



Book CARA Barbecue, Sunday 27th September

CARA Late Summer Barbecue

Sunday 27th September 2026 | Doors Open at 1pm, serving from 1:15pm

Join us for a fantastic neighbourhood gathering!

Bring your family and friends along for an afternoon of great food and community spirit.

- **Location:** Kingston Riverside Tennis Club, Lower Ham Road, KT2 5AJ
- **Food & Drink:** Quality meats freshly supplied by **Bevan's Butchers**, plus delicious vegetarian options and puddings. The Tennis Club bar will be open to purchase drinks.
- **Seating & Parking:** Plenty of seating is available! Parking is limited on a first-come, first-served basis, so walking or cycling is encouraged where possible.
- **Ticket Prices:** Adults: **£9** | Children (Under 13): **£5**

How to Book Your Tickets

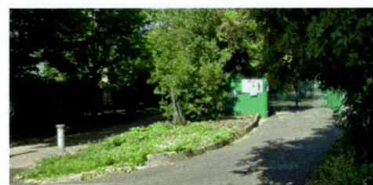
Step 1: Email your booking :-

Send an email to cara.kingston@gmail.com with:

- Your **Name** and **Address**
- Number of **Adult tickets** (specify Meat or Veg)
- Number of **Child tickets** (specify Meat or Veg)

Step 2: Bank Transfer

- **Account Name:** CANBURY AND RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION (CARA)
- **Sort Code:** 20-46-73 | **Account No:** 13558584
- Please Reference your **House/Flat Number** and **Street Name** (e.g. 42 Chestnut Road).



Entrance from Lower Ham Road

Canbury Gardens awarded the Green Flag for another year



On an unusually damp August morning our local Councillor, Peter Higgins, raised the new flag and said a few words of thanks and encouragement to representatives from the groups involved. The award of another Green Flag for Canbury Gardens is an excellent recognition of the support and involvement by community groups - Len Cowking and his volunteer gardeners, Trevor Willis, Friends of Canbury Gardens, Friends of Canbury Bandstand, and CARA - and the council and their contractors Glendale.

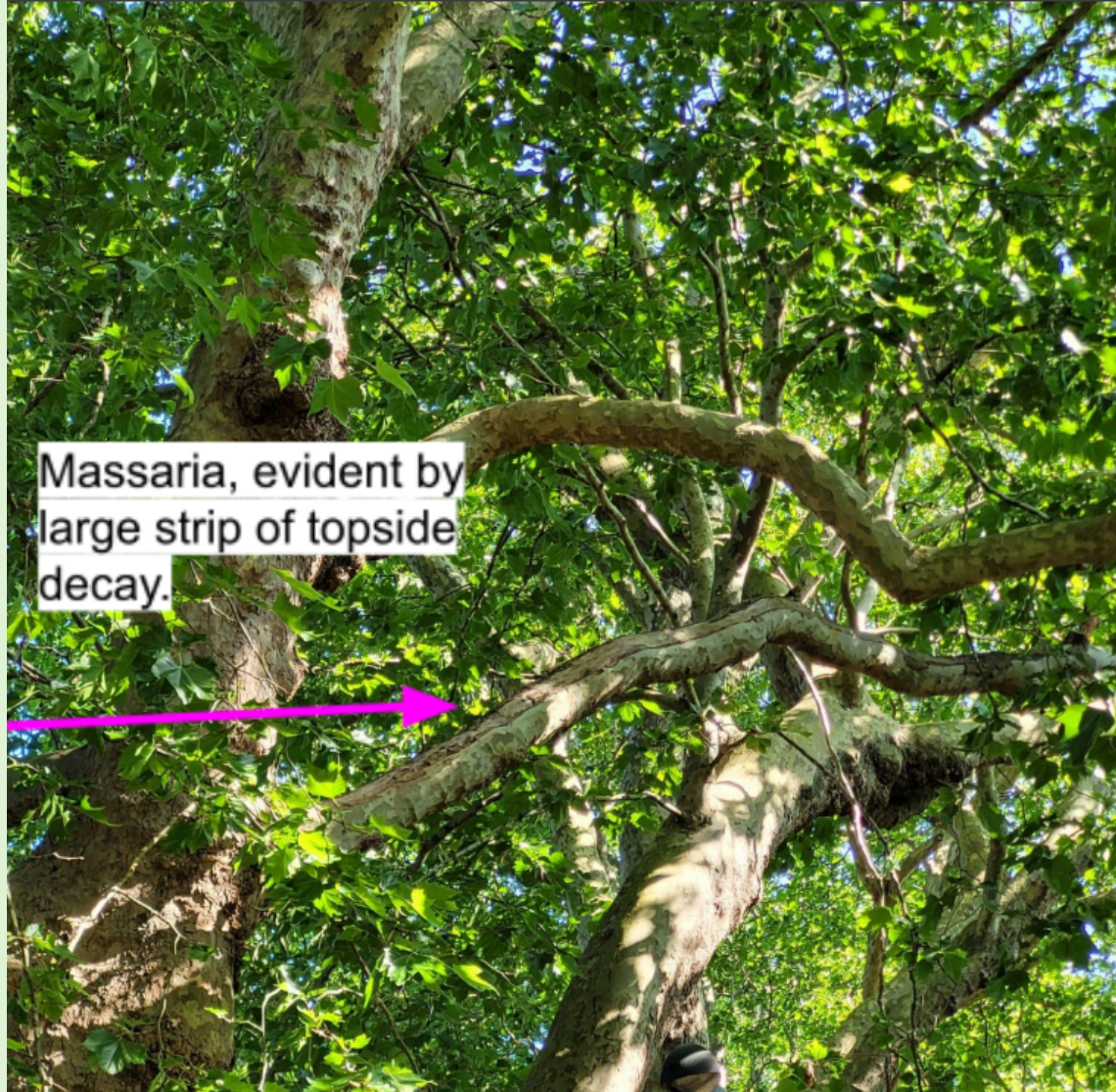
The combination of all their efforts score well on the Green Flag criteria for a good park:-

- Welcoming and safe: Good access, clear signs, and a secure environment.
- Clean and well-maintained: Effective litter control, well-kept facilities, and active vandalism management.
- Environment and heritage: Protection of wildlife, conservation of natural features, and sustainable maintenance.
- Community involvement: Strong support and engagement from local residents and volunteer groups.

Recycling in Canbury Gardens

You may have seen recycling bins in Canbury Gardens recently. After much urging by Trevor Willis, arrangements are being finalised for recycling appropriate rubbish from Canbury Gardens, with contributions to the cost of bins from Friends of Canbury Gardens, Friends of Canbury Bandstand, Canbury Pavilion, CARA, Greenwoods and the council.

Work on infected Plane Trees in Canbury Gardens



We have been informed by RBK's leading Tree Officer, Kirsty Hopla-Garrett, that their routine inspection found that a dozen of the beautiful London plane trees beside the river in Canbury Gardens were infected with Massaria. This is a fast-acting disease that causes rapid decay on the top side of branches which can result in sudden branch failure. Massaria cannot be cured or treated, only managed by regular inspections and targeted removal of infected branches.

Council contractors were scheduled to start work on 4th September on the twelve infected trees to remove some large sections of dead wood and branches which hang over the upper and lower paths.

Blue Green Algae – toxic to people (and dogs)

It is a shame that currently we cannot swim in the Thames at the recently designated 'Ham and Kingston' bathing site. All the way from Sunbury Lock, through Kingston to Teddington Lock the river water is polluted with lots of potentially toxic Blue-Green Algae. In high concentrations the algae can be harmful to people and animals. You can't tell if it's toxic just by looking at it, so it's safest to assume it is.

Keep pets and children away from the water.

Avoid skin contact with the water or algae.

The algae may be here for some time, exacerbated by the drought. They thrive given warm, slow flowing water, lots of sunshine and the phosphorus and nitrogen from treated sewage, agricultural fertilizers and urban drainage.

The suspension of swimming at our local bathing site is frustrating as test results showed the water quality earlier in the summer was good, apart from the brief period at the beginning of June when a Thames Water sewage spillage caused a short term spike in the usual problems - escherichia coli

and intestinal enterococci. All the Environment Agency's test results from 21st July to 12th August were 'excellent'.
Click on the [EA's SWIMINFO website](#) to see the latest information.



The toxic blue green algae



One of the many warning signs

CARA AGM, 8th October 2026

Formal notice will be sent out by email shortly of CARA AGM, to be held at Canbury Pavilion, 6.30 for 7.00pm on Thursday 8th October.
After AGM business Councillor Peter Higgins will give a talk
“My first few months as your Councillor”

Matching Cheeses with Wine, 30th October 2026

Save the date for the very popular 'Matching Cheeses with Wine', to be held at Canbury Pavilion starting at 7.00pm on Friday 30th October 2026.

Remember - if you think it's a crime Report it

Here is what you do...

1. A serious crime or accident that is being witnessed, call 999.
2. Crime in a non-emergency situation, call 101. Ask for a crime number so you can check on the result of your report.