


Southfields Grid
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Annual review 2023-2024

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Headlines

- Another productive year, our 49th
- Increased overall membership – over 500 on database
- Healthy finances
- 6 public meetings plus election hustings
- Much improved social media
- Lots of co-ordination with other Grid groups, councillors, MP
- Increasing number of queries to info@southfieldsgrid.org.uk



Our organisation

- Executive Committee – 4 officers and 7 members, 1 vacancy
- Meetings held – 6 EC, 5 public plus our AGM each May
- Hybrid format for meetings i.e. ‘in-person’ plus Zoom
- Work done to bring Constitution up to date
- Street reps in every Grid street collect subs, distribute ‘Grid News’ and are our eyes and ears



Membership

- 500 residents now on our database, up from 471 last May
- Annual subscription increase to £5 per annum didn't affect income
- Around 25% of subs now done online
- We work increasingly online
- Trying to reflect all parts of our residents in our membership

Communication

- www.southfieldsgrid.org.uk refreshed
- 'Grid News' 3 x annum in March, July and November – flyers included in it plus subs envelopes
- Social media – Facebook and Instagram much improved. We have over 2,000 Facebook followers and built the Instagram account from 50 to 1,022 engaged followers
- Nextdoor and X (formerly Twitter) too
- Posters on Grid streets for some public events





Local issues

- We keep residents informed and liaise with decision-makers
- AELTC – online survey undertaken in October of SGRA members, letter of objection written to councils as a result
- Crime – Executive committee member Clive Williams chairs the local Ward Panel, plus Safer Neighbourhood Team officers attend meetings and contribute to ‘Grid News’
- Planning – all council documentation read, regular updates, objections if felt fit
- Council Services – Grid ‘pavement survey’ done in spring
- Town Centre improvement – chasing outstanding issues
- Southfields Business Forum - revitalisation



Local liaison

- We're represented on:
 - Friends of Coronation Gardens
 - Friends of Wimbledon Park
 - Wandsworth Tree Wardens
 - Wandsworth Greenspaces Forum
 - Wandsworth Older Peoples Forum
- We help out local groups:
 - Green the Grid
 - Recycle More Southfields
 - Southfields Harvest
 - Window Wanderland
 - Mend, Fix, Repair Cafe

Events

- Public meetings
- GLA election hustings - April
- Seniors Tea Party – May
- Front Garden Awards – back this summer
- Stalls at Southfields Harvest and Christmas Fair, plus others
- Annual Christmas Appeal – socks
- Other organisations events attended – eg Town Hall



Next year

- AELTC – final decision from GLA
- Southfields Business Forum – help where appropriate
- Continue to revamp our website, social media, comms generally
- Continue appealing to all residents, especially families
- Events – artists weekends in autumn
- Prepare for SGRA's 50th anniversary in 2025
- Be 'trusted guide' to life and people on the Grid



Any questions?

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