p> <p>The site is bounded on the south by Pirbright Road and on the north by the gardens of the houses of Standen Road. Merton Road and Riversdale Primary School bound on the east side and the west side is bounded by the 8th Wandsworth Scout Club, Little Learners Nursery and the residential building of Tiffany Heights. The grid reference of the site is TQ25157348 and the area of the site totals 10,031 square metres (1 ha /2.47 acres).</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>The Gardens are listed by the London Gardens Trust as “an historic Edwardian Park with a formal path network. The Gardens are overlooked by two listed buildings, Riversdale Primary School and Tiffany Heights.</p> <p>Coronation Gardens has no official current designation as a place of importance for wildlife however the Borough of Wandsworth is popular with several protected and priority species and all its greenspaces including Coronation Gardens offer the opportunity for increasing special habitats either for species to commute through or make their home.</p>
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Site Description:

Coronation Gardens is an enclosed area of mown grass punctuated with cheerful spring bulbs, established and young trees, formal rose beds, shrubaceous borders. Coronation Gardens is an historic Edwardian Park with a formal path network. The large mature London Plane trees in the centre of the park are a major feature providing a pleasant amount of dappled shade in the summer months.

The site can be accessed from Merton Road via the original wrought iron entrance gates where a tarmac path flanked by an inviting avenue of horse chestnut trees with mown grass either side leads into the main garden space. Vehicle access is not possible at this point, due to a roadside barrier just outside the gates. There is a second entrance via Pirbright Road. The original gates and railings were refurbished in 2008 when they were painted red. They have since been painted green. The Pirbright Road entrance gates provide vehicular for service vehicles only. There is a removable bollard.

The Gardens are bordered by brick / stone walls between Riversdale Primary School and between residential properties on Standen Rd and Tiffany Heights to the west. Facing Pirbright Road and along the western boundary with the scout hut there are railing boundaries with mature evergreen hedges.

Within the Gardens, there is a pedestrian access gate from the private playground of Little Learners Nursery into the public playground. The playground surrounds the nursery building and 2 access points to the nursery building open into it – the main entrance directly in line with the current playground gate and an emergency exit to the south of the building which currently opens into the area with toddler provision. Riversdale Primary School also have access via a pedestrian gate into the Gardens.

Sir William Lancaster a local philanthropist and politician gave the land to be a public park at the turn of the last century and the layout has little changed since the gardens were opened in August 1902 to commemorate the coronation of Edward VII. Incidentally Sir William was also the co-founder of the Putney School of Art and Design which is managed by Enable and his sisters donated the granite drinking fountain with Art Nouveau-style bowl and ornamental railings that is still situated in the park today.

An original Edwardian wooden structure with sheltered seating is also sited to the west of the park.

The planted shrubberies to the north side of the Gardens include a generous backdrop of plants providing good visual amenity and are also beneficial for biodiversity.

The decorative display beds to the centre and north side of the Gardens are laid out to a formal pattern and include a mix of established rose planting and spring bulbs.

There is a free to use playground for toddlers and juniors, first built in the early 2000's. It is in the west of the Gardens bounded by Pirbright Rd to the south, the wider Gardens to the north and east and the Little Learners nursery building within the Gardens and the 8th Wandsworth scouts hut outside the Gardens, both to the west. Alongside the playground fence, within the playground, are mature evergreen hedges and mature London plane trees.

There is a substantial stretch of mown grass that runs adjacent to the Pirbright Road railings and the central area. The section of grass closest to the school has recently been planted crab apple trees. Various formally laid out colourful rose and spring flowering bulb beds are located within the mown grass areas to the west of the central area of the garden which are easily admired from the sheltered seating.

The north-east of the garden was redeveloped in early 2021 to include new planting, seating and a rose arch making it a relaxing place to sit and enjoy the Gardens. There are also two interesting interpretation boards in the Gardens that inform users more generally about the gardens and their heritage. The shrubberies on the north side of the Gardens are generously planted to give texture, fragrance, shape and colour.

How to find Coronation Gardens

By bus – The closest bus stop is opposite the Gardens entrance on Merton Road, it takes 2 minutes to walk from the bus stop to Coronation Gardens.

	<p>By tube- the closest tube station is Southfields Underground Station, it takes 6 minutes to walk from the station to Coronation Gardens.</p> <p>By train – the closest train station is Earlsfield Station, it takes 17 minutes to walk from the station to Coronation Gardens.</p> <p>By bicycle – the closest national cycle network route is the Wandle Trail, it takes 4 minutes to cycle from the Wandle Trail to Coronation Gardens. The closest TFL bike docking station is on Neville Gill Close, it takes 16 mins to walk to Coronation Gardens.</p> <p>By car -Coronation Gardens has no dedicated car parking on site, although there is limited pay and display parking available nearby.</p> <p>Opening Times – Coronation Gardens are locked 9pm – 6am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1st April – to 30th October.</p> <p>If you have any issues gaining access or exiting, please call Parks Police on 07500969442</p>
Current main uses and users:	Based on Friends of Group engagement and input, Coronation Gardens is an extremely popular park with local residents many of whom want to protect and improve the Gardens for their use and those of the wider community.
Playground:	The free to use playground for toddlers and juniors, first built in the early 2000’s. It is in the west of the Gardens bounded by Pirbright Rd to the south, the wider Gardens to the north and east and the Little Learners nursery building within the Gardens and the 8th Wandsworth scouts hut outside the Gardens, both to the west. Alongside the playground fence, within the playground, are mature evergreen hedges and mature London plane trees.
Quiet Area:	This underused area was relandscaped in 2021 to create a new peaceful area for users to enjoy. The area was previously a glasshouse and the hardstanding remained at various levels and planting and surfaces were not in keeping with the surrounding Gardens. Design work was completed in collaboration with the Friends of Coronation Gardens to

	<p>create a simple layout. Tarmac areas were replaced with lawn for picnics and play and seating provided for somewhere peaceful to sit and enjoy the gardens. A path leading to a seating circle, round planted bed and iron rose arch were installed. New planting was added to the borders against the walls. Drought tolerant shrubs with seasonal colour were chosen. Herbs and scented plants offering interest and varieties were picked to attract bees and butterflies. The FoCG not only invested their time and efforts towards creating this space, they also help to maintain it and recently have involved Duke of Edinburgh students with gardening tasks.</p>
Grassy Area:	<p>The grassy area is well used by dog walkers and for family fun events organised in partnership with Enable's Events team and Friends of Coronation Gardens.</p>

Site Photos and Maps



Merton Road Entrance	Riversdale Primary School	Paths and sheltered Seating	Decorative beds
			
Pirbright Road Entrance	North Wall Shrubbery	Granite Arts and Craft Fountain	Grassy area

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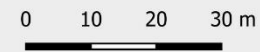
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Assets:

- Bench
- Bin
- Sign
- Notice Board



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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 Coronation Gardens 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 Coronation Gardens 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 Coronation Gardens by emailing the Enable Parks Administrator parks@enablelc.org or by calling the Enable Parks 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.

Enable: look after all Wandsworth's public green spaces including Coronation Gardens by ensuring they remain safe and welcoming places for 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. The Parks Team respond to enquiries to do with any aspect regarding over 50 public greenspaces in Wandsworth and can be reached by emailing parks@enablelc.org or calling the Enable Parks Office on 0203 959 0060. The Parks office is open 9am –5pm weekdays.

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 Coronation Gardens .

The Enable Tree team look after more than 60,000 trees in its parks, commons and public green spaces. Each Greenspace including, Coronation Gardens, 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-hour 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 Coronation Gardens 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 Coronation Gardens 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 Coronation Gardens.

The Enable Parks Team have partnered with:

[The Friends of Coronation Gardens](#) who act as a forum and community group. They are a community group whose vision and purpose are to help protect, conserve and enhance Coronation Gardens and its environs, for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. They connect local people with the greenspace, help shape how the space can be improved, support public consultations and assist in securing additional funding for Coronation Gardens. Subject to agreement and help from Enable, the Friends apply for external grants

for one-off projects where the current maintenance budget cannot be used. They also promote and raise funds for the gardens, including organising an annual open day, cultural festivals and other community events. The Friends are continually active in the gardens recently supporting a project to redevelop an underused area of the Gardens into somewhere peaceful to sit. They have worked with the local primary school on bulb planting projects and are currently working with Duke of Edinburgh students carrying out various gardening tasks across the site. They have been very invested in the process of instigating an exciting upcoming playground refurbishment. They also recently led on the installation of two interpretation boards detailing the heritage of the gardens.

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 Coronation Gardens 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 Coronation Gardens 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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