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# SEETHING WELLS CAMPAIGN BOOST: ALMOST 9,000 SIGN UP TO SAVE HISTORIC SITE

Surbiton's Green Councillor, Sharron Sumner, has been working with local campaigners in the Seething Wells Action Group to save Seething Wells Filter Beds. The beds were once a glorious local nature reserve and site of historic importance. Built in the 1850s the filter beds were crucial in the fight against the cholera pandemic – providing clean water for Londoners.



● *Seething Wells filter beds before the destruction.*

But under the current ownership the site has been devastated – and now its very future is under threat as the council reviews its environmental designation and the owners repeatedly submit applications for industrial use.



● *Seething Wells has been stripped of vegetation and historic features neglected.*

Sharron who set up the petition which now has nearly 9,000 signatures recently invited fellow Green Councillor and GLA candidate Andree Frieze to see the site. Andree said “It is shocking how Kingston council has allowed the site to fall into ruin – they have powers to intervene – and should use them.” Sharron added “It’s fantastic to know our campaign is spreading across London – we are determined to keep campaigning to save this precious site.

### Sign the petition at:

[www.change.org/p/rbk-council-save-seething-wells-filter-beds](http://www.change.org/p/rbk-council-save-seething-wells-filter-beds)

## GREENS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE KINGFISHER

Kingston's Green Party has launched a campaign against council proposals to permanently close the Kingfisher swimming pool and leisure centre. The plans would see the Kingfisher and the neighbouring Cattle Market redeveloped with the profits used to provide a replacement swimming pool nearby. This would mean residents of Kingston would be without a pool for at least five years.

New Malden Green Campaigner, Lucy Howard, said “The Kingfisher was a much loved venue in my childhood with the wave machine adding extra excitement to a visit to the pool. Now I have children of my own they have also really enjoyed going there. There is a huge waiting list for children's swimming lessons so it seems crazy to get rid of it.”

You can back the Green campaign at [www.kingston.greenparty.org.uk](http://www.kingston.greenparty.org.uk)



● *Local Greens, with Cllrs Andree Frieze and Sharron Sumner, protest against the closure of the Kingfisher.*

# CLEANING UP CLAREMONT GARDENS

Kingston Green Party members recently held a (socially distanced) litter pick in the gardens. They collected more than 10 bags of rubbish – including cigarette and filter wrappers, plastic and metal bottle tops, sweet wrappers and tin foil confetti from the nearby wedding venue. Surbiton’s Green councillor Sharron Sumner, commented, “Thank you to everyone who helped and to all the local people who came up to us for a socially distanced chat! Claremont Gardens is a precious green oasis in central Surbiton and we need to keep it that way. We’re writing to Glenmore House to ask if they can encourage their wedding couples to use a sustainable alternative to the metal confetti that remains in the the park for hundreds of years.”



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CHILTERN WORKS PLANS REJECTED

Sharron spoke out against the plans which would dwarf surrounding buildings at a recent Neighbourhood. The good news is the plans have been rejected by officers but are likely to come back. Please get in touch with Sharron for updates.

### BROKEN PAVEMENTS

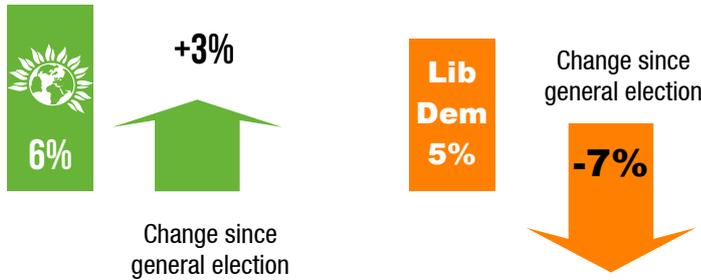


Green campaigners are concerned about the state of pavements across Surbiton and have reported this one in Grove Road to the council. Please let us know of any broken pavements in your area.

### MORE TREES AXED

While the council claims its planting trees many mature trees have been felled including in St Leonard’s, Fassett, Adelaide and Maple Roads along with more than 100 at Tolworth Court Farm.

## POLL SHOWS GREENS OVERTAKE LIB DEMS



Polling from respected opinion pollster YouGov shows the Lib Dems slumping to fourth place behind the Greens. The boost in opinion bodes well for Siân Berry – the Green candidate in next year’s election for Mayor of London.



Surbiton Green councillor, Sharron Sumner pictured with Siân, says, “While the old parties play the Westminster game it’s the Greens that are taking the fight to the Tories demanding a better way forward.”

## CAN WE HELP?

Six easy ways to get in touch:

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