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Press Release



Mitcham Common Restoration Project Celebrates Funding

Mitcham Common Conservators is today celebrating the news that it has received a £7,045.00 funding boost from SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA Trust) for the Mitcham Common Acid Grassland Restoration Project.

Mitcham Common is a 160 hectare Site of Metropolitan Importance for Nature Conservation, managed by the Mitcham Common Conservators for the benefit of residents living in Croydon, Merton and Sutton.

The project will involve clearance of scrub woodland, followed by the removal of the organic layer to restore areas of lowland acid grassland. An interpretation panel will be installed to explain the purpose of the work.

Councillor Timothy Godfrey, Chair of the Mitcham Common Conservators said: "The Conservators are delighted that SUEZ Communities Trust has agreed to fund this project. Acid grassland is a rare habitat type that was once far more widespread on Mitcham Common. This project will help reverse that decline."

Marianne Ivin of SUEZ Communities Trust added "We are pleased to be helping the group reverse the decline of acid grassland on Mitcham Common. It is one of the many important habitats that are in decline across the UK. SUEZ Communities Trust provides grants through the Landfill Communities Fund. This important source of funding has been available since 1997 and has provided such worthy projects with more than £1.4 billion."

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Notes to the editor

For information on how to apply for funding from SUEZ Communities Trust call (01454) 262910 or visit www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk

SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA Trust)

SUEZ Communities Trust is an independent funding body set up in 1997 to provide funding through the Landfill Communities Fund. To date SUEZ Communities Trust has supported more than 3,900 projects to a combined value of over £110 million using tax credits donated by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK (formerly SITA UK).

SUEZ Communities Trust funds improve vital public recreation facilities such as village halls, community centres, sport, heritage, green spaces and play areas.

Landfill Tax and the Landfill Communities Fund

The Landfill Communities Fund is an innovative tax credit scheme enabling Landfill Operators (LOs) to contribute money to organisations enrolled with the scheme regulator, ENTRUST, as Environmental Bodies (EBs) EBs use this funding for a wide range of community and environmental projects in the vicinity of landfill sites. LOs are able to claim a credit (currently 5.7%) against the landfill tax liability for 90% of the contributions they make.

Since its inception, in 1996, over £1.4 billion has been spent on more than 53,000 projects across the UK. For more information please visit www.entrust.org.uk

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Mitcham Common Conservators and Mitcham Common

The Mitcham Common Conservators are constituted as a statutory corporation by virtue of a Scheme confirmed by the Metropolitan Common (Mitcham) Supplemental Act 1891. The Board of Conservators are appointed by the London Boroughs of Croydon, Merton, Sutton and the City of London Corporation to manage and regulate Mitcham Common. Merton Council acts as the Conservators' agent.

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