

1.1 The Site - Bushy Park

Bushy Park was designated in the early 16th century, from land that had predominantly been arable open fields, as a hunting ground for the Royal Court at Hampton Court Palace. The park is London's second largest at 445 hectares. The park is open to the general public and is located the north of Hampton Court palace. The site is located walking distance from Hampton Wick Station, to the north and close to Kings Field, which is also used by the club providing additional pitches.

Throughout the nineteenth and twentieth century there has been fragmentation and diversification of the park, adding more plantations and belts of trees, adapting and restoring its value as a heritage landscape with public access and recreation.

During the world wars the park land was used for food production, troop accommodation and military use. Lots of work has been undertaken in the twentieth and twenty-first century, including the addition of the woodland gardens, the children playground, restoration projects, the construction of the Pheasantry Welcome Centre and sports pavilions. The park has a relatively flat topography with gentle slopes, enabling dramatic views and vistas. It does mean that unshielded views of buildings can be intrusive to the scenery. The park today is a popular destination for locals offering amenities of all ages to enjoy, a mixture of formal landscapes, play areas, wild conservation area for herds of both red deer and fallow deer.

The park is home to four cricket clubs, Hampton Wick Royal CC, Teddington CC, Teddington Town CC, Hampton Hill CC. The park also is home to Teddington Rugby Club and the NPL Sports Club.



1.2 Wider Context and Access

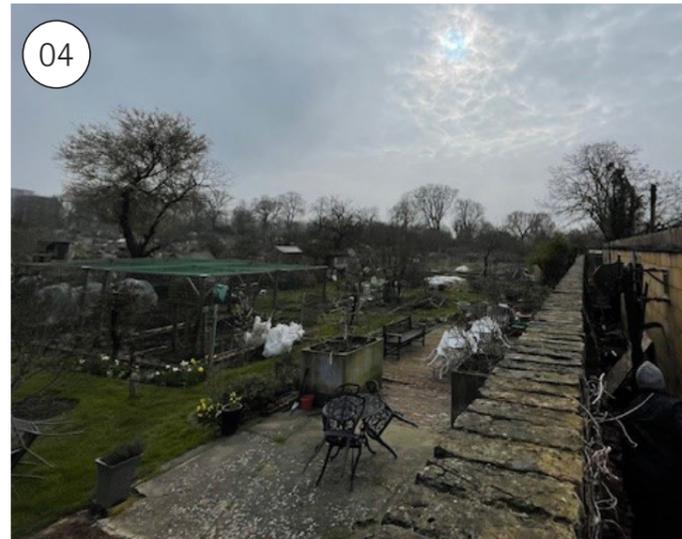


1.3 The Site - HWRCC



The Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club is located at the southeast corner of Bushy Park, with the King's Field to the south and the Royal Paddocks Allotments to the east. The site is immediately adjacent to a SSSI and in the SSSI Impact Risk Zone.

Most of the site is occupied by the cricket pitch and is predominantly open. The cricket pitch is separated from the park by a timber post and rail fence and beyond a gravel path follows the perimeter. Some cricket nets are located at the southwest corner of the site. Along the east boundary with the allotments is a brick wall as well as some vegetation. The pavilion is located close to the boundary and wall. There is road access from park Road to the north and a car park next to the pavilion.



1.4 History & Heritage of the club



Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club is the oldest in the Royal Park, founded in 1863. The later expansion of local towns and rise in incomes gave increase to recreational sporting pursuits within the Victorian era, which saw a rapid expansion of the game. 1863 saw the setting up of the cricket club, the arrival of the railway in the town and the setting up of local board to oversee local affairs within the village.

In 1901 the club pavilion was burnt down and in 1902 a new one was built. By October 1914 the cricket club was closed, and the outfield was turned into allotments. By 1920 the ground was restored to resume matches. In 1922 the King granted two paddocks in Bushy Park to the national Playing fields association, which were intended to provide a model playing field available for the use of young children from Hampton Wick and Kingston.

This was the origin of The Kings field, which in the 1990s became home for the Cricket Clubs 3rd/4th and various colts' teams. The Kings field is popular today with local amenities such as the skate park, tennis courts and the childrens playground.

In 1988 the Pavilion burnt down again and was then rebuilt in 1989, the replacement Pavilion is shown in the image opposite. Tragedy struck again this year, 2023 when the club pavilion was sadly burnt down again following a suspected arson attack.

The proposed replacement is now the subject of this report. Further information on the Heritage and History of the site can be found in the supporting Heritage Statement produced by Turleys. The statement should be read in conjunction with this report.

Hampton Wick. THE CRICKET CLUB.

The newly-formed Cricket Club played their opening match amongst themselves on the ground kindly given to them in Bushy Park by H.M. Board of Works, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The wickets were pitched at 2 p.m., and sides having been chosen by Messrs Waters and Howe, play commenced, when, after a closely contested game, Mr Waters' side were proclaimed victors—the numbers scored standing 117 to 110. The Rev. Incumbent played on the losing side, and would, no doubt, have altered the closing score had he not declined bowling. in order that the members of the Club should have a fair opportunity of testing their powers without the intervention of a gentleman so notorious in his University days for "ripping up the stumps." In the evening most of the players met at a friendly supper, to inaugurate the Hampton Wick Cricket Club, in the new Infant School Room, kindly lent, for the occasion by the Managers of the Girls' School, and did ample justice to a very excellent repast, provided under the superintendence of Mr Waters.—From the play shown on the ground we think that a very fair team may be brought forward to contend with any of the neighbouring clubs.

The first match 9th June 1863
 From The Surrey Comet 20th June 1863



Opening of the New Pavilion at M^{rs} Govey, April 26th 1902



The King's Field (centre), 12th May 1930
 HWRCC (bottom left), Royal Paddocks Allotments (centre left)
 Hampton Wick Village (top left)

1.5 Location - Opportunities & Constraints

The form, scale and design of the Pavilion on the site is influenced by a number of factors, both physical/practical and aspirational. The site offers significant potential for an improved facility, rectifying existing issues and constraints.

Given its location in the Royal Park and the use for the Pavilion, careful consideration should be undertaken with due regard to the overall development objectives, opportunities and constraints, as follows:

- Re provide Pavilion with a sustainable, high-quality design of architectural merit with improved facilities, amenities and encourage club growth
- Build on the former footprint, height, scale as previous Pavilion, ensure no encroachment onto green areas.
- Explore and address the design, treatment & appearance of the building, to develop a suitable sustainable addition to the location.
- Respond sensitively to the history of the club and the character of Bushy Park.
- Create a strong sense of arrival utilising the existing driveway and car park.
- Maximise views towards the pitch and the park, taking advantage of the outlook and western orientation.
- Protect existing trees.
- Maintain and enhance natural habitat, contributing to existing biodiversity
- Ensure 24 hr security is maintained to avoid any future vandalism and anti-social behavior.
- Improve the infrastructure of the building by providing a new sewer connection into the public mains system.



Key

- Site Boundary
- Sun Path
- Access to site
- Views
- Shared boundary
- Trees to be protected
- Areas of play/ pitches
- Arrival areas