



Southfields Grid
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Note of the Public Meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024

Tribute to the late Peter Jackson of Elborough Street

- Margaret Brett and Clive Williams gave warm tributes to Peter Jackson who died on Sunday 17 November. A life-long resident of the Grid, Peter was a strong supporter of the SGRA and of St Barnabas Church (where he was Church Warden and latterly the Sacristan). He was also a Scout leader who received his warrant when he was 19. Peter also worked with Margaret in setting up the Monday club. On Thursday 12 December, there will be a private committal at Putney Vale in the morning; followed by a memorial service at 3pm in St Barnabas Church to which all are welcome.

Matters arising since 24 Sept Public & 29 Oct Executive Meetings (via SGRA [website](#)).

- Although many matters would be covered during the rest of the meeting, Charles did add that on Tuesday 3 Dec, there would be a meeting of Street Reps at Sabores Tapas Bar to discuss their role in SGRA and any issues affecting their Streets or roads. Also, Charles welcomed Sue Wixley who had been co-opted to the Executive Committee to work with Margaret Brett on planning & local issues.

Wimbledon/AELTC development proposals – post GLA hearing

- Charles read out a short note on behalf of Simon Wright to the effect that there was nothing to add to the article in the Autumn/Winter edition of Grid News which had recently been issued.

Trussel Trust/Wandsworth Foodbank – Diana & Martin Chitty

- Wandsworth Foodbank were supporting local people experiencing cost of living issues and who had been referred to by partner agencies such as Citizens Advice, Age Concern, Council and GPs.
- Since March 2020, around 100-150 kgs had been donated to those seeking assistance. In March 2024, 11,000 emergency packages had been prepared - a 90% increase over 5 years.
- What is handed out is in the form of non-perishable foods, toiletries, washing tablets or capsules.
- Diana agreed to contact Dr Sardar Ahmad and also Sucheta Samant re joint working and also to publicise what items would be particularly welcome at the Foodbank collection point.
- For Christmas, there is a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' list at Annex A. Alongside each day in December, there is an item which could be donated and left at 154 Elsenham Street.
- Financial donations can be made via Trussel Trust [website](#) or Wandsworth Foodbank [Justgiving page](#).

Update on celebrating SGRA's 50th anniversary

- Ian Shaw outlined two ideas which were being worked up. The first is an Art festival booked for 8 March 2025 at St Barnabas enabling those artists living on or near the Grid to exhibit (and sell) their work. The second is a 1970's themed quiz. Details of both will be uploaded onto the SGRA website.

Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

- Charles had met up with Ian Reid to take his view on the usefulness of joining up with the Wandsworth Neighbourhood Watch. The upshot is that it may be useful for someone from SGRA to sit on a committee and to act as a two way conduit. Ex Comm would consider this in January.

Litter/waste collection issues in the Grid

- From the floor, two major issues were raised: (i) food recycling bins left on street and not necessarily outside the right house. Some of those bins had been roughly handled (in also broken); (ii) paper/glass/plastic recycling bags, in particular, how roughly these bags were handled prior to be taken away.

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- Charles read from a note from Cllr Guy Humphries who confirmed that there were still operational concerns with standards, missed collections & filthy streets following collections and that residents should continue to inform him and Cllr Kim Caddy of any issues. It has also been reported that, to encourage uptake of the scheme, fresh stocks of biodegradable bags for the caddies are going to be provided in libraries from now on. Finally, Council teams should be clearing fallen leaves to prevent accidents. If you spot any especially bad patches, please let him and Kim know to highlight to the crews.

Abandoned/stranded bikes on the Grid & state of pavements on the Grid

- Issues concerning Lime Bikes as well as traditional bikes (attached to lampposts etc) were discussed. On the latter, there did not seem to be an easy resolution. Although people could report them to Wandsworth Borough Council through 'Report a street problem' or via the 'Fix My Street' website, however, the Council may not feel able to remove the bike frame (or what's left of it) as the bike will still be someone's property which needs to be respected.
- In respect of Forest & Lime bikes parked on pavements or kerbs, people raised the dangers to those in wheelchairs, mobility scooters and those experiencing eyesight problems. People can raise their concerns directly with Forest on 020 8157 7491 or [webpage](#); or Lime on 0800 808 5223 – [webpage](#).
- Pavement replacements/repairs: concerns raised from the floor on those pavements which had not yet been refurbished or repaired. SGRA will invite the Wandsworth lead on highways to speak on these and other highways issues at a future Public Meeting.

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

- **Planning** - There is the proposed conversion of the Barclays site into two shops (2024/3445). We were told that the previous attempt at refurbishment stopped because of the presence of asbestos. The proposed development of 75, 77, 79 Replingham (2024/2323 and 2024/2483) (cycle work building) has now been approved. There is an application to build 3 terraced houses at 91 Pirbright (2024/2814). Residents at the rear are concerned about proximity, privacy and loss of light and aspect, while Pirbright residents welcome the improved frontage. There is a proposal to have a dedicated space for parking electric bikes on the road at the end of Elsenham St alongside Krystals.
- **Local** - Wandsworth are consulting on revising the Local Heritage List. There are some obvious omissions, including Wimbledon Park and Horse Close Wood. Wandsworth are to consult on a revision of the Local Plan. The changes would require developers to deliver 50% affordable housing on all new schemes, with a majority to be council housing. Old Fields pub is being refurbished. Soak has opened. West Coast Fish Shop has opened next to the fish and chip shop. A grand opening on 29 November 12-3pm. Christmas Lights 4 Dec starting at 4.30 with lights switch on at 5pm.
- **Crime** – Figures for September 2024 are at Annex B. Annex C gives a breakdown by Wandsworth wards for the same month.
- **Finance** – As of 26 November, funds in SGRA account approx. £5.2K. No breakdown on income streams yet.
- **Communications** – Autumn/Winter Grid News was being delivered during the week.

Update on GLA issues etc – Leonie Cooper

- Wimbledon/AELTC development proposal – post GLA decision: Leonie said that following the decision, a S106 agreement has been finalised. A judicial review can be called within 3 months from the date of the S106 finalisation. If there was to be a legal challenge via judicial review (which she would support), she would expect this to be led on by Save Wimbledon Park.
- Transport for London: Uber was flooding the e-bikes market with their lime bikes and are trying to force other delivery bike competitors out of business. Boroughs have different approaches to haphazard parking of these bikes.
- Policing & Crime: Leonie said that there was a new Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime (Kaya Comer-Schwartz). She emphasised the importance of active local groups e.g. WhatsApp groups, neighbourhood watches. She also mentioned that OWL (online service sending out crime and local news alerts to residents via neighbourhood watch) only covered 18 GLA Boroughs and was to be replaced with a system to cover all 32 GLA boroughs.

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Forthcoming meetings

- SGRA Public Meeting **28 January 2025**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church

Christmas Services at St Barnabas Church

- **Sunday 22 December:** Service of Lessons and Carols, 7pm St Barnabas Church
- **Tuesday 24 December:** Nativity Service 4pm; Midnight Mass 11.30pm St Barnabas Church
- **Wednesday 25 December:** Christmas Day Service, 10.30am St Barnabas Church

Forthcoming events

- Christmas Fair **30 November**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- Mend, Fix and Repair Cafe **18 January**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- Safer Neighbourhood Team Ward Panel Meeting **25 January**, 10.30am St Barnabas Church.

Attendance List

Apologies: David Boyle, Serena Potter, Ameet Phadnis, Simon Wright, Cllrs Guy Humphries Kim Caddy

SGRA – Executive Members (9)	Role
Charles Runcie	SGRA Exec. Comm – Chair
Ian Shaw	SGRA Exec. Comm – Secretary/ Brookwood Rd Rep
Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Trentham Street Rep
Ann Kerr	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Clonmore Street Rep
Clive Williams	SGRA Exec. Comm
Kyle Forder	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Astonville Street Rep
Margaret Brett	SGRA Exec. Comm/Lavenham Road Rep
Rod Lewington (zoom)	SGRA Exec. Comm
Sue Wixley	SGRA Exec. Comm
Speakers/Main contributors (2)	Role
Diana & Martin Chitty	Wandsworth Food Bank
Leonie Cooper	GLA Assembly Member
SGRA Road/Street (14)	Attendees
Astonville Street	Lesley McCaul/Joint Street Rep; Ross Young
Brookwood Road	-
Clonmore Street	Dr Nick Steiner/Joint Street Rep
Elborough Street	David Bowers
Engadine Street	-
Elsenham Street	Mark Lubienski; Lucy Griffin-Beale
Hanford Close	-
Heythorp Street	Ann Redman
Langton Place	-
Lavenham Road	-
Merton Road	-
Pirbright Road	Nick Coombe
Replingham Road	
Trentham Street	Di Brennan; Trevor Howes/Joint Street Rep
Zoom:	Honor; Katrina Ure; Diedre Gooderson; Sucheta Samant; Johnny Perkins (5)
(1)	
Dr Sadar Ahmad	Camborne Road
	Total: 26

TRUSSEL TRUST FOODBANK COLLECTIONS : REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

- 1 Biscuits
- 2 Hot Chocolate
- 3 Porridge
- 4 Tinned Fish
- 5 Jams / Spreads
- 6 Tinned Meat Soup
- 7 Sponge Puddings (microwavable)
- 8 Instant Noodles
- 9 Tinned/boxed Custard
- 10 Washing up liquid
- 11 Honey
- 12 Breakfast cereal
- 13 Shower gel
- 14 Tinned fruit / vegetables
- 15 Chocolates
- 16 Crackers / savoury biscuits
- 17 Shampoo
- 18 Toothpaste
- 19 Chutneys / cranberry sauce
- 20 Pasta sauce
- 21 Stuffing Mixes
- 22 Dried Fruits
- 23 **NON ALCOHOLIC** Christmas cake / puddings/mince pies
- 24 Deodorant

Deliver to 154 Elsenham Street. Items need to be sealed, in date and long-life ambient items - also **we are not permitted to give out items which contain alcohol.**

Crime Figures for Southfields Grid & Pirbright Road

September 2024

September 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	2		1									3
Brookwood Road						1						1
Lavenham Road												0
Revelstoke Road												0
Elsenham Street												0
Heythorp Street												0
Clonmore Street												0
Engadine Street												0
Elborough Street												0
Trentham Street												0
Astonville Street										1	1	2
Hanford Close				1	1	1					2	5
Pirbright Road	1											1
Merton Road												0
Total	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	12



All Crimes reported in Southfields Ward in Sept 2024: 49 [SGRA: 12 & Rest of Ward: 37]

+Off-Grid: Southfields LU Station (British Transport Police) (0).

Heritage Wimbledon Park: (2)

(LB of W) West Hill (2) (Other Theft): (LB of M) Village (0): Wimbledon Park (0).

[Information extracted from the Crime Maps for Southfields Ward from www.police.uk]

Wandsworth Borough Total Street Crimes Reported Sept 2024

ANNEX C

Ward	Crimes Reported	
Tooting Broadway	235	
Wandsworth Town	207	
Lavender	199	
Roehampton	199	
Balham	177	
Battersea Park	169	
Shaftesbury & Queenstown	148	
Wandsworth Common	137	
Falconbrook	136	
Furzedown	128	
Thamesfield	119	
East Putney	110	
Tooting Bec	106	
West Putney	102	
St Mary's	95	
Nine Elms	82	
South Balham	81	
West Hill	76	
Trinity	55	
Wandle	53	
Northcote	50	
Southfields	49	[+8 Wimbledon Park error = 57]
<u>Total</u>	<u>2713</u>	