



SGRA Public Meeting: Tuesday 30 September 2025 – 7.30pm
Parish Room, St Barnabas Church

Note

Apologies for absence – see attendance sheet on page 4 below.

Special General Meeting (SGM)

- This SGM was called to approve amendments to the SGRA Constitution (previously updated in 2024) which were suggested at the May 2025 AGM. These changes were primarily to: align the SGRA financial year with the normal fiscal year; remove the word 'audited' when referring the annual accounts; allow SGRA to work closely with other bodies in Southfields (Southfields Business Forum, other residents' associations); formalise the way donations can be approved; ensure a due-diligence process is in place for people to be elected to the Executive Committee from the floor of the AGM; commit the Executive Committee at its first meeting after the AGM to agree priorities and leads for those priorities. These changes were agreed by a majority vote at the Public Meeting. The updated Constitution would be uploaded onto the SGRA website.

SGRA Public Meeting

Matters arising since 22 July Public Meeting & 9 September Executive Meeting

- Notice-Board - Charles Runcie emailed the Council after the Public Meeting on 22 July.
- Speed Gun - Guy Humphries said that he had the speed gun and would hand over to Southfields Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).
- Southfields Harvest (Saturday 27 September) was a great success and many congratulations to all involved. Fleur Anderson presented Charles with a Community Champion certificate.

Guest speaker, Steve Lane, Senior Parking Policy Officer, Wandsworth Borough Council (WBC):

Traffic and Parking in the Grid

Most of Steve Lane's address concerned the implications of the current parking permit scheme affected Elsenham & Heythorp Streets and the top of Brookwood Road. Residents in both Elsenham and Heythorp streets had submitted a petition seeking a review of parking pressures which the WBC were taking seriously. Both streets allow non-residents to park on streets anytime apart from 1.30 to 2.30pm (which is for permit holders only). The Council were preparing material to be sent out for consultation which would go to residents in Zone S2. The consultation process would involve a questionnaire and considering options e.g. changing hours on Monday to Friday and/or introducing controls on Saturdays (currently being asked for by Gartmoor Gardens, Kingscliffe Gardens and Southdean Gardens). A report would then be submitted to the current Cabinet member for Transport (Jennie Yates) followed by later approval at WBC Cabinet level.

Issues raised from the floor were:

- Why were not those in Zone S3 being consulted at the same time because any changes in Zone S2 would have implications for Zone 3. Steve said although no such petitions had been submitted from Zone S3, before any changes suggested for Zone S2 were implemented, residents in Zone 3 would be consulted.
- How would WBC take into account the fact any changes to Zone 2 could result badly for local shops/businesses as their employees would not be able to park near the shops. Steve confirmed that shops near Zone S2 would be also consulted.

- Had WBC considered changing the traffic flow in S2, especially removing the one way street obligation from corner of Brookwood Road and Elsenham Street (towards Replingham Road) and corner of Replingham Road and Heythorp Street (towards Brookwood Road). It was felt that one-way traffic increased traffic speed.
- Had WBC considered access only onto these streets? Steve answered by saying that this could be either special or restricted parking, neither were simple also there were no such schemes in the Borough. If a road/street were granted special or restricted parking, the residents would be subject to additional charges (on top of their Council Tax payments).
- Guy Humphries said that Zone S1, S2 and S3 areas were complex, microcosm areas. Any overall parking permit scheme needed to work for everyone and therefore be resident driven. Any considerations should affect the grid in one go. He suggested that SGRA could consult residents in Zone S3 to seek a review as well.

Report on the Roundtable discussion on local experience of Championships – 24 Sept

- Ian Shaw reported on the Roundtable chaired by Fleur Anderson at St Barnabas Church on 24 September to discuss the feedback from residents raised at the SGRA Public Meeting on 22 July. That feedback mainly focussed on how the queue was managed in Wimbledon Park during the Championships fortnight. 21 people attended, the attendance list is at Annex A. Most of the issues discussed concerned:
 - the inadequate provision of toilets (either permanent or temporary)
 - the non-enforcement of byelaws in Wimbledon Park to ensure correct behaviours of those in the queues
 - the lack of confidence in the ability of security guards, contractors and stewards to enforce the rules established by AELTC and/or even set in the byelaws
 - the lack of effective means of contacting, or making complaints, to AELTC/MBC
 - working with AELTC to ensure local businesses can, on a timeslot basis, have a presence in Wimbledon Park.
- One of the underlying questions underpinning the above was who was responsible for what.
- Fleur Anderson suggested setting up a Community Panel, to take forward work on the above. It would be a good vehicle for all interested group to work together, agree who does what and make necessary arrangements in time for the 2026 Championships with the intention of resolving, as best as possible, the issues raised above. It has been since suggested the membership could be based on the attendees of the Round Table.
- Both Debbie Jevans and MBC would be asked to provide a status report on progress in the March 2026 SGRA Public Meeting.

SGRA Priorities – 2025-26

- Residents' Survey - this would also be delivered in next March where the findings could be reported back at the May 2026 SGRA AGM. The focus of the survey has not changed i.e. we would be seeking peoples' view on what it is about living in Southfields they like/love and what would keep them here for another 10 years. Results would be made public and also shared with other local organisations.
- Quiz night – this will be held on Friday 10 October and is being hosted by SGRA working in partnership with St Barnabas Church.
- GridKids – Will Smart said that an inaugural event would be held this autumn in St Barnabas Church with activities and crafts on Saturday 8 November (between 1 to 3pm). Activities could include Teddy Bears Picnic and craft table with lantern making. Anyone wishing to volunteer in running these activities, please email gridkidssouthfields@gmail.com ..

SGRA Executive Updates

- **Planning - Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) application for 10 Elsenham Street (planning case: 2025/2919)**. SW reported that after having successfully applied for certification of "change

of use from single family dwelling (Class 3) to HMO (Class 4) for up to 6 people” in June (2025/1167), the owner has now applied for “alterations in connection with change of use from residential dwelling (Class 3) to 8 bedrooms HMO (Sui Generis) (2025/2919). SGRA’s objection was submitted last week and at the last count there were 156 comments. Cllr Guy Humphries said that this application would now come before the Planning Committee

- **Crime** – Figures for July 2025 are at Annex B and a sharp rise was noted in vehicle crime (mainly down to theft or removal of sensors). Some insurance companies were warning their clients in Southfields that their cars may not be insurable because of the increase in sensor theft.
- The next Southfields Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Ward Panel meeting would be on Saturday 11 October. Residents were encouraged to attend.

How Southfields can join the energy revolution (Tuesday 16 October, 6.30pm to 8.30pm St Barnabas Church)

- Steve Jones (CrewEnergy) and Ed Pearson (POP) confirmed that they would be giving a presentation at St Barnabas Church on Thursday 16 October. Attendees would hear how not only how the Southfields community could be powering itself but also have they can massively reduce their bills and carbon emissions by turning their home into a mini power station that can generate and store its own energy.
- Ed Pearson of POP says: POP is about shifting the power towards clean, local energy that is owned by the people who use it. No middlemen, no mark-ups & no more being at the mercy of the market. We help communities come together to install, generate, store and share their own renewable energy - think solar, battery and heat pumps - so bills go down, autonomy goes up, and power flows where it should have always been: back to the people. The systems are designed, certified and managed by POP & delivered by tradespeople local to you. You can find more by watching their video, filmed in Earlsfield: <https://youtu.be/loohW393XA0?feature=shared>

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- **Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library**: Sucheta Sumant said that for those children under 5 years old, they can be registered for free monthly books until they reach that age. To find out more contact Southfields [Library](#).
- **SGRA Finance**: Trevor Howes noted that there was no finance update at the Public Meeting. He requested that this should be a standing item at future Public meetings – this was agreed to.

Dates of next meetings & events

Forthcoming meetings

- SGRA Public Meeting **25 November**, 7.30-9.15pm, Parish Room, St Barnabas Church

Forthcoming events

- Wandsworth Artists’ Open House, **4/5 & 11/12 October**, venues tbc
- SGRA 50th Anniversary Quiz, **10 October**, 7.30pm, St Barnabas Church
- SNT Ward Panel Meeting, **11 October**, 10.30am, St Barnabas Church
- Walk round Grid Trees with Liam Hutton, **14 September**, starting at 78 Heythorp Street
- How Southfields can join the energy revolution, **16 October**, 6.30 to 8.30pm St Barnabas Church
- GridKids Inaugural Event, **8 November**, 1-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe, **15 November**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church.

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Apologies: Sue Gunn, Ann Kerr, Sue Wixley

SGRA – Executive Members (9)	Role
Charles Runcie	SGRA Exec. Comm – Chair/Pirbright Rd Rep
Ian Shaw	SGRA Exec. Comm – Secretary/ Brookwood Rd Rep
Serena Potter	SGRA Exec. Comm – Membership Secretary
Ameet Phadnis	SGRA Exec. Comm - Treasurer
Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Trentham Street Rep
Clive Williams	SGRA Exec. Comm
Kyle Forder	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Astonville Street Rep -Zoom
Will Smart	SGRA Exec. Comm
Rod Lewington	SGRA Exec. Comm - Zoom
Speakers/Main contributors (4)	Role
Steve Lane	Wandsworth Borough Council
Howard Johns	POP
Ed Pearson	POP
Steve Jones	CREW
SGRA Road/Street + zoom (27)	Attendees
Astonville Street	Lesley McCaul/Joint Astonville Street Rep,
Brookwood Road	-
Clonmore Street	Dr Nick Steiner/Joint Street Rep,
Elborough Street	Toby Middleton
Elsenham Street	Dylan Bourguignon, Richard Silverstein, Wendy Rose
Engadine Street	Jackie Pearce
Hanford Close	Michele Clarke
Heythorp Street	Kyra Von Schottenstein/Street Rep, Peter Watts, Elisabeth & Vijay Ragoo, Tristram Frost
Langton Place	-
Lavenham Road	Ayesha Hasan, Georg Mueller-Koegler, Maureen Mills/Joint Street Rep,
Merton Road	-
Pirbright Road	Nick Coombe
Replingham Road	
Revelstoke Road	-
Trentham Street	Trevor Howes/Joint Street Rep, Di Brennan, Francois Duzeau?
Zoom:	Sucheta Samant; Hilary, Rosie, Margaret Brett, iPhone E17, Damon T(?) Katrina Ure (7)
(4)	
Cllr Guy Humphries	Wandsworth Borough Council
Cllr Emmeline Owens	Wandsworth Borough Council
	Total: 44

WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDTABLE 24 SEPT - LIST OF ATTENDEES

Apologies from Cllr Eleanor Stringer, Deputy Leader, Merton Borough Council, Julia Raeburn, Gary, Sophia

Those attending:

Name	Role/representing
Fleur Anderson MP	Chair
Charles Runcie	SGRA Chair
Ian Shaw	SGRA Exec Comm
Sue Wixley	SGRA Exec Comm
Debbie Jevans	AELTC – Chair
Johnny Perkins	AELTC
Dom Foster	AELTC
Tristan Wesley	AELTC
Anthony Hopkins	Merton Borough Council (Civic Pride & Climate Change)
Cllr Jil Hall	Merton Borough Council
Cllr Malcolm Grimston	Wandsworth Borough Council (West Hill Ward)
Brian Flasck	Friends of Wimbledon Park
Anneke de Boer	Belvedere Estate RA
Jonathan Pinkess	Gardens RA
Iain Simpson	Wimbledon Park RA
Rachel Roberts	Joint Chair – Southfields Business Forum
Maddie Miller	Joint Chair – Southfields Business Forum
Wendy Rose	User of Wimbledon Park
Simon Wright	User of Wimbledon Park
Daisy Ziegler	User of Wimbledon Park
Revd Vanessa Elston	Vicar of St Barnabas

Crime Figures for Southfields Grid & Pirbright Road**July 2025**

July 2025	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				2
Brookwood Road										1		1
Lavenham Road												0
Revelstoke Road												0
Elsenham Street											1	1
Heythorp Street										1	1	2
Clonmore Street												0
Engadine Street											1	1
Elborough Street												0
Trentham Street												0
Astonville Street	1										1	2
Hanford Close		1								1	2	4
Pirbright Road											1	1
Merton Road		1								1	1	3
Total	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	10	18



All Crimes reported in Southfields Ward in July 2025: 50 [SGRA: 18 & Rest of Ward: 32]

Heritage Wimbledon Park: (6)

(LB of W) West Hill (6): [3 Other Theft; 2 Bicycle Theft; 1 Violence & Sexual Offences]

(LB of M) Village (0): Wimbledon Park (0).

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