



# CARA

Canbury & Riverside Association

*Working to protect and enhance our local amenities for everyone*

## Newsletter Summer 2019

### Watch your space or the developers will

Plans are afoot to build a number of new properties in Tudor and Canbury Wards. RBK is required by the Greater London Authority, backed by Westminster, to build 13,640 new homes in Kingston in the next ten years. If this is allocated by acreage, the North Kingston target will be over **1,000 new dwellings** with further buildings needed for additional school places, medical premises and other social facilities. Fortunately, CARA is in the North Kingston Forum (NKF), so all CARA residents can have an input on the where and how of future development.

Neighbourhood Planning, introduced in the Localism Act 2011, gives us, a local community, **The Right** to develop a vision for future planning in our area. We can choose where new developments for homes, shops and offices might be built. We can have a say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure such as schools, health and other social amenities should be provided. Neighbourhood Planning allows people who live and work in an area to draft plans **appropriate for the neighbourhood**. These plans must relate to central and local government strategic priorities for Kingston as a whole. The Plan, based on extensive local consultations with us, the local residents, goes to the council to be formally adopted, subject to independent examination. It is then put to the vote of all Tudor and Canbury residents. Any future planning applications in these two wards will be determined by both council planning policies and the policies in our Neighbourhood Plan. So our community's wishes will guide the future

development in our area. Our neighbours, Ham and Petersham, were successful with theirs last year (the first in Richmond), and we will be the first in RBK. The borough's Development Plan is to be updated to achieve the borough target. Councillors are currently contesting the target but all indications so far suggest any reduction in numbers of new homes will only be modest.

Nearly 600 residents have already given comments on the Forum's broad guidelines. These will be distilled into clear policies and broad plans. To get the full story so far go online to [tinyurl.com/y4ujj2a5](http://tinyurl.com/y4ujj2a5) for a recent presentation by NKF. **But, more importantly**, if you have any views on new or restructured buildings, green spaces or public services in or near your street and are not one of the 600 who have given them already, you still have time to **complete the questionnaire** on [tinyurl.com/y6a9usoe](http://tinyurl.com/y6a9usoe) as the **developers may be watching your space rather than you.**



## Bad Habits

*This is a shortened provocative article, sent in by Angelina Mann (14) from The Kingston Academy: it shames us grownups. Written following an interview with Trevor Willis of the Pavilion Trust, another campaigner for keeping the gardens clean, it complements the TKA students' poster for the gardens. Our thanks to these caring youngsters.*

Canbury Gardens provides an oasis for many people, yet its beauty is being tainted by litter. Whilst many go to host picnics, sunbathe and socialise, the park is also home to other unwanted visitors. Foxes, squirrels and even rats, often spreading infections. They come to rummage through the heaps of litter left by us.

Maintenance workers are forced to spend their time picking it up instead of tending to the gardens. This selfish action, leaving litter, has wider consequences. Smashed glass can cut children or dogs playing in the grass, pieces of plastic blown about can choke birds in the bushes or swans on the water. The park is not just for human enjoyment, remember it is also a home for wildlife. Our society, so concerned about plastic waste and its impact on the world, must do its part. Taking home the plastic, and cans, and glass and cardboard, not only makes our park look better, it removes health hazards, saves maintenance time ... **it is one small step to save our planet.**

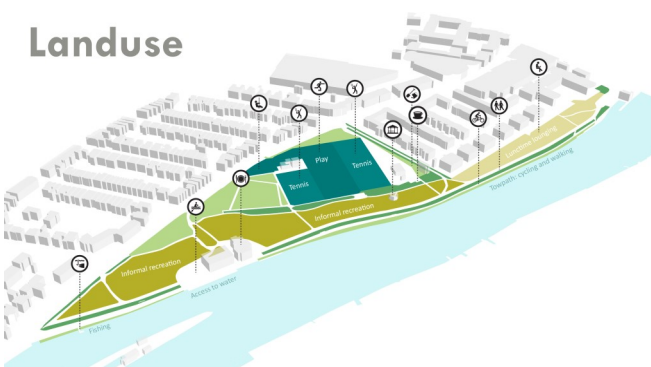


## CANBURY GARDENS WORKING PARTY

The CGWP meets 4 times annually - a stakeholder's group of council officers, businesses, schools and residents' groups including Penny D'Souza as CARRA rep. A major concern is summer rubbish (see above) which is next meeting's lead item. CGWP will be heavily involved with the Master Plan (see below). Watch out for consultation Phase 2. or contact joint CGWP chairs, Councillors [katrina.lidbetter@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:katrina.lidbetter@kingston.gov.uk) and [maria.netley@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:maria.netley@kingston.gov.uk).

## Design Workshops for a Canbury Gardens "Masterplan"

### Landuse



In May LDA Design, tasked to create a Masterplan, ran workshops and drop-in sessions at the Pavilion. They showed the Gardens history and the ideas outlined in the Kingston Riverside Supplementary Planning Document, followed by analysis of use of space, movements of people and the range of activities. They asked for ideas for the future and current priorities, from which they have developed further proposals. All are invited to drop in to a Workshop at Kingston Rowing Club on Thursday 1st August between noon and 8pm to express their views on the emerging ideas. Any specific proposals for change

should be subject to further consultation (if funding can be found to implement them). For more information go to [tinyurl.com/y5dkq3z4](http://tinyurl.com/y5dkq3z4)

## Camera, Lighting, but No Action

At regular meetings with our local police, chaired by Nicola Duffey leader of Neighbourhood Watch, we learned that much is going well in our neighbourhood. Crime is low in North Kingston (although bike theft is still a problem and there was an unpleasant targeted burglary in Tudor Drive recently). Our bobbies on the beat are doing a good job but the mechanical help is not. CCTV in the park is inadequate or doesn't function, the light by the playground doesn't work and nobody owns it. We have asked for a speed camera to be installed by the pedestrian crossing by the "Cakewalk Cafe" as cars speed away from the Kings Rd crossing out of rush hours. We have some success here as we are promised a "smiley face" speed warning box for the time being. But as usual the overall problem is "little money so little action".

**CARRA Late Summer BBQ (see details on page 4)**

## Chicken Collective News

There were some ruffled feathers and a lot of squawking in the chicken-run in June as Canbury Community Gardens's Chicken Collective began the process of introducing three new chickens to their existing pair, Henny and Fluffy. The three newbies, Daisy, Lily and Chocolate, are handsome young "point of lay" hens. They are gradually settling in and have even laid a few small eggs. These are a little fragile though as they were produced by rescue chickens. However, the two older residents who are happy and healthy, lay most days. They are of course showing the new arrivals who are the top hens.



## Canbury Community Garden

Thanks to helping funds from Cllr Katrina Lidbetter, the Community Garden is buying a selection of children's gardening tools and clean sand for a sand-pit to cater for our youngest visitors. We hope to have a new toddlers' and carers' group starting soon. Gifts of unwanted buckets and spades, small pots and pans and wooden spoons for a mud-pie kitchen, are welcomed. Educare pupils continue to visit regularly; the radishes, peas and sunflowers they planted are growing nicely and their compost experiment is proving very interesting. "Compostable" coffee capsules and a paper bag remained intact after two months and a "compostable" coffee cup and lid show no sign of rotting down after three weeks. Vegetable matter, cellulose bags and envelopes are decaying nicely though. Keep in touch with the Community Garden at Facebook group [tinyurl.com/y5f5vxbm](https://www.facebook.com/groups/tinyurl.com/y5f5vxbm) – all welcome to come along to one of their weekend gardening sessions.

## We are spending your money



CARA members were asked to pick their "top 3" from the ideas proposed for funding from CARA reserves. The following three projects topped the poll:

1. A contribution towards gym equipment (example left) to complement the sports pitch. This should help persuade potential funders that the community supports the idea. We informed the Council of your support for this 2nd phase.
2. A bench in Canbury Gardens children's playground. We hope to progress this for the autumn.
3. A wildflower meadow in Canbury Gardens. The location for this has to be compatible with future plans for the Gardens (see "Masterplan" on previous page).

CARA Committee excluded several excellent projects that are strictly the Council's responsibility. We will press the Council to fulfil their responsibility on your behalf. There were two more projects for which we have alternative funding.

## Summer in the Gardens

### Bandstand Concerts

Aug 11th Culture Vulture  
Aug 18th Norwood Wind Ensemble  
Sept 1st West London Brass  
Sept 15th Tillingbourne Accordion Orchestra

### Outdoor Cinema

Aug 1st Labyrinth  
Aug 8th Moulin Rouge  
Aug 15 Ghostbusters  
Website : [tinyurl.com/y5xz2udl](https://www.tinyurl.com/y5xz2udl)

## CARA Spring litter pick

For the April litter-pick Leander Sea Scouts put out 3 boats and sent their supporters along the towpath to help other volunteers. Their work was much appreciated on a chilly, windy morning.



A Leander crew set off to pick litter from the riverbank

## CARA Committee

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## Dates for your diary

### ■ Sunday 15th September CARA Late Summer BBQ

Details below

### ■ Saturday 5th October (11:15 - Lunchtime) CARA Riverside Autumn Litterpick

Please come along to the slipway at the northern end of Canbury Gardens to help tidy the riverbank.

### ■ Tuesday 15th October 20:00 CARA AGM at The Kingston Academy

Agenda detail and guest speaker available in September. All welcome, but only CARA Members may vote.

## CARA Street Reps

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**Kingston Riverside contact**, Deborah Olszewski  
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## SUPPORT FOR CARA

Could you put a little time into any CARA projects or activities? CARA needs more people to get involved, or the organisation will fade away. If you are willing to help in any way, however limited, contact a member of CARA Committee (see above).

## CARA Late Summer BBQ

### Sunday 15th September 2019 at 1pm

**Kingston Riverside Club**, Lower Ham Road, KT2 5AJ (entrance beside Kings Walk)

We are pleased to invite members of CARA and KRC and their families and friends to enjoy this event.

**The price includes:** \* Barbecue by Bevans, our local butchers, with salad

\*\* Pudding - including Filippo's Secret Cafe Italian Gelato

\*\*\*Your first drink (wine, beer or soft). (A subsidised bar will also operate all afternoon.)

**£11 per adult, £6 per child if booked by 15<sup>th</sup> August: after that prices will be adult £13, child £7.**

**Tickets should be booked in advance, as set out below.**

**Either online: email Charles** ([charos100@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:charos100@hotmail.co.uk)) the no. of adults and of children, the no. of vegetarians, whether you are a CARA or KRC member, and give your house/flat number and street/block as a reference. Then **make a bank transfer** with the total payment to: CARA Community Account: Sort Code 20-46-73, Account number 13558584, using the same house/flat number and street or block as the reference.

**Or by post/hand: complete this form** and return it to your CARA street representative, or to Nic Lewisohn at 23 Grosvenor Gardens KT2 5BE, or to Filippo at the Canbury Secret Cafe in Canbury Gardens (next to the bandstand).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member: CARA/KRC (delete as appropriate)

House/flat number: \_\_\_\_\_ Street/block: \_\_\_\_\_

	<i>before 31 July</i>	<i>from 1<sup>st</sup> August</i>
Number of adult tickets: _____	x £11 = £ _____	x £13 = £ _____
Number of child tickets: _____	x £ 6 = £ _____	x £ 7 = £ _____
	Total = £ _____	Total = £ _____

Please state if vegetarian bbq is required here: \_\_\_\_\_ (no.of persons)

To join or re-join CARA go to our website <https://www.carakingston.org/about-us/membership/> OR contact Charles Roscorla

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