



## Boston Manor Park



A lot of good work has been happening in Boston Manor. The improvements to the lake were long overdue, renovation of the changing rooms was needed and the house has been neglected for years.

***But its not all good news.***

It's important to make the park more accessible, especially to the old, those less able, parents and small children. But since our July newsletter what amounts in total to roughly the area of Brentford FC's football pitch has been covered with tarmac or concrete to provide hard standing or new 'footpaths'.



*Sanded path, Blondin Park*

***"This isn't good enough' says Stephen Clark, Green Party Candidate. 'These footpaths are effectively roads. They are non porous at a time of increased flooding, and their width suggests they are designed to cater for motor vehicles to***

***support large events. They should be narrower and sand based similar to those in nearby Blondin and other Ealing parks."***

"The hard standing around the proposed new cafe is excessive, so that, along with the car park, that whole area is just a sea of concrete.

Why couldn't the cafe have been in the annex to the house?"

"It is better for us all when we share our open spaces with trees and wildlife, leaving as light a footprint on nature as possible. Green spaces help against rising summer temperatures, soak up flood water and improve air quality."

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# What are we going to do about Thames Water?



What beautiful views! But there are hidden problems. Thames Water regularly pumps excess storm sewage into the Thames at Isleworth, 3.5 billion litres in 2020. Stephen Clark, the Green Party candidate for Brentford West, commented "*Thames Water is a serial offender with a long history of polluting our waterways with sewage. We only found out about the discharges by registering for notifications. Why are they and the council not warning rowers and paddle-boarders and*

*other river users of the dangers?"*

*"As well as placing river users at risk these discharges impact local wild-life. The bacteria in the discharge multiply rapidly and deplete the dissolved oxygen, depriving aquatic organisms of oxygen."*

**And it doesn't stop there.** Many parts of Brentford were affected by last year's flash floods with more to come in the future as the planet warms. There has been years of under investment and neglect of our drains and sewers while the owners of Thames Water have collected massive profits at the public expense.

***"We need bold action to prepare our borough for more frequent flooding. The council and Thames Water both need to do more – and quickly."***



***The Green Party cares, let's do something about it this May.***



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