



Discovering the Wildlife of Canbury Gardens

From our recent wildlife camera survey

Thursday 30th January, 7.00pm at Canbury Pavilion



Don't miss the revelations from our recent camera survey about the fascinating world of Canbury Gardens' wildlife. Elliot Newton of RBK and [Citizen Zoo](#) will guide us through a collection of images captured by ZSL's wildlife cameras, unveiling unique behaviours and highlighting the diversity of species inhabiting the park.

Fruit trees for Canbury Gardens

An anonymous CARA member has matched what CARA has donated from our reserves to cover two thirds of the cost of 6 large fruit trees for the wildlife area in Canbury Gardens. Fruit trees mature quickly so they are excellent for biodiversity, creating ideal habitats for insects and birds.

We understand that Glendale will deliver the trees for a ceremonial planting at **10am on Sunday 2nd February**. Members of the Friends of Canbury Gardens volunteers – who tend the wildlife area as part of their larger brief – will be on hand, wielding ceremonial spades. **All CARA members, be they inclined to dig or not, will be extremely welcome.**

Update on CARA Membership discounts...



Your 2024/2025 CARA membership gives you access to a range of local discounts, and we are pleased to say that **Doubletree Hilton, Kingston, has increased its discount to CARA members from 10% to 15%.**

So, if you are planning a meal out, or booking a hotel room, do remember that CARA member discounts are available at:

[The Boaters Inn](#) 20% off food for up to four people from Monday to Thursday.

[The Queen's Head](#) 10% off all meals and drinks for up to six people.

[Doubletree Hilton, Kingston](#), and the [Hawkers Brasserie & Bar](#) 15% discount for meals and for accommodation.

Birds of a feather?

Have you spotted the small duck that has been associating with the Mallards on the river alongside The Boaters Inn?



It's a male Teal, the UK's smallest duck species. Having arrived several months ago in less colourful non-breeding plumage, it is now in its resplendent mating plumage. Typically members of same species flocks, this lone Teal is not conforming to type, but may soon join others migrating north to breeding grounds in the UK, the Baltic or Siberia.

Kingsgate Road & Canbury Car Park:

Development planning decision delayed.

CARA, speaking for our members and other residents in our area, along with RBK councillors, NKF, BRaG, Queenshurst and several individual residents, "*put Kingston Gate Properties' nose well & truly out of joint*" wrote an attendee after a special Neighbourhood meeting on 14th January to discuss their planning application, which includes closing Kingsgate Road.

It is too early to claim victory, but the developer is now fully aware of the opposition & the major deficiencies in their submission. Our local councillors were impressed and, we believe, support most of residents' criticisms.

Readers will recall that there was to be a decision before Christmas. CARA committee and NKF complained of it being rushed through without residents having time to study the developers huge support document. Councillors took notice, cancelled the planning meeting and agreed to give residents time to study the document. We did just that in conjunction with NKF.

We are promised written answers shortly. Meanwhile the developers application has been delayed until further notice.