

Mitcham Common: Savings Schedule 2017

- 1.1 A significant proportion of the funding available for the maintenance of Mitcham Common is provided by grants from the London Boroughs of Merton, Croydon and Sutton. Unfortunately for the 2017/2018 financial year the total grant has been reduced considerably. In the case of Merton the grant figure has fallen from £48,000 in 2016/2017 to £24,000 for the current year.
- 1.2 In light of the above, the Conservators have had to make difficult decisions regarding the future maintenance of the Common. In summary, savings have had to be made in order to produce a balanced budget.
- 1.3 The Conservators have not taken this decision lightly and have advised Merton Council that if they wish the 2016/2017 maintenance schedule to be restored then they will have to fund the work and instruct their grounds maintenance contractor accordingly.
- 1.4 Table of Savings

Site (see maps)	Current Maintenance 2016/2017	Maintenance from April 2017
Area 1	Mow grass verge annually Litter-pick grass verge monthly (exc. roadside ditch) Cut back woodland footpaths twice annually Clear roadside fly-tips Tree inspections and remedial works	Tree inspections and remedial works
Area 2	Cut back footpaths twice annually Litter-pick footpaths monthly and empty bin Tree inspections and remedial works	Tree inspections and remedial works
Area 3	Cut back woodland footpath twice annually Clear roadside fly-tips Tree inspections and remedial works	Tree inspections and remedial works
Area 4	Mow grass verge annually Cut back woodland footpath twice annually Tree inspections and remedial works	Tree inspections and remedial works
Area 5	Mow grassland parcel annually (Environmental Stewardship) Cut roadside bund annually Litter-pick x6 annually Clear roadside fly-tips Tree inspections and remedial works	Mow grassland parcel annually (Environmental Stewardship) Tree inspections and remedial works
Area 6	Mow grassland parcel annually (Environmental Stewardship)	Mow grassland parcel annually (Environmental Stewardship)

	Cut roadside bund annually Cut footpaths twice annually Litter-pick x6 annually Clear roadside fly-tips Tree inspections and remedial works	Tree inspections and remedial works
Area 7 A	Cut back roadside edge annually and litter-pick	
Area 7B* (Owned by LBM)	Cut footpaths twice annually Litter-pick footpaths Maintain kissing-gate Cut back vegetation overhanging highway Tree inspections and remedial works	

- 1.5 In addition to the changes described in the table above, from April 2017 the footpaths shown on the attached plan will no longer be cut back, roadside fly-tips will not be cleared and highways drainage ditches will not be cut and cleared.