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Election of Conservators in March 2024 – Call for Candidates

Five of the eight Conservators (Trustees) of Wimbledon and Putney Commons are directly elected every three years; the last election was held in March 2021. As previously announced, the Board has set the closing date for the receipt of completed ballot papers for the 2024 election as Wednesday 6 March 2024.

To be eligible to stand, prospective candidates must be on the local council electoral register and live within three-quarters of a mile of Wimbledon Common/Putney Heath or in the old parish of Putney. The electoral area is set out on the map which can be viewed here: <u>Levy</u> area map

Being a Conservator is a unique opportunity to be instrumental in shaping the future of the Commons. Anyone who has a genuine interest in all aspects of the Commons, can attend regular Board meetings and be committed to ensuring that the Commons remain a natural open space providing an important green lung for South West London, should consider standing as a candidate.

Prospective candidates will be able to find details of the process involved in becoming a candidate together with the critical dates on our website here: Conservator Election 2024 from where they will also be able to download a Candidate Brief and Application Pack.

The Board has published Election Guidelines and Procedures for the 2024 election which can be downloaded here: <u>Election Guidelines and Procedures</u>.

Ballot papers will automatically be distributed to eligible voters by the appointed election scrutineer, Civica Election Services Limited, at the beginning of February 2024; votes may be cast via post or online.

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NOTES for Editors - Wimbledon and Putney Commons is a charity managed by the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators (WPCC). It was established under the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Act of 1871. The Commons comprise some 1,140 acres across Wimbledon Common, Putney Heath and Putney Lower Common.

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