## News story: Interim Manager appointed to Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators

The Charity Commission has appointed an Interim Manager to <u>Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators (registered charity number 303167)</u>. The appointment comes as part of the regulator's inquiry into the charity, which began in August 2016.

The inquiry is examining a range of concerns, including the trustees' failure to comply with a previous action plan set by the Commission. A statement about the investigation is <u>available on GOV.UK</u>.

The Commission has now appointed <u>Gordon Reid of Barlow Robbins Solicitors</u> as Interim Manager of the charity. He has been appointed to fulfil specific functions, including to consider the trustees' decision not to take action to recover a loss suffered by the charity when it granted an easement for access rights over charity lands at a significant undervalue. The Interim Manager will assess whether the trustees' decision was taken properly and was in the best interests of the charity. The charity's trustees remain responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity.

The Interim Manager was appointed on 31 May 2017.

The Commission's investigation continues. It is the Commission's policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing what issues the inquiry looked at, what actions were undertaken as part of the inquiry and what the outcomes were. Reports of previous inquiries are available on GOV.UK.

The charity's registered number is 303167.

The charity has also published its <u>own announcement</u> regarding the appointment.