



Southfields Grid  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## **Note of the Public Meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2025**

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In Charles Runcie's absence, Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty chaired the Public Meeting.

### **Matters arising since 26 November Public & 7 January Executive Meetings** (via SGRA [website](#)).

Although many matters would be covered during the rest of the meeting, Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty updated all on the following:

- The Southfields Business Forum (SBF) will be holding a feedback meeting on the Christmas Light switch-on Thursday 30 January; she and Ann Kerr would be attending.
- SGRA Exec Comm were still pressing for an increase in dog mess signs on the Grid and (separately) for a notice board to be made available to publicise local & SGRA news and activities.
- Following a meeting with SGRA Street representatives (3 December), SGRA Exec Comm are working on ways of to make it easier to pay subscriptions online and also to make changes to the cash envelope to make it easier to read.
- In June, SGRA Exec Comm will be conducting a survey of all the residents in the Grid primarily to look at why people like living in Southfields, what would make Southfields a better place to live and also how they relate to SGRA.
- Revd Vanessa Elston was installed as the new Vicar of St Barnabas on Sunday (26 Jan) afternoon.

### **Wimbledon/AELTC development proposals: post GLA hearing – Simon Wright (Save Wimbledon Park)**

- Following the GLA decision, Save Wimbledon Park (SWP) became a company limited by guarantee and started legal action i.e. a judicial review (JR), challenging the validity of the decision because of errors of law and planning policy. In particular, the decision failed to take account of the implications of the statutory public recreation trust (as evidenced in the ruling of the Shropshire vs Day case) and the restrictive covenants (both of which would prevent the proposed development).
- AELTC had stated publicly their desire to get the Court to decide whether the former golf course is subject to the statutory public recreation trust. AELTC are keen for SWP to oppose their views which they would do subject to AELTC paying their legal costs.
- Despite the best efforts of both Fleur Anderson (MP) and Leonie Campbell (AM), AELTC have been reluctant to meet with local interested bodies, the Court may order/recommend that they do so.
- A JR process was likely to take a long time, be costly and SWP may seek contributions towards costs.
- Dr Nick Steiner added that the Friends of Wimbledon Park had become a charity which would enable funds to be raised (for the public park). Also that AELTC's proposal for a boardwalk around the lake would result in harm to the public park by bringing in a 'foreign element' to a heritage lake.

### **Practical advice on energy saving – Toby Costin, Crew Energy**

- Toby's useful presentation (see [link](#)) gave advice on how to change behaviours and thereby improve energy efficiency and save on costs and our carbon footprint. For ease of convenience:
- Slide 2 shows the potential increase in the value of your property by improving the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating to 'C'.
- Slide 3 looks at the annual energy summary.
- Slide 4 offers ideas on how to change behaviours.
- Slide 5 gives examples of energy efficiency technologies e.g. smart radiator valves.
- Slide 6 concerns the Hydromx heat transfer solution (where the required temperature can be reached more quickly and with less energy).
- Slide 7 looks at Renewable Energy Options (Solar photovoltaics & air source heat pump).
- Slide 8 looks at Radiant heating options infrared heating panels & carbon fibre heat).
- Slide 9 concerns CrewEnergy's partner – Onezero.
- Slide 10 outlines details of two grants (Great British Insulation Scheme & Warm Homes Grant).

### **Local crime issues – Acting Inspector Steve Burke**

- Steve Burke covered priorities, progress to date & shoplifting.
- In October 2024, three priorities were added: reductions of incidents of thefts of parcels from residential properties & radar sensors from vehicles; anti-social behaviour including public order & drug offences.
- Following a real focus on neighbouring policing there had been notable reductions in personal robbery (-31.9%), residential burglary (29.4%).
- In terms of vehicle crime – thefts (from vehicles) were 24% whereas thefts of vehicles were 22.5%. Criminal damage to vehicles were 38.1%.
- Steve recognised that importance of trying to reduce the amount of shoplifting, which even though an under-reported crime, was having an adverse effect on the businesses in the area. He mentioned an online tool called Alert where businesses can report incidences of shoplifting. He had been working closely with the Wandsworth Safer Business Network and would welcome the opportunity to have discussion with the Southfields Business Forum.
- He acknowledged that there were some repeat shoplifters who were being dealt with using different laws e.g. Community Protection Notices.
- He reminded all of the importance of reporting crimes (including hate crime) to the police.
- He also said that he would look at the issue of speeding incidences in the Grid closely with our local councillors. He also agreed to seek out the speeding camera (which SGRA had contributed towards a few years back) to see if some speed checks could be resurrected locally.

### **Update on celebrating SGRA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

- Amelia said that progress was being made to celebrate SGRA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A special logo was being designed which will be in use for this calendar year. 21 local artists have signed up for the Art Festival on 8 March. Charles would be leading on a special edition of the Grid News to come out in June (including a redesigned subscription envelope). There would be Front Garden Awards in 2025 (date to be confirmed) and finally SGRA would organise a quiz night in October- one idea is to make people wear 1970's looking clothes if they wish.

### **SGRA Executive Updates**

- **Planning** - The proposed conversion of the Barclays site into two shops (2024/3445) has been approved. The application to build 3 terraced houses at 91 Pirbright (2024/2814) had been approved. There is an unusual application for 319 Merton Road (2024/3515) (just up from Southfields Academy) to convert a small dwelling house into a 7 bedroom house of multiple occupation. It is quite an extensive development. There are 5 objections already, focusing on overlooking, loss of privacy, loss of light, and general disturbance.
- **Local** - The water fountain opposite the station has been out of commission and is still leaking slightly. The Council now has its own WhatsApp channel. See their news section for details. The possibility of developing a third runway at Heathrow has been revived. We would be under a flight path here so need to monitor developments.
- **Crime** – Figures for November 2024 are at Annex A.
- **Finance** – As of 28 January, funds in SGRA account approx. £6.9K. A breakdown on income streams will be worked on and ready for the SGRA AGM on 20 May.

### **AOB**

- Sue Wixley said that there had been a discussion at a recent Exec Comm meeting about having a poster campaign to encourage people to decorate their windows during 22/23 February (similar to that of last year's Winter Wonderland).
- However, since the 28 January Public Meeting, it has been agreed that as people would not have enough notice, we would not proceed any further with this. The absence of Window Wonderland, of course, should not stop people decorating their windows if they wish to do so.

## Dates of next meetings & events

### Forthcoming meetings

- SGRA Public Meeting **25 March 2025**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church

### Forthcoming events

- 'Cuppa with a Copper' **11 March 2025**, 2-3pm, Café Nero, 247-249 Wimbledon Park Road
- 'Cuppa with a Copper' **26 March 2025**, 2-3pm, Café Nero, 247-249 Wimbledon Park Road
- Mend, Fix and Repair Cafe **26 April 2025**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church

## **Attendance List**

Apologies: Charles Runcie, David Boyle, Margaret Brett, Ameet Phadnis

<b>SGRA – Executive Members (8)</b>	<b>Role</b>
Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Trentham Street Rep - Chair
Ian Shaw	SGRA Exec. Comm – Secretary/ Brookwood Rd Rep
Serena Potter	SGRA Exec. Comm – Membership Secretary
Ann Kerr	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Clonmore Street Rep
Clive Williams	SGRA Exec. Comm
Kyle Forder	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Astonville Street Rep
Rod Lewington	SGRA Exec. Comm
Sue Wixley	SGRA Exec. Comm
<b>Speakers/Main contributors (3)</b>	<b>Role</b>
Simon Wright	Save Wimbledon Park Ltd
Toby Costin	CrewEnergy
Steve Burke	Acting Inspector – Met Police
<b>SGRA Road/Street (12)</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
Astonville Street	Lesley McCaul/Joint Street Rep
Brookwood Road	-
Clonmore Street	Dr Nick Steiner/Joint Street Rep
Elborough Street	-
Engadine Street	-
Elsenham Street	-
Hanford Close	-
Heythorp Street	Kyra Von Schottenstein
Langton Place	-
Lavenham Road	-
Merton Road	-
Pirbright Road	-
Replingham Road	=
Trentham Street	Trevor Howes/Joint Street Rep
Zoom:	Lucy Griffin-Beale. Di Brennan; Deidre Gooderson; Sucheta Samant; Johnny Perkins; Hilary, Shiraz, Rosie (8)
<b>(2)</b>	
Dr Sadar Ahmad	Camborne Road
Don Lopes	Met Police
	<b>Total: 25</b>

**Crime Figures for Southfields Grid & Pirbright Road****November 2024**

November 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												0
Lavenham Road												0
Revelstoke Road												0
Elsenham Street												0
Heythorp Street												0
Clonmore Street											1	1
Engadine Street												0
Elborough Street												0
Trentham Street												0
Astonville Street		1									2	3
Hanford Close		1										1
Pirbright Road	1											1
Merton Road									1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>



All Crimes reported in Southfields Ward in Nov 2024: 36 [SGRA: 8 & Rest of Ward: 28]

**Heritage Wimbledon Park: (2)**

(LB of W) West Hill (2) (Other Crime): (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)]