



Southfields Grid

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Annual Review 2022-23



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Chair, SGRA

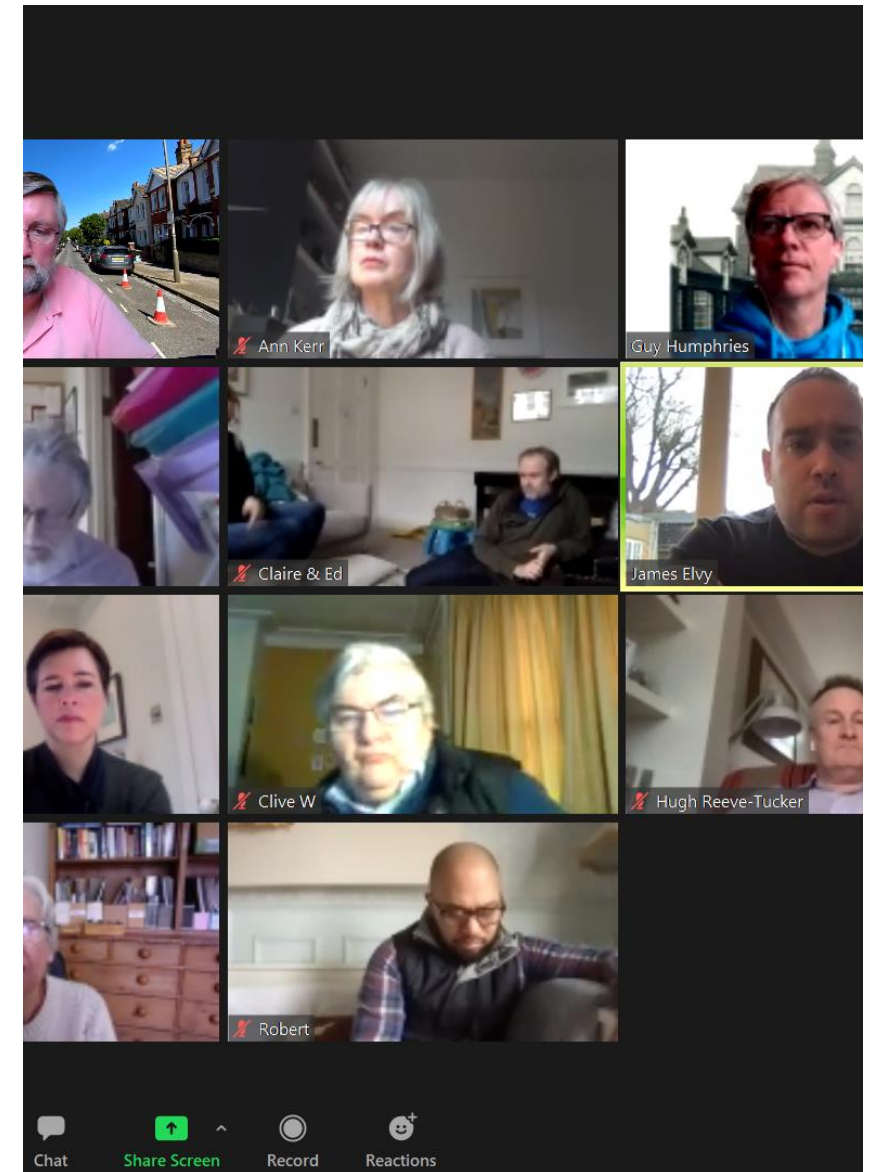
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Headlines

- A productive year, the 48th since SGRA was founded
- Regular public meetings
- Finances in healthy shape
- We get out and about in the Grid community
- Hold events, and encourage others to
- Many local groups helped
- Regular consultation with MP, councillors, council departments

Organisation

- **Executive Committee of 8, including 4 officers**
- **6 executive committee and 5 public meetings held during the year, plus our AGM**
- **Post-Covid we now use a 'hybrid' format to encourage non-attenders**
- **3 new additions to our Committee co-opted in April**
- **Street reps in every Grid street continue to be our 'eyes + ears'**



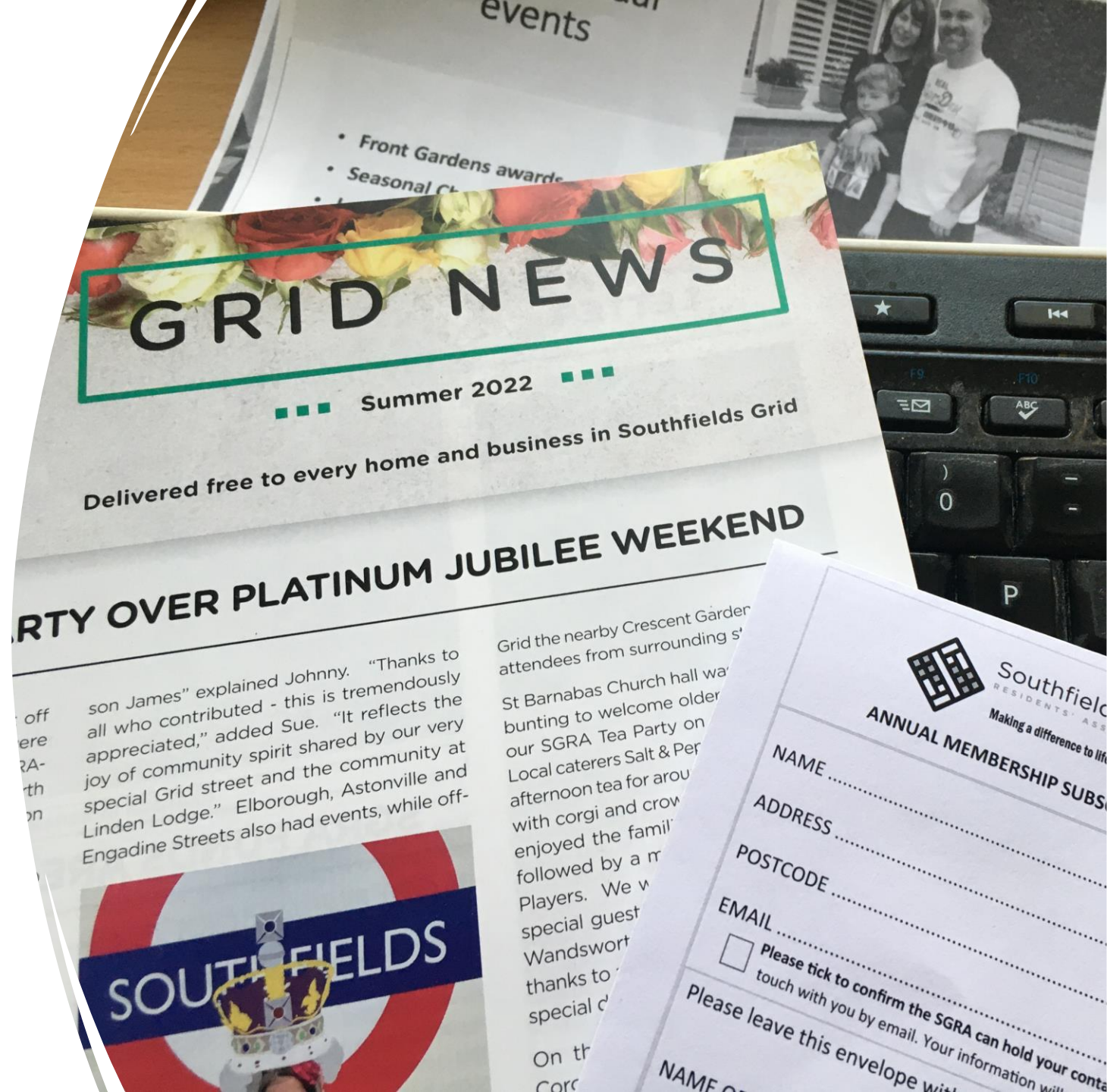
Membership

- **471 local residents on our email database**
- **Increasingly online, but we maintain paper newsletters and subscription envelopes**
- **Annual subscription £3 a year, unchanged for years and needs an increase**



Communication

- Website www.southfieldsgrid.org.uk being refreshed after 5 years. An average of 486 unique users every month
- 'Grid News' – 16-page editions in July, November and March
- Social media – over 1,900 Facebook and 600 Twitter followers, both up on last year
- Nextdoor.co.uk posts to over 70% of Grid (68% in 2022)
- Regular informative emails to our database only
- Posters on Grid streets for some events



Local issues

We keep residents informed and liaise with decision-makers regarding:

- AELTC golf course development – Simon Wright
- Crime stats – Clive Williams
- Safer Neighbourhood Team – Clive chairs our Ward Panel meetings
- Planning – Margaret Brett provides monthly updates
- Council services
- Recent town centre improvements –we regularly query the council team
- Specially invited guests at our public meetings on issues include:
 - i. 'living streets'
 - ii. business regeneration – empty shops
 - iii. 2 food recycling schemes
 - iv. energy saving
 - v. local police matters





Events

- **Platinum Seniors Tea party in June 2022**
- **Front Garden Awards over the summer**
- **Stalls at Southfields Harvest (September) and St Barnabas Christmas Fair (December)**
- **Our Annual Christmas Appeal – old clothes donated to the PRU, Victoria Drive, in aid of needy families**
- **Coronation Seniors Tea party in May 2023**



Working together

We're represented on many local groups:

1. Friends of Coronation Gardens
2. Friends of Wimbledon Park
3. Wandsworth Tree Wardens
4. Wandsworth Greenspaces Forum
5. Wandsworth Older People Forum

We give funds and advice to many local groups:

1. Green the Grid
2. Recycle More Southfields
3. Window Wanderland
4. Southfields Harvest



Looking ahead

- **Improve our database and admin**
- **Complete website refresh and increase content**
- **Attract more diverse membership – families, younger**
- **Help revive the Southfields Business Forum**
- **Help more local community initiatives**
- **More consultation with street reps about their street issues**
- **Better communication of news and info**
- **Front Garden Awards coordinator**





Any
questions?