

Canbury and Riverside Association

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"working together to protect and enhance our local community"

September 2025

CARA Late Summer Barbecue Sunday 14th September 2025 from 1.00 pm





We are pleased to invite members of CARA, their families and friends to enjoy this event at **Kingston Riverside Tennis Club**, **Lower Ham Road**, **KT2 5AJ** (entrance beside Kings Walk)

Meat will be provided by **Bevan's Butchers** with veggie options and pudding also available. The bar will be open for you to buy drinks.

The weather forecast is lovely – sunny, 19° and a mild breeze.

There is limited first come, first served parking available, but plenty of seating, so do bring your families and friends for this real neighbourhood coming together.

Email your booking details to: <u>cara.kingston@gmail.com</u> including: name and address:

no. of adult tickets - no. of meat; no. of veg - @ £10 each

no. of child tickets (age under 13) - no. of meat; no. of veg - @ £6 each

Then make a bank transfer of the total cost to:

CANBURY AND RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION (CARA)

Sort Code: 20-46-73 Account no: 13558584

Reference: "BBQ" and your house/flat no. and street/block name

Cadbury Gardens - tidying up

The Friends of Canbury Gardens and a team from Hilton Worldwide (below) had a litter picking event on 2nd September in the Gardens, as part of an ESG activity during their stay at the local Doubletree Hilton. This was very welcome given that there has been a bit of litter in the Gardens with all the people visiting over summer. Please remember it's best to take all your litter home.



More Hilton volunteers came back to the Gardens and helped the Friends clean the steps pictured below, making them easier for the visually impaired to use.



And a Recycling Trial

The Friends encouraged the council to trial recycling options in the Gardens – you may have seen the bins for the initial trial which began last week.



Planning, developments and our community

"What if?" Help shape your community.

The Kingston Society's Urban Room Installation, *What If?*, is at the Penny School Gallery, Richmond Road, Kingston KT2 5BP, on Saturday 13th and Monday 15th to Saturday 20th September.

The <u>Kingston Society</u> will be encouraging residents to shape where they live and work as they explore the installation.

Organised as part of both the London Design Festival's annual series of citywide events and <u>Kingston 2025</u> celebrations, *What If?* invites those most affected by change to join the creative conversation and feel empowered to influence their community. Over a thought-provoking programme that includes a series of talks and walks, visitors will be able to journey through Kingston's past, reflect on present development challenges, and discover their potential

Planning updates

John Lewis Riverside. There is a budget proposed for some more riverside improvements outside John Lewis. We aim to keep you updated on this.

Kingsgate (involving the road closure). Some further objections to this development have been received and acknowledged by the council. Separately, a bill on CPOs (compulsory Purchase Orders) is going to the Lords to be ratified. Once ratified, this could impact the shops opposite the former Bingo Hall, potentially resulting in further delays to this development

Bingo Hall. The council is considering whether the preservation order on the building should be lifted so it could be efficiently redeveloped as apartments as well as some community facilities on the ground floor.

Keeping Sewage out of the Thames

It is encouraging to see another organisation concerned about sewage polution. Visit the <u>London Waterkeeper</u> website to see what action they suggest, including the questions we should ask Thames Water about the Teddington Direct River Abstraction scheme (which they call Teddington Drought Reduction Project).

CARA AGM - 16th October 2025 Save the date

CARA AGM will be on the 16th October, 6.30 for 7.00 in the Pavillion in Canbury Gardens. Jason Debney has agreed to be the 'post AGM' speaker, covering both the environmental importance of riverbank re-naturalisation and the future of the floodplain on Lower Ham Road. Save the date and join us for a drink at this AGM.

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