



February 2026

Barrier changes on Lower Ham Road by Bank Lane

Works proceeded very quickly to upgrade the permanent barrier on Lower Ham Road, which was really good to see. The rain gardens and bollards are in place as well as updated signage. The rain gardens will have two trees and drought resistant plants planted in the near future.



Update on the former Regal Cinema

We are happy to share our expectation that at long last the Regal Cinema / bingo hall re-development will happen and the eyesore removed. The building is a listed building but has had its status changed by [Historic England to "Heritage at Risk"](#) which means that re-development can now be more considered. We will share updates with our members as soon as we hear more detail.

Bike checks and bike marking / registrations

Canbury has some excellent cycling opportunities and many of us use our bikes to easily get around Kingston.

Kingston council holds free bike checks and maintenance courses. Please see the [council website](#) for details and dates on the next courses.

Kingston Police are also actively encouraging residents to get their bikes registered in "BikeRegister", the UK's national cycle database. This allows the police to easily identify any stolen bikes. Registration includes adding a small barcode marker to the bike. Bikes are over 80% less likely to be stolen when displaying the BikeRegister barcode label. The marking and registering is carried out by police trained Instructors. There is a session of free marking as well as registering bikes in the Canbury Ward outside the Co-op on Kings Rd on **February 8th between 12 noon and 13:00**. Please see this website for more details: [Find a marking event | BikeRegister](#)

Kingston Repair Café

Kingston has a local Repair Café that you can visit to get household items repaired, instead of throwing them away. You can also learn new skills at the café, and even volunteer at the café to help with repairs.

The Repair Café is open on the first Saturday of every month, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm, at Kingston Library. Please [check the website](#) for more information.



Protecting swans and other wildlife

There are a number of petitions to Government on increasing the protection for waterfowl and wildlife, especially after serious catapult injuries to swans and other birds throughout England.

We are pleased that we have had no recent reports of swans being shot at, but we understand there have been incidents on other parts of the Thames of swans being seriously injured by ball bearings fired from catapults. Apparently some people use catapults to shoot at birds 'for sport'.

We believe there should be legal restrictions on catapults, similar to those for airguns, to restrict their availability and use. Please support the petition to the UK government to do just that. To find the petition, [click here](#)

There is also a petition for introducing prison sentences for deliberate cruelty to wild birds including pigeon. To find the petition, [click here](#).



Friends of Canbury Gardens

If you would like to volunteer as a Friend of Canbury Gardens, **please join us on Saturday mornings at 10am by the Pavilion (tennis courts) in the gardens.**

The gardening group meets **every Saturday between 10am and 12 noon**. There is no ongoing commitment, just join us when you can. Come along and meet the team any Saturday morning for more information.

Local roadworks underway

Please be aware, UK Power Networks has commenced work digging up Richmond Road from Sury Basin to Canbury Park Road, with the work scheduled to last up to 17th March. With two lanes closed, leaving only one lane open, plan for delays to your journeys. The current status of these works is available [here](#).

Richmond Road A307
(From junction of Canbury Park Road to junction of Sury Basin)

7 February to 17 March 2026

Multi-phase traffic lights around our working area.
Side road closures.