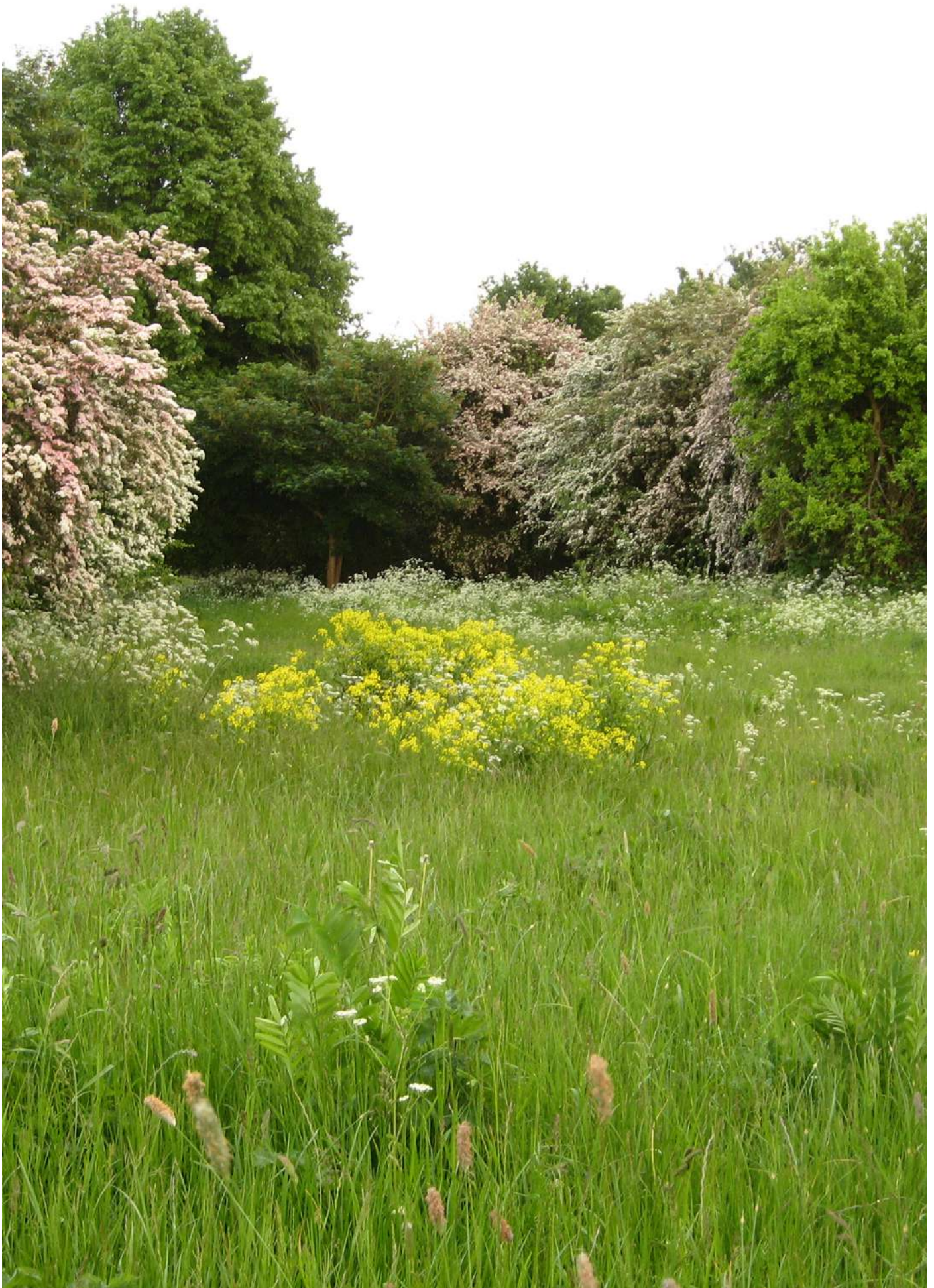


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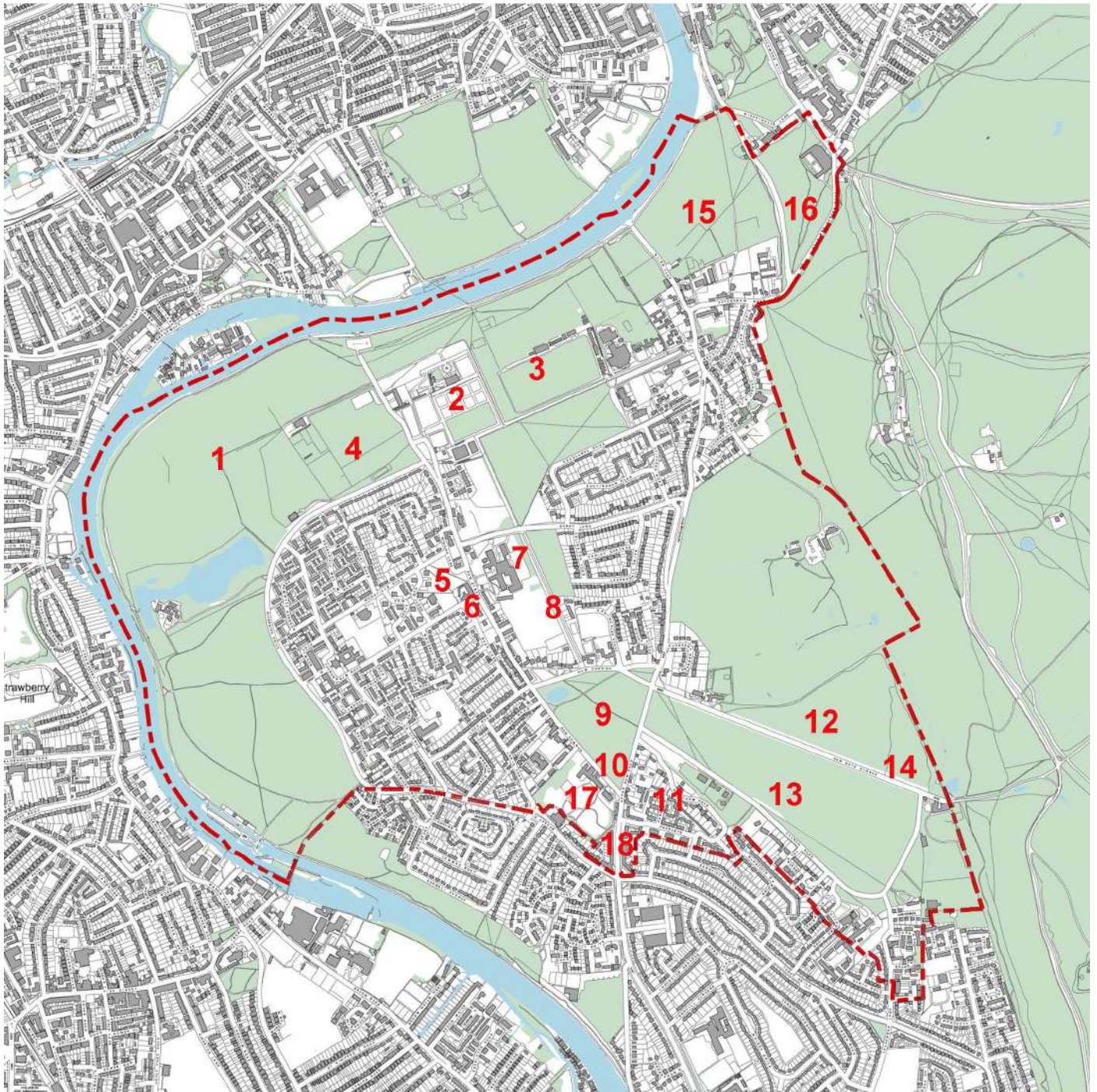
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HAM & PETERSHAM

Ham and Petersham is within the Borough of Richmond, bordered on the east by Richmond Park, to the west by the Thames, and to the south by the Royal Borough of Kingston. The village was recorded as Piterichesham in the 1086 Domesday Book. Ham is not mentioned, but derives its name from the meaning of a meadowland in a river bend or Hamms.

Large expanses of parkland and water meadows constrained the growth of Ham and Petersham, preserving their distinctive rural character in the 19th century. The railways never reached these villages and therefore there was no rapid expansion during the Victorian period.

The 20th Century brought a number of small housing estates, some houses built in the grounds of the larger properties, and development by Richmond Council of a few roads as part of the plan to reduce the housing list.

The Richmond Petersham and Ham Open Spaces Act 1902 was passed to safeguard the open land and preserve the famous view from Richmond Hill.

For these reasons, Ham and Petersham remains a unique semi-rural area within Greater London. Many enthusiastic local groups exist to preserve and enhance this special character.

ACHIEVEMENTS

2007-17 10 GOLD MEDALS, RIB, LONDON GARDEN SOCIETY, LIB and RICHMOND AND TWICKENHAM TIMES TROPHY; 68 HAM COMMON

2018
FINALIST BRITAIN IN BLOOM

2018
GREY COURT COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS
WON £12,000 FROM TESCO BAGS OF HELP SCHEME

2017
LONDON IN BLOOM GOLD MEDAL and BEST VILLAGE AWARD

2017
RICHMOND IN BLOOM (RIB)VILLAGE SILVER GILT MEDAL

2017
RIB BEST SMALL FRONT GARDEN GOLD FOR 21 HAM ST

2011-2016
RIB FRONT GARDEN SILVER GILT

2017
GOLD MEDAL: 331 PETERSHAM RD



Award winning front gardens

2011-2012
RIB GOLD MEDALS FOR SUSTAINABLE GARDEN

2012
OVERALL CATEGORY WINNER FOR FORTUNE HOUSE
NEW ROAD



Meadows to Petersham in May

OUR BRITAIN IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

Our Bloom campaign works to bring together all the organisations and groups who are passionate about the conservation and environment in Ham and Petersham. With so much emphasis on the semi rural setting there are a range of groups with many volunteers who take responsibility for organising activities to ensure the quality and nature of the area is constantly improved and sustained for residents as well as the flora, fauna and wildlife.

The number of volunteers runs into the hundreds (over 1000 volunteers in the current year) and the hours put in into the thousands.

We believe that this collaborative approach has made significant improvements across the area and raised the enthusiasm, participation and the expectations of both older and young residents.

By working collaboratively both within groups but also with the local council, charities and other agencies the community achieves the best possible outcome and retains a high level of self determination.



Garden at 68 Ham Common

LOCAL GROUPS

You will not have time to meet all the local groups but some of the following you will:

The Ham and Petersham Association (HPA)
 Ham Amenities Group (HAG)
 Ham United Group (HUG)
 Friends of Ham Lands (FOHL)
 Walnut Tree Allotments
 The Woodville Centre
 Friends of Ham Green
 Friends of Ham Pond
 Ham Pond
 Parkleys Estate
 Ham Common Woods
 The Ham House Team
 Petersham Common Woods
 Petersham Lodge Woods
 Petersham Horticultural Society (PHS)
 Petersham Environment Trust (PET)
 The Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum
 Cassel Hospital Charitable Trust
 Ham SOS

SCHOOLS

Grey Court Secondary School
 Meadlands Primary
 St Richards Primary
 The Russell Primary School
 The German School
 Marymount International School
 Three Forest Schools



Parrot tulips at Meadlands School

The Ham and Petersham Association (HPA) which strives:

- to preserve and maintain the environmental and architectural integrity of the area.
- to improve local facilities
- to reduce anti-social behaviour, graffiti and crime generally
- to work with Richmond Borough Council and Ward Councillors, as well as the Police and other authorities, to support local improvements, and encourage high standards of planning and development
- to arrange volunteer activities to foster community
- to engage with the primary schools, Forest schools and the secondary school



HPA clearing Himalayan Balsam



Ham St in May



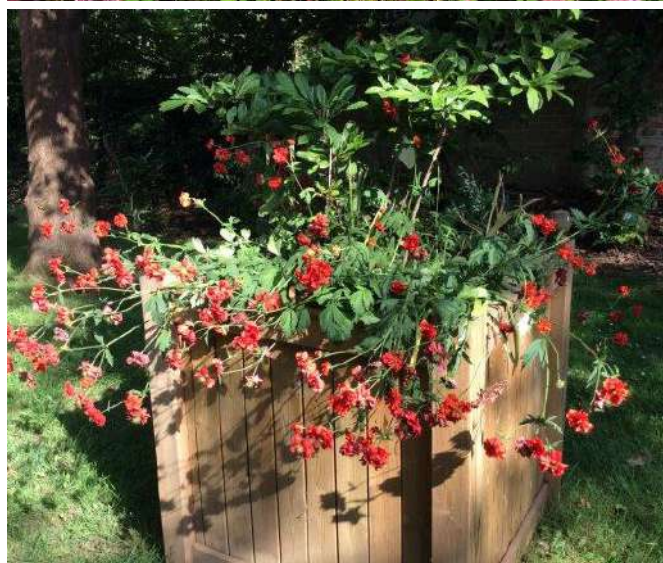
Ham Gate House garden

Ham Amenities Group (HAG) is a charity formed to protect the amenities of Ham and promote social contact.

- purchased a triangle of land bordering on Ham Common from the GLC.
- known as The Gatehouse Garden maintained by volunteers
- revived Ham Fair on the Common which attracts many visitors and needs wide community participation
- profits from the Fair are distributed locally in the form of grants to organisations such as Ham and Petersham SOS, Ham and Petersham Scouts and Sea Scouts, the Shooting Star Chase and plant plugs for the Library garden.

Ham United Group (HUG) is a local Community Interest Company set up:

- to improve the environment and enhance the quality of life for the community in Ham and Petersham. The Ham and Petersham Association and Ham Amenities have given grants for its activities at the Bird, Bee and Butterfly Garden at Ham Library which has become a great centre for all ages.
- has a community film club, Green Screen. The monthly films to inform and inspire - a different way of looking at our lives and the world around us. How can we better share the planet's resources so that we can all feel nourished and live in harmony?
- Green Drinks, a social networking group meets monthly "saving the world one sip at a time"



HUG Bird & Butterfly garden



Back Lane before the work



Back Lane 2018



Friend of Ham Lands. Clockwise from top: Spring clean-up; cutting the Great Avenue; blossom in Spring; clearing the flood-plain.

Friends of Ham Lands (FOHL) is a group within HUG

- Ham Lands is open land on the south bank of the Thames stretching from Petersham Meadows to the 'Half Mile Tree' in Kingston. It is an area of filled gravel pits divided into two parts by Thames Young Mariners, an outdoor adventure centre based around the remaining flooded gravel pit. The variety of material used in the fill has resulted in an unusual and unique mosaic of habitats including woodland, scrub, grassland and wetlands. Areas of meadow wildflowers attract bees and butterflies and it is teeming with birdlife. The habitats of Ham Lands, with the associated range of plants, animals and birds, have evolved over the past 50 – 60 years, a process.
- It is owned and managed by Richmond Council as a local nature reserve and public open space with a management plan up to 2022 covering grass cutting, removal of scrub and management of buffer areas between the woodland and grass area. (more detail in the Ham Lands Management Plan 2014)
- a voluntary group dedicated to the conservation, protection and management of ham Lands and the TYM site
- it organises walks, working groups (in partnership with Natures Gym) and surveys
- over 200 species of plants and shrubs and 43 of trees listed and recorded
- Forest Schools are run on Ham Lands
- St Richards School use Ham Lands for nature lessons.
- Local naturalists enter data on the iNaturalist site (<https://www.inaturalist.org/places>)
- <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofhamlands>

Walnut Tree Allotments

- a committee manages the 121 allotments on behalf of the Council
- water is available throughout, old standpipes have recently been replaced
- Ham Riding Stables opposite have 2 large manure heaps on the land



Walnut Tree Allotments



Autumn clear on Ham Green



Summer wild flowers Ham Green

The Woodville Centre supports people with dementia. It focuses on safety, occupation and sensory stimulation

- the garden has shaded areas, under a bright orange canopy
- semi circular beds filled with flowers, scented plants, bamboos and colourful grasses
- ground is soft and spongy with brightly painted seats
- globe water feature adds to the tranquillity of the garden providing a relaxed atmosphere for everyone
- community support from the Probation Service and Friends of Ham Green Group and wooden musical instruments given by HPA

Friends of Ham Green have worked to make the Green a beautiful space for all to enjoy.

- native wild flowers that cover the seasons- swathes of snowdrops, wild daffodils, scillas crocus, bluebells and cow parsley, oxeye daisies, poppies
- annual wildflower meadow
- perennial wild flower meadow set amongst the silver birches
- a wild flower mosaic on a building that was blighted with graffiti
- extra hanging baskets are funded by a resident
- keep fit equipment was donated by HAG



Ham Green wild Flowers



Ham Close Community Boxes

Ham Pond

- A grant from HPA grant for £37,000 helped build the island, plant the banks and landscape, provide bins and bench
- in 2010 a grant from the Richmond Civic Trust for £4,000
- in 2011 from the Big Lottery Fund of £5,585 allowed for repairs to the island, improved landing platforms and increased planting
- 2017, another grant from HPA was spent on the landing platforms
- a major annual pruning session takes place in November and monthly clean ups in and around the Pond.
- the regular nesting of swans and other wildfowl are cared for
- a resident has made a tin to hold duck food which he fills each day



Ham Pond

Parkleys Estate is an iconic 1950s development of flats by the pioneering architects/developers Eric Lyons and Geoffrey Townsend, the first of their large residential projects under the company Span Developments Ltd. The private flats were designed for first-time buyers, offering an innovative endowment mortgage. This was the first example of the successful residents' management companies set up by Span.

Parkleys has been Grade II listed in recognition of its historic and architectural interest. The estate consists of small blocks of flats in either a three-storey 'H-plan' shape with central entrance stairwell, or two-storey terraces positioned around shared courtyard.

Lyons' Span developments are all about space and light, and blurring the edges between outside and indoor space. He paid great attention to the surrounding landscape, designing houses around existing mature trees and creating communal areas that encourage residents to mix. Span estates remain of great interest to architects and designers in particular. Students visit in regular groups.

Today the trees and landscape have developed but because of the strength of the original designs it is possible to compare it with original archive material. The gardens are maintained by residents and a local contractor.



Parkleys from 1959 to 2017



St Richard's Church Garden



Prunus Beni-Chidore at St Andrews Church January 2018

Ham Common Woods are 30 hectares of acid grassland, woodland and scrubland that links Richmond Park to the east to Ham Common. The site is popular with walkers and horse riders. The wet and dry woodlands make it a haven for beetles, fungi and birds and bats.

It is a site of special conservation interest owned and managed by the London Borough of Richmond Council (LBRUT). This year work was undertaken to remove holly to improve the canopy and encourage the under canopy and plants.

Froglife UK and TVI, the LBRUT's waste contractor have sponsored the creation of 3 toad ponds in the middle of the Woods to minimise the annual toad losses. In previous years Church Road was closed for 3 weeks each spring during the toads migration in search of a suitable habitat for spawning, this year spawn was recorded in the new ponds. The renovation of Latchmere Brook has been a great achievement by volunteers from HPA. Work continues each year and native bulbs are planted.



Latchmere Brook



Ham and Petersham Association volunteers at Latchmere Brook in the Ham Common Woods.



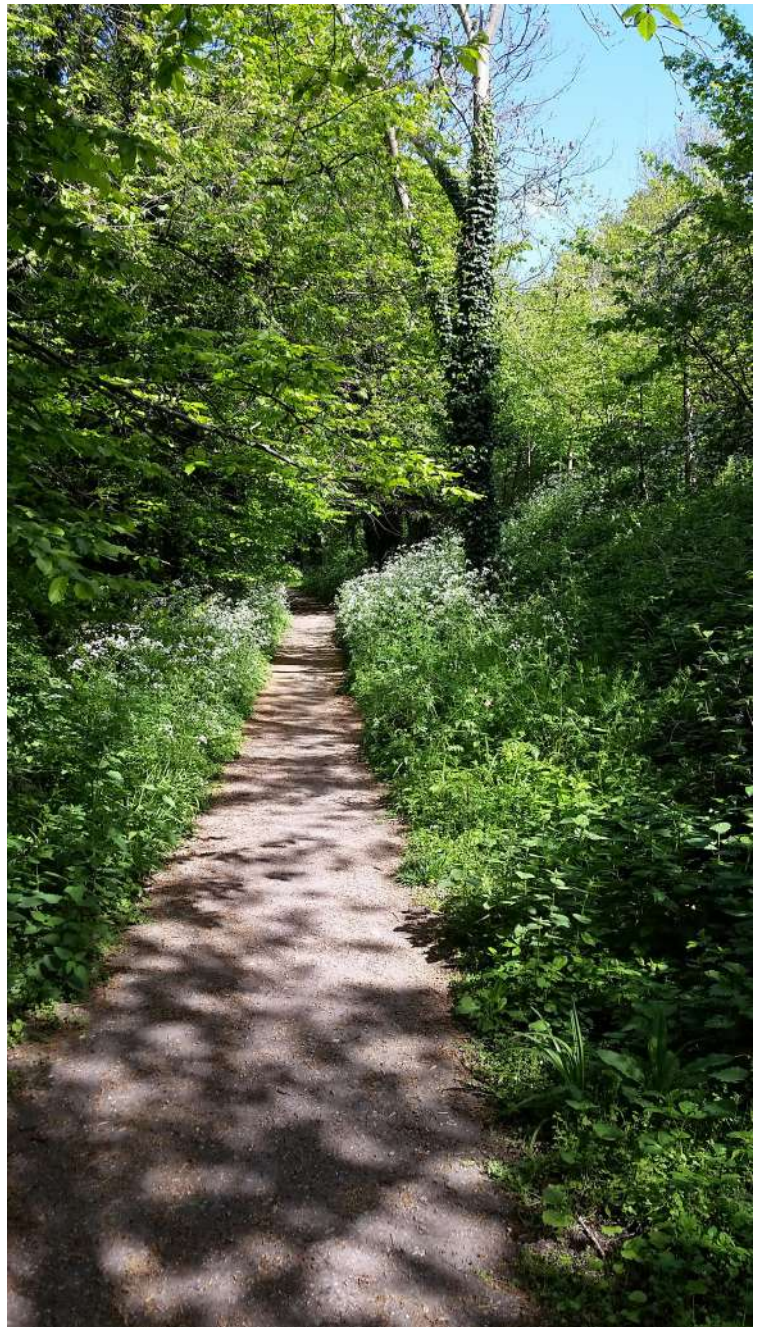
Petersham meadows

The Ham House Team look after two river meadows as part of the Ham House Estate

- in spring and summer herd of Belted Galloways graze the meadows
- an orchard of heritage and local variety apple and pear trees and the busy river meadow
- the team works with volunteering groups to clear thistles and other weeds and with the London Urban Orchard Project to care for the fruiting trees and the new native fruit hedge
- Ham Meadow is managed for volume and variety of flowering and includes meadow saxifrage and yellow rattle.
- they also work with Operation Centaur and their shire horses when mowing and hay baling.
- 50 local volunteers care for the heritage planting in the formal and productive gardens including the famous Cherry Garden lavender parterres and the historic woodland 'wilderness'.
- visitors are invited to see, learn about and taste the leaves, buds, roots, shoots and flowers - over 35 ingredients - that would have made up the seventeenth century's dining 'showstopper', the grand salad.

Petersham Common Woods are 18 acres of ancient woodland owned by Richmond Council but managed by Petersham Common Conservators through the ?? Act of Parliament. Glades under the tree canopy have been established to encourage English Bluebells, wild garlic and wood anemones to flourish. The Conservators have a part-time Woodland Manager. Together with an Ecology specialist they have produced a Woodland Management Strategy to manage the woodland over the next 10 years - encouraging greater diversity.

- birds, bats and woodland invertebrates. Blackcaps, Chiffchaffs, Great Tits, Blue Tits Song Thrushes and Willow Warblers, bats and woodland vertebrates.
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- 2017 two thousand five hundred native hedgerow and tree whips were planted by the Woodland Manager and children from The Russell School.
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- 2018 Regular litter pickups are well supported by community groups and paths have been improved this year with wood chippings.



Petersham Lodge Woods

Petersham Lodge Woods are in the last year of a comprehensive 5 year restoration plan involving the local conservation groups, the Council and local contractors.

Petersham Common Woods

Petersham Horticultural Society (PHS)

PHS supports local horticulture and community activities as well as fostering a lifelong love of gardening amongst the members and their families.

- The PHS flower, fruit and vegetable show is fiercely competitive with over 400 entries in 100 classes
- awards the Petersham United Charities prize for the best schools horticultural exhibits
- other activities include Spring lectures, garden visits, horticulture in local schools



Petersham Horticultural Society

Petersham Environment Trust (PET) is a charitable trust set up with the aim of protecting, conserving, maintaining and enhancing the natural environment in Petersham. Petersham Open Gardens on June 3rd should raise around £20k for three charities <https://www.petershamopengardens.org/charities.html> The partner this year are the sea scouts and they will have a large number of volunteers making cakes, organising refreshments and BBQ on the day. In addition we have about 20 volunteers helping out in the gardens. And parents at Russell School have volunteered to run an ice cream stall to raise funds for the school.

Local Schools

Grey Court Secondary School have extensive grounds, allotments and chickens. Take part in Ham Open Gardens and Ham Green work.

Meadlands Primary 'Fresh air for all' is a key theme of the School Development Plan.

The school teaches skills of nurture and maintenance to the children:

- promotes local and global responsibility to educate our young people about the importance of the natural world
- raises awareness of the Earth's natural resources e.g. de-forestation. the understanding of how the food they eat is produced in order to live a healthy, active life.
- Head Gardener and Grounds man, a past parent and retired horticulturalist from Kew has transformed the extensive grounds into a great outdoor learning environment. Modelled on indigenous British woodland with some rare species of trees. New and exciting ways to use the natural world has inspired children and staff. School Grounds Day' is a highlight of each term when all the children are off timetable to have lessons outside or with an environmental focus, and to care for and maintain our grounds.

St Richards Primary have nature lessons and activities in Ham Lands

The Russell Primary School have taken part in planting whips and bulbs in Ham Common Woods and activities at the Petersham Nursery

The German School have planted bulbs with the woodland manager

Marymount International School take part in Ham Open Gardens and other environmental projects.

Leisure and Recreational Facilities offer a wide range of sports and recreational activities including football, cricket, baseball, tennis and 3 playgrounds as well as Ham Polo Club, Ham Riding School and Ham Pistol and Rifle Club.



Hedge laid by Duke of Edinburgh pupils from Ibstock School for their award between Oct 2017 -February 2018



Daffodils of Ham Common

Supporting many of the activities in the **Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Plan**

Vision

The vision is to build on the distinct identity of Ham and Petersham as a sustainable mixed community that gives opportunities to live and work within a semi-rural historic landscape.

Purpose

The overarching purpose of the plan is to enable the community to have a say in deciding how the vision is achieved

Status

Following extensive consultation, the draft plan was submitted for examination in September 2017. Further public consultation then took place in December and January. We are now waiting to hear whether the examiner will decide to recommend to the Council that there should be a referendum on the plan in Ham and Petersham.

Scope

- Subjects covered in the plan are:
- Character and heritage
- Housing
- Green spaces
- Travel and streets
- Community facilities
- Retail
- Local services
- Environmental sustainability

The following calendar gives some ideas of the range of environmental activity carried out during the past year and planned over the next two months.

Ham and Petersham Calendar

September 2017- July 2018

03.09.17	Pond and Common Litter Pick, clean up
17.09.17	Green Screen
01.10.17	Pond and Common Litter Pick, clean up and PHS Bulb planting morning
05.11.17	Pond intense Autumn pruning and clean up
18.11.17	Ham Avenues clear up
25.11.17	Bulb planting and path laying at Latchmere Brook
03.12.17	Pond and Common Litter Pick, clean up Green Screen
06.01.18	Pond and Common Litter Pick, clean up
30.01.18	Ham Avenue Prune
03.02.18	Pond and Common Litter Pick, clean up
10.02.18	Path laying in the Copse
10.02 - 20.02.18	Toad Crossing volunteers every evening in Church Road
13.02.18	Acid Grass Project Vista to St Andrews
20.02.18	ditto
03.03.18	Pond and Common Litter Pick, clean up
18.03.18	Green Screen

24.02.18	Library Garden clean up
03.03.18	Great British Spring Clean 10am Saturday
05.03.18	Annual PHS lecture
17.03.18	Family seed planting pm
17.03.18	Great British Spring Clean
06.04.18 - 05.05.18	Oral History Project exhibition "Ham is where the Heart is"
07.04.18	Pond and Common intense Spring pruning and clean up
14.04.18	cricket box repainted
24.04.18	Petersham Conservators meeting
25.04.18	Ham & Petersham Association AGM Guest speaker Richard Woolf
25.04.18	Conservation: managing change
26.05.18	Ham Lands clear up
28.04.18	Ham Lands clear up 28th April
05.05.18	Pond and Common Litter Pick, clean up
12.05.18	Path Laying In the Copse 10am, Meadlands Drive
02.06.18	Pond and Common Litter Pick, clean up
02.06.18	Gate paint on South Avenue
03.06.18	Green Screen
03.06.18	Petersham Open Gardens
09.06.18	Ham Fair and Ham and Petersham Association Summer Party
17.06.18	Escorted walk on Ham Lands with Geoff Hyde and Dr Diana Bridson
23.06.18	Thistle pull Petersham Meadows 9 am
07.07.18	Pond and Common Litter Pick and Annual
07.07.18	Petersham Horticultural Show
20.07.18	London in Bloom Judging
31.07.18	Britain in Bloom Judging

HPA and HUG committees meet monthly throughout the year

Future Plans and strategy

We view all the work that has gone ahead in Ham and Petersham during the last year is essential to maintain the integrity and appeal of the area whilst managing some change. This allows projects to fit into a context of continuous improvement and best use of resources.

These projects include:

- the view from the Petersham Road to the War Memorial and St Andrews Church to be completed for the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1st World War on 11th November
- examining work to enable managed access to the 3-4 acres of open land and the Sanctuary Garden at the Cassel Hospital. New gates required, groundwork and raising the tree canopy appropriately to allow public access
- group established to take responsibility for the 3 new troughs, traders on Ham Parade will share responsibility for the trough on the Parade and nearby residents will also help maintain them.
- HPA will continue to work on long term management plans in conjunction with the Council and contractors for Ham Common, The Avenues, Ham Common Woods and specifically Latchmere Brook. There are extensive tree works planned for around the Common and the Avenues to replace dying chestnuts and to retain the historic walk.

- new management plan is being developed for Ham Pond
- The Neighbourhood Plan will give greater local control in how the area develops and how investment is spent. This will look to improve shopping areas and increase cycle usage.

A key feature of the plan is participation for all ages with regular events from Ham Fair to litter picks run by local people. The Ham Parade Market is run by local volunteers. To further extend its success in conjunction with the Ham & Petersham Association four local people, who might not have the funds or support to start a business through the market, will be sponsored and promoted to get them started.

Petersham Environment Trust have a long term management plans for Petersham Common Woods, the Meadows and Petersham Lodge Woods in conjunction with the National Trust, Council and contractors.

Likewise HUG and Friends of Ham Lands continue with their management plans, regular clearance to improve the habitat for flora and fauna.

We are grateful to:

- The Petersham Nurseries, The Palm Centre, Ham Parade Traders and the Ham Parade Market for their support with other businesses in the area
- Malcolm of Malcolm's Hardware Store
- All the adult and young volunteers from the schools
- The Ham and Petersham Community Magazine

Ham & Petersham

Community Magazine



