



Southfields Grid  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Note of the Public Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024

---

### **Matters arising from 30 January Public & 27 February Executive Meetings** (via SGRA [website](#)).

- Public realm: block seating outside tube due to be completed soon.
- Paving round water fountain: Wandsworth Borough Council (WBC) are aware that paving has not been reinstated properly and are chasing this up.
- Seniors Tea Party (11 May 2024): Preparations are firming up. If anyone would like to volunteer in setting up and tidying up afterwards please let Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty know.
- 2025 – SGRA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary: SGRA is currently looking at how to celebrate this milestone.

### **Local Crime Issues – Main speaker: Acting Inspector Steve Burke (since Nov 2023)**

- Steve Burke confirmed that the Southfields Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) is made up with the well-established Police Constables (PCs) Robert Quijano Amigo and Nick Seccombe together with Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Don Lopes. He acknowledged that despite the risks of online abuse of officers etc, that they will be using Instagram to help explain what the police do and also answer generic questions from residents. Steve also made clear that policing is more than 'nicking' people, they were there to hear of peoples concerns – some of which may lead to police action e.g. brothels may have prostitutes who were recruited through sex-trafficking.
- From the floor there was recognition of the excellent relationship PCSO Don Lopes has with Southfields residents. There were concerns about the amount of perceived shop-lifting in the local shops; increase in violent time. In respect of shop-lifting, Steve said that someone had been found to have stolen Boots skincare products and had been given a suspended sentence. Also, the police would be engaging with businesses in the Southside shopping centre on 28 March and offer advice on necessary precautions against burglary/shoplifting. In respect of the increase of violent crime, it is difficult to distinguish those cases of actual violent crime and those which are recorded threats of violent crime. Residents can contact the team directly on [Southfields@met.police.uk](mailto:Southfields@met.police.uk).

### **Wimbledon/AELTC development proposals: GLA Consideration – Charles Runcie**

- It is anticipated that the public hearing for AELTC should be held in July or September.

### **State of pavements/Street Audits in Southfields Grid – Ian Shaw**

- SGRA Street reps had undertaken an audit of the pavements in the grid with a view to pointing out to WBC those areas of paving surfaces requiring urgent attention. As of 26 March, there were over 424 reports of paving surfaces which are either loose, uneven, missing, badly cracked and/or a trip hazard. The results will be forwarded to WBC, Councillors Humphreys and Caddy, SGRA Exec Comm, SGRA Street Reps & uploaded onto the SGRA website.

### **Southfields Business Forum (SBF) - Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty and Ann Kerr (SGRA Reps on SBF)**

- The first meeting of the SBF was well attended by businesses across the Grid. Also in attendance were SNT (Don Lopes), WBC and AELTC (Johnny Perkins). Main attention was focussed on how local businesses can benefit from the Wimbledon fortnight (late night opening and a map for Tourists showing locations of shops) and also the Christmas 2024 event.

### **Front Garden Awards 2024 - Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty**

- Amelia confirmed that she is near to agreeing who will be judges for these Awards of which the judging period will be between 21 to 30 June.

### **GLA Election - 2 May 2024 – Charles Runcie**

- SGRA would host a GLA elections husting on 16 April at 7.45pm in St Barnabas Church.

**SGRA AGM – 21 May 2024, 7.45pm in St Barnabas Church – Charles Runcie**

- Not only would there be an annual report on SGRA's activities, and an updated Constitution to approve, there would also be elections for SGRA Officers roles and the Executive Committee.

**Friends of Coronation Gardens update – Charles Runcie**

- A lot has been going on: the play area has been revamped and already has been popular; the biodiversity planting has been a success; after winning two awards a flagpole has been installed to 'fly the flag(s)'; the competition to design a new figurine for the fountain had kicked off – see [link](#); and finally the AGM would be 17 April, 7.30pm in Wandsworth Scout Hut, 93 Pirbright Road.

**SGRA Executive Updates – Margaret Brett, Clive Williams, David Boyle & Charles Runcie**

**Planning:**

- We objected to the proposed development at 75, 77,79 Replingham (2023/4861 and 2023/4823) which has now been withdrawn and there is a new application (2024/0761).
- There is an application for the boarded up site next to Gail's (2024/0262) which is to be a coffee shop run by a local charity Regenerate for disadvantaged and vulnerable youth ('The Feel Good Coffee House'). There is also movement on the use of the adjacent site (former Sainsbury's).
- There is (i) a renewed application for the structure at 96C Pirbright (2024/0553) but the details are not available yet; (ii) an application for retrospective permission for the wall at 69 Lavenham (2023/4417) which does not meet guidelines.

**Local:**

- The Council have announced a [programme](#) for improving the roads and pavements. Lavenham Road has just been resurfaced. Brookwood is to be repaved.
- There is to be stronger enforcement against dog mess offenders and (dog) mess can be reported to the Council via the Fly tipping notification [page](#).
- The Council have updated their Climate Change Action plan to introduce a Microgrants [scheme](#) to provide funding for small community groups to develop projects to help deliver the scheme.
- **Crime** – Please see Annex A for crime figures for January 2024.
- **Finance** – As of 26 March funds approx. £4,540. Street collections up this year by 8%.
- **Communications** – Spring newsletter has been issued. Instagram page now has 850 followers.

**AOB**

- **Heritage Transport Sign:** [Charles Runcie](#) confirmed the restoration should go ahead in the Spring.
- **Eleanor Roosevelt plaque (Southfields Library):** [Jacqueline Pearce](#) mentioned the very successful unveiling of the plaque by Fleur Anderson MP on Saturday 16 March.
- **Remembering 'John':** SGRA, with those who knew John well, will be considering options on how to remember this larger-than-life and colourful 'Southfields' character.

---

**Forthcoming Meetings**

- SGRA AGM/Public Meeting **21 May**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church

**Forthcoming events**

- GLA Election Hustings: **16 April**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church
  - Friends of Coronation Gardens – AGM: **17 April**, 7.30-9pm Scout Hut at 93 Pirbright Road
  - Restarters Southfields: Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe: **20 April**, St Barnabas Church
  - Southfields SNT Ward Panel Meeting: **27 April**, 10.30am, St Barnabas Church
  - Southfields SNT Community Event: **28 April**, 12-2pm, Southfields Underground Station
  - Senior's Tea Party: **11 May**, 3-5.30pm, St Barnabas Church Hall
-

**Attendance List**

<b>SGRA – Executive Members (11)</b>	<b>Role</b>
Charles Runcie	SGRA Exec. Comm – Chair
Serena Potter	SGRA Exec. Comm – Joint Secretary
Ian Shaw	SGRA Exec. Comm – Joint Secretary/ Brookwood Rd Rep
David Boyle	SGRA Exec. Comm – Hon. Treasurer/Langton Place Rep
Margaret Brett	SGRA Exec. Comm/Lavenham Road Rep
Ameet Phadnis	SGRA Exec. Comm/Replingham Road Rep
Ann Kerr	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Clonmore Street Rep
Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Trentham Street Rep
Clive Williams	SGRA Exec. Comm
Kyle Forder (zoom)	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Astonville Street Rep
Rod Lewington	SGRA Exec. Comm
<b>Speakers/Main contributors (1)</b>	<b>Role</b>
A/Inspector Steve Burke	Met Police
<b>SGRA Road/Street (22)</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
Astonville Street	-
Brookwood Road	-
Clonmore Street	Nick Steiner/Joint Clonmore Street Rep
Elborough Street	Peter Jackson
Engadine Street	Jacqui Pearce
Elsenham Street	Mark Lubienski, Sue Wixley
Hanford Close	-
Heythorp Street	Ann Redman; Tristram Frost; Krya Van Schottenstein/Heythorp Street Rep; Peter Watts
Langton Place	-
Lavenham Road	-
Replingham Road	-
Trentham Street	Di Brennan; Trevor Howe/Joint Trentham Street Rep;
Zoom:	Lesley McCaul/Joint Astonville Street Rep; Sucheta Samant; David; Richard; KBS; Kate; Wendy R; Rosie; Hilary; Jayne; iPad 2 (11)
<b>(5)</b>	
Cllr Guy Humphries	Wandsworth Borough Councillor
Lee Roberts	Conservative Parliamentary Candidate
Jil Hall	Wimbledon Park Councillor
John Cockram, Jeff Barber	Pulborough Road – Southfields Triangle RA
Dr Sardar H Ahmad	Camborne Street
	<b>Total: 39</b>

**Annex A**

**Crime Figures for Southfields Grid & Pirbright Road**

**January 2024**

Jan 2024	Anti-Social Behaviour	Burglary	Criminal Damage & Arson	Drugs	Other Crime	Other Theft	Public Order & Weapons	Robbery	Shoplifting	Vehicle Crime	Violence & Sexual Offences	Total
Replingham Road			1									1
Brookwood Road	1									1		2
Lavenham Road						1						1
Revelstoke Road												0
Elsenham Street												0
Heythorp Street			1									1
Clonmore Street		1										1
Engadine Street											1	1
Elborough Street												0
Trentham Street	1											1
Astonville Street			1								1	2
Hanford Close	1		1				2					4
Pirbright Road												0
Merton Road		1	1								1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>



All Crimes reported in Southfields Ward in Jan 2024: 59 [SGRA: 17 & Rest of Ward: 42]

**Other Crime:** Other Theft (1)

**+Off-Grid:** Southfields LU Station (British Transport Police) (4): ASB (1), Robbery (1), Violence and Sexual (2)

**Heritage Wimbledon Park:** (1)

(LB of W) West Hill (1): (LB of M) Village (0): Wimbledon Park (0).

[Information extracted from the Crime Maps for Southfields Ward from [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)]