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Grass & grassland management



Parks for London

London Parks Benchmarking Group



CITY OF LONDON

Burnham Beeches & Stoke Common

Registered Charity

Managing the impacts of dog fouling on areas of high conservation value

This is one of 14 green spaces managed by the City of London at little cost to the general public.

Kenley Common

National Nature Reserve

A UNIQUE 56 HECTARE OPEN SPACE

Part of the four Coulsdon Commons. Kenley lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt and has been designated as part of the South London Downs National Nature Reserve since July 2019.

150,000 VISITS PER YEAR & 43% OF VISITS ARE WITH A DOG

A £1.2m National Lottery Heritage Fund project to conserve Kenley Airfield's WWII features and connect 19,500 people with its wartime heritage was completed in 2022.



Burnham Beeches
National Nature Reserve

DESIGNATED AS A SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION IN 2005

To protect the 'beech forest on acid soil' habitat, and the mosses, lichens, insects and other invertebrates found on and within its ancient trees which are of European importance.

THE NNR IS ONLY 220 HECTARES

Approximately 550,000 visits are made to the Beeches each year. 34% of visits have one or more dog.



Stoke Common

Site of Special Scientific Interest

REGISTERED AS A COMMON IN 1967 & DESIGNATED AS A SSSI IN 1972

Designated based on the rarity of lowland heathland in England and for both the drier and wetter heathland communities including some notable invertebrate and reptile species.

74% OF VISITORS COME TO WALK SOLO OR WITH THEIR DOGS

An estimated 90,000 visits are made each year.





Community Engagement Rangers

Strategic Access Management and Monitoring

Funded by Buckinghamshire Council and Slough Borough Council through s106 agreements.

OBJECTIVES:

To raise awareness of impacts of recreation activities on wildlife.

To help enforce PSPO's and promote responsible dog ownership.

To manage additional impacts from local developments by providing information to residents on other green spaces to visit.

What is so bad about dog poo?

Safety of people and other animals

Nutrients and chemicals added to the soil

Habitat change through eutrophication

Dog faeces may take up to 2 months to decay



What do we do about it?

PSPO enforcement & education

Provide bins & bags

Dog poo transects

Flag The Poo



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The Commons

Registered Charities



The City of London provides 14 green spaces in and around London for the benefit of local communities. Most are registered charities operating at little cost to the general public.



Thank you.

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