



Southfields Grid
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Note of the Public Meeting held on Tuesday 23 July 2024

Matters arising since 21 May AGM/Public & 18 June Executive Meetings (via SGRA [website](#)).

- Southfields Business Forum (SBF): Rachel Roberts has stood down as Chair since the AGM. There will be an update on SBF at September SGRA Public Meeting.
- 2025 – SGRA's 50th anniversary: SGRA will be setting up a Working Party to plan the celebrations .

Wimbledon Tennis Championships 2024 review - Johnny Perkins, Community PR, AELTC.

- Johnny Perkins began by saying that although there would be more to do next year, they had worked well with the Southfields Business Forum. They had taken account of concerns arising from 2023 where spectators were strictly marshalled away from shops in the locality. This year they provided SBF with some funds, which was helped to improve information about shops in the grid. It was also acknowledged that the number of toilets provided were sufficient compared to the beginning of last year's championships. The reception/security staff who worked at the Championships were praised for their helpfulness and courtesy. Most who used the Community Ballot found it straightforward. AELTC also included St Cecilia's Band to play during the Championships.
- Johnny acknowledged that promotion material at Southfields Tube station did not hit the right note. Next year, they get more sponsors more closely involved at an earlier stage. He would check again why the ropes were used to hold people back from crossing the roads outside the tube station. They would also work with the SBF to see what can be done to reduce the risk of shop assistants being marshalled away from their places of work. Johnny was asked to check who had asked idverde to remove the Save Wimbledon Park materials which were removed from a fence where they had been lawfully placed. Johnny agreed to report back.
- From the floor, comments were raised in respect of: (i) road detours causing severe delays for those travelling to St George's Hospital on the 493 bus route and being late for hospital treatment; (ii) potential overcrowding on Southfields platforms due to delays on the tube line would result in overwhelming numbers waiting on the platforms.

Wimbledon/AELTC development proposals update – Simon Wright, Save Wimbledon Park

The public hearing for AELTC will be on a Friday in either late Sept/early Oct at City Hall. There will be 21 days notice beforehand. Following the hearing, Jules Pipe will consider reports from the City Hall officials following the Hearing on which he will then make a decision to accept or reject AELTC's application. If the application is rejected, there will be no appeal to the GLA, so AELTC may then seek to refer their application to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government which would involve a public enquiry which will last 2-3 weeks. More than 21,000 signatures opposing the proposals have been collected.

Friends of Coronation Gardens update – Charles Runcie

- Charles confirmed that the children's play area will be officially opened on 25 July (3.15 to 5pm). Additionally two Green Flags (for 2023 & 2024) will be raised on the new flag pole.
- The design for a new figurine is based to represent Fanny Wilkinson (who designed Coronation Gardens in 1903), it is anticipated that to coincide with Wandsworth being the Borough of Culture in 2025, the unveiling will take place late May 2025.

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

Planning

- There are now further revised applications to develop 75, 77,79 Replingham. (2024/2323 and 2024/2483)

Public Realm

- The block seating at the station still needs to be finished off. We are told that the Council is waiting on the brackets needed to fix the seating.
- SGN have not restored the surface properly following their renewed digging at the corner opposite the station.
- A large hole in the pavement outside the Old Garage resulting from electricity works has been restored seamlessly. There was a short power failure within parts of the Grid on 16 July.

Local

- The old estate agents office beside Dropshot is now opening as Harmony Thai Massage.
- Putney Library has re-opened after extensive refurbishment.
- Wandsworth is consulting on introducing licensing requirements for certain landlords. Selective licensing will apply to homes occupied by small household or two sharers, but in certain areas only. The licensing of houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) will be extended to smaller shared households. The consultation ends on 14 October.
- There will be a Car Free Day on 22 September and streets can apply, before August 16, to have their street made car free for that day, without charge. Streets can apply at other times to have a car free day for a local event but there is a charge for this.
- There is also a [survey](#) of domestic gardens being run by Enable. They are looking for data to find ways to help protect species and habitats.
- **Crime** – Please see Annex A for crime figures for April to (18) July 2024. Also, a warning for those during the Olympics fortnight to be aware of spam emails/text messages.
- **Finance** – As of 23 July, funds approx. £5,579.
- **Communications** – Grid News has been issued. SGRA Instagram page continues to do well.

Reverend Ian Tattum

- Ian, a former Chair of SGRA, will be retiring on 8 September and moving to Dorset with his wife, Ruth. His career in Southfields is covered in the Summer Grid [News](#) on page 1. All wished him well in his retirement and all recognised the impact he had in making St Barnabas the centre of Southfields Grid life e.g. in promoting local artistic/musical talent, offering the Church to be a Covid 19 vaccination centre, and more importantly, for his pastoral care and support of those who came to him.

Front Garden Awards 2024 - Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty

- Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty gave a presentation outlining how the Awards were communicated, the criteria used by the judges and the awards given out of which there were 112 'delightful', 25 'outstanding' and 12 tree base awards. From the outstanding award winners, Revd Ian Tattum handed out prizes to runners-up Kez at 16 Lavenham Road & Nicola & Jonathan at 154 Clonmore Street and the overall winner Hayley at 118 Elborough Street. For more information and photos of some of the delightful and outstanding garden please press the [link](#).

AOB

- **Southfields Library:** Sucheta Samant reminded all to check out Southfields Library July newsletter ([adults](#)) and ([children](#)).
- **Southfields Harvest** (details below) Jennie Allen asked if people were willing to put posters on trees and also help with moving furniture to contact her.

Forthcoming Meetings

- SGRA Public Meeting **24 September**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church
- SNT Ward Panel **19 October**, 10.30, St Barnabas Church
- SGRA Public Meeting **26 November**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church

Southfields Grid Residents' Association Public Meeting – 23.07.2024

Forthcoming events

- Official opening of Children’s Play area, **25 July**, 3.15-5pm, Coronation Gardens
- Revd Ian Tattum’s final services **8 September**, 10.30am St Barnabas Church
- Southfields Harvest including Mend, Fix, Repair Cafe **28 September**, 12-3pm St Barnabas Church

Attendance List

Apologies: David Boyle, Diana Chitty and Shiraz Dato

SGRA – Executive Members (10)	Role
Charles Runcie	SGRA Exec. Comm – Chair
Ian Shaw	SGRA Exec. Comm – Secretary/ Brookwood Rd Rep
Serena Potter	SGRA Exec. Comm – Members Secretary
Margaret Brett	SGRA Exec. Comm/Lavenham Road Rep
Ameet Phadnis (zoom)	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	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Astonville Street Rep
Rod Lewington	SGRA Exec. Comm
Speakers/Main contributors (2)	Role
Johnny Perkins	Community PR, AELTC
Reverend Ian Tattum	St Barnabas Church, Lavenham Road
SGRA Road/Street (33)	Attendees
Astonville Street	Lesley McCaul/Joint Astonville Street Rep; Yasmin Aidoo; ?
Brookwood Road	-
Clonmore Street	Nick Steiner/Joint Clonmore Street Rep; Nicola & Jonathan Devine
Elborough Street	Peter Smith/Elborough Street Rep; Peter Jackson; Hannah Mitchell; A Kasey; N Parkinson; Diane Nielson-Smith;
Engadine Street	
Elsenham Street	Mark Lubienski, A Carthy; J Panton/Carthy; Simon Wright; Lucy Griffin-Beale
Hanford Close	-
Heythorp Street	Krya Van Schottenstein/Heythorp Street Rep;
Langton Place	-
Lavenham Road	Gordon Springett; Kez Garner
Merton Road	Ebru Oraman
Replingham Road	Elizabeth Becker; Tommy Johnston
Trentham Street	Petra & Bridget La Marca; Janice Adamson; Dana Trometer; Di Brennan; Trevor Howe/Joint Trentham Street Rep;
Zoom:	Deidre Gooderson; Rosie; Hilary; (3)
(4)	
Cllr Guy Humphries	Wandsworth Borough Councillor
Cllr Kim Caddy	Wandsworth Borough Councillor
Sucheta Samant	Southfields Library Manager
Jennie Allen	Wimbledon Park Road – Southfields Harvest
	Total: 49

Crime Statistics for the Southfields Ward: 1st April 2024 to 18th July 2024

<u>Offence</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July*</u>
Total Number of Reported Crimes	63	80	104	49
Burglary	4	3	4	1
Residential	2	1	1	0
Robbery	0	2	2	0
Assault With Injury	1	3	4	4
Drugs	1	4	1	4
Criminal Damage	0	3	4	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	8	3	8	4
Taking of Motor Vehicle	0	3	4	0
Motor Vehicle Interference	0	1	1	1

Crime Statistics for other local Wards: 1st April 2024 to 18th July 2024

<u>Ward</u>	Total Number of Reported Crimes per a month			
	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July*</u>
Southfields	63	80	104	49
East Putney	145	176	178	77
Roehampton	240	275	306	180
Thamesfield	163	198	217	113
Wandsworth Town	233	292	327	176
West Hill	107	214	183	111
West Putney	117	153	147	94

*crime statistics are up to Thursday 18th July 2024