



## Kingsgate Development: update on Canbury Car Park development

We are now even more convinced that the current planning application for this site, which involves closure of Kingsgate Road and the loss of one southbound lane on Richmond Road, would have serious negative effects on North Kingston. It does not satisfy the principal objectives of the approved plans for the area.

We are pleased that the council has deferred its decision until the new year. CARA is working with other local groups on a coordinated response to go to the council. The plans will be discussed at a Neighbourhood Committee Meeting early in January. The planning application will then be brought to a council meeting for a decision, probably early in February. Click [here](#) to see the full planning application.

## Work along the riverside

The Thames Landscape Strategy's Swingbridge volunteers cannot bring their barge to our stretch of the river to begin their annual scrub cutting along the riverbank because the river is flowing too fast, so at the beginning of December they brought their tools by car. Their hard work has cleared the area in front of the Half Mile Tree.



## Riverbank Naturalisation

We are delighted to hear that our council has identified funding to re-naturalise a short stretch of the riverbank at the northern end of Canbury Gardens. We hope that this project, promoted by the [Thames Landscape Strategy](#) for several years, will happen in 2025.

## CARA Christmas drinks party

Our annual drinks ahead of Christmas, please do come along. Buy your drinks at the bar, and catch up with your neighbours and friends at [The Boaters Inn](#) on Thursday 12th December, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Wildlife Camera event



**A date for your 2025 diary...**

**Thursday 30th January, 7:00 pm at the Canbury Pavilion.**

CARA welcomes all to join us for an engaging talk that delves into the fascinating world of Canbury Gardens' wildlife. Elliot Newton, RBK's Biodiversity Officer, will take us on a journey through a collection of images captured by [ZSL's](#) wildlife cameras, unveiling unique behaviours and highlighting the diversity of species inhabiting the park. The session will also

shed light on ongoing and proposed conservation initiatives aimed at enhancing the site's ecological health, and offer ways you can get involved to support these efforts.

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