



**SGRA Public Meeting: Tuesday 25 November 2025 – 7.30pm**  
**Parish Room, St Barnabas Church**

**Note**

1. **Apologies for absence** – see attendance sheet on page 4 below. To see updated comments from Cllrs Humphries and Caddy on the speed gun, e-bikes & parking, dog-poo signs, and missed waste collections, please refer to Annex A.
2. **Matters arising since 30 September Public Meeting & 28 October Executive Meeting**  
Charles Runcie said that most of the matters arising would be covered through out the meeting.
- 2a. **AELTC development proposals update - Simon Wright**
  - On 19 November, Save Wimbledon Park (SWP) heard that they had been granted permission to take its judicial review case of the GLA's decision to grant AELTC planning permission to build on the former Wimbledon Park golf course to the Court of Appeal. The Rt. Hon Lord Justice Holgate of the Court of Appeal said "The grounds of appeal are arguable with a real prospect of success. The case law on scheme benefits, deliverability, relevance, material considerations and irrationality merits review by the Court of Appeal". SWP may currently have enough funding, but if the need arose would ask for further financial support. Further updates on timings will be posted on SWP's [website](#) when known.
  - SWP continue to prepare for another court case against AELTC (to establish whether the land was sold to AELTC correctly by Merton Borough Council back in 1993), to be held in January 2026. AELTC will pay for SWP's costs. However, on 3 November AELTC attempted to subvert this legal action by getting Lord Gus O'Donnell (a Director of AELTC) to propose a Lord's amendment to the Government's Planning and Infrastructure Bill. The amendment was not passed.
3. **Guest speaker, Rachel Roberts (co-Chair, Southfields Business Forum (SBF))**  
Rachel said that as co-Chair, she was leading on external partnerships and funding with Maddie Miller leading on strategy and vision. SBF currently have 45 members. Great achievements this year included: Wimbledon Championships and the Pumpkin Trail. Now they were busy with the Christmas lights switch-on (3 December).

During the 2025 Wimbledon Championships, most shops experienced an increase in footfall, due to a successful campaign to promote Southfields shops/businesses to those attending the Championships. SBF took part at the Round Table on Wimbledon Championships Residents' feedback on 24 September (see item 8 below). In their meetings with AELTC, SBF were focussing on three priorities for 2026 Wimbledon Championships:

- **Better informed Marshalls:** AELTC have agreed to allow a small number of marshal posts to be given to people who know the local area well and can better point visitors to local shops & businesses. These would be paid posts (i.e. not voluntary).
- **Feeding the queue:** this would be an opportunity for local catering establishments (coffee shops, food caterers etc) to sell their products in a small area called the Court Yard.
- **Use of a big screen:** to better inform those in the queue as to locations for refreshments & toilets.

**Issue raised from the floor were:**

How can fly-tipping on Replingham Road be prevented? Rachel said that she found out that most of this was caused by those using air B&B places and who were told to leave their rubbish outside at 6pm the night before collection day (normal Wandsworth Borough Council (WBC) guidance asked for all rubbish for collection to be placed outside residences before 6am on the morning of the collection).

Rachel had been in contact with Fleur Anderson MP (who has since written to WBC) to see what can be done. One suggestion from the floor was to see if those on Replingham Road could have their collections done later in the morning, which would not result in much rubbish being left on the street overnight. The WBC official lead on waste management would be invited to speak at the next SGRA Public Meeting on 27 January 2026.

**4. Christmas donations – Diana Chitty**

Diana thanked the SGRA for providing two new blackboards for her to list what items can be donated. She also reminded people of the Reverse Advent calendar which would list 24 items of varying sorts e.g. tin openers, and ideally these should be ready for distribution by Wednesday 10 December. In respect of the foodbank, it appears that this was helping people gradually move out of food poverty. In answer to a question about whether people were preferring food which did not require much preparation, Diana agreed saying that was down to the lack of cooking facilities leaving people to boil a kettle of water to pour into dry foods.

**5. Parking issues – Ellie Halmshaw, Vijay Ragoo**

Charles introduced both Ellie and Vijay and reminded the attendees that Steve Lane (Senior Parking Policy Officer at WBC) spoke at the SGRA Public meeting on 30 September.

Ellis said that although residents in the S2 sub-zone were hoping that the online survey/questionnaire (part of the consultation) would be begin early in the New Year (NOTE: it will start in mid-January). To emphasise the issue of Heythorp Road residents having difficulties parking, Vijay said that he made a quick calculation on the potential number of resident's cars in the top section of Heythorp Street (between Replingham and Brookwood Road), and the middle section (between Brookwood and Lavenham Roads). The top section had 59 residences and the middle section 35. If each residence has a minimum of 1 car in the top section, that makes parking difficult especially for those with young families. This would be on top of people temporarily parking nearby the shops to get their shopping.

Someone mentioned the idea of Replingham Road allowing 20 minutes free parking, which was worth considering. In response to another comment about the need for employees to park near their business, Vijay said that not only was this at the expense of residents (with young families) but also, it should not be seen as an automatic right for shop employees.

**6. Look back on SGRA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Charles Runcie**

Charles Runcie outlined what activities SGRA had organised to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Art Festival (March), Parliamentary reception (July), Special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Grid newsletter (July), Big Quiz (Oct) and Grid Kids inaugural event (November). These were on top of SGRA's usual annual activities, for example - Front Garden Awards, public meetings, sponsoring & attending local events. Also saw 62 new members had joined bringing the total membership to over 600.

**7. Grid Kids inaugural event (8 November) – Will Smart**

Will Smart was congratulated on organising a successful Grid Kids inaugural event – this was primarily organised for kids primarily living on the Grid. Over seventy people attended, of which forty families participated (80% of the kids were from the Grid), with 5 activities (e.g. toys & book sale, book clubs, balloons). The cost of the event came to £368. Most of the materials bought but not used would be set aside for future Grid Kids event.

Will said that he was thinking about what to do for young teenagers next time round. In the longer term, he was looking at organising a career's session and encouraging Grid Kids events to expand and become self-financing. Outside Grid Kids events, Will was looking at other ideas to include young kids e.g. 'Light the Grid' encouraging people to have outdoor Christmas lights in the run-up to, and during, the Christmas period, Window Wanderland in the New Year. Serena Potter suggested a Children's Mend, Fix and Repair Cafe.

## 8. **Community Panel on Wimbledon Championships Residents' feedback – Ian Shaw**

Following the Roundtable chaired by Fleur Anderson at St Barnabas Church on 24 September, it was agreed to convene a Community Panel (with the same attendees) in 28 January 2026, and again to be chaired by Fleur. Email invites had gone out and the purpose would be to focus on two points:

- getting agreement on who is responsible for what in terms of queue & behaviour management, which is linked to
- how to ensure stronger enforcement and better stewarding in Wimbledon Park.

## 9. **Remaining SGRA 2025-2026 Priorities (until 31 May 2026) – Ian Shaw**

- Residents' Survey - this would also be delivered in next March where the findings could be reported back at the SGRA AGM on 19 May 2026.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Art Festival - this would be held on 7 March 2026 and in St Barnabas Church.

## **SGRA Executive Updates**

- **Finance – Ameet Phadnis:** The current account balance was around £6,800. Annually there were two sources of income: (i) subscriptions @ £3,600 pa; and (ii) advertising @ £5,000 pa. This financial year, being the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, has seen more money being spent on mostly 'one-off' activities (see item 6 above) and there would be two remaining issues of Grid News to pay for. In response to a question on whether there were any liabilities e.g. loans, Ameet confirmed that there were none.
- In answer to a question as to whether there would be a seniors' tea-party next year, Charles said that the Executive Committee would discuss this in its meeting on 6 January 2026.
- **Planning - Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) application for 10 Elsenham Street (planning case: 2025/2919).** Sue Wixley reported that following the rejection from WBC's Planning Committee to the application for alterations in connection with change of use from residential dwelling (Class 3) to 8 bedrooms HMO (Sui Generis) (2025/2919), the matter was in the hands of WBC's Building Enforcement team who would need to check that the additional two bedrooms had been removed. In respect of the parking issue for Elsenham Street (see 5 above) the rental agreement associated with this HMO would exclude the right to parking permits.
- In respect of FARA Kids (Wimbledon Park Road), SGRA had earlier in the year opposed the proposal (2025/ 1122) to convert the FARA kids shop from retail to residential premises. However, it seems that an application for permitted development has been allowed to go ahead under National Planning Law.
- **Crime** – Figures for September 2025 are at Annex B. Also attendees were warned to remove names and addresses from empty parcels/large envelopes before placing into recycling bags.

## **AOB**

- **Fireworks Night (8 November):** Will Smart said that Merton Borough Council had closed certain roads making it easier for people walk to and from the Firework display.
- **Grid Census directories for 1901 & 1911:** Ian Shaw said that at the SGRA table at the Christmas Fair on 29 November, people would be able to check who lived in their home during 1901 and 1911. This marvellous record is down to Sarah & Clive Williams' diligent & comprehensive research and proof-reading skills.

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## **Dates of next meetings & events**

### Forthcoming meetings

- SGRA Public Meeting **27 January**, 7.30-9.15pm, Parish Room, St Barnabas Church

### Forthcoming events

- Christmas Fair, **29 November**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- Southfields Christmas Lights switch-on, **3 December**, 4pm, top of Replingham Road
- Cuppa with a Copper, **16 December**, 1pm, Cafe Nero, Wimbledon Park Road
- Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe, **17 January**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- Southfields SNT Ward Panel, **24 January**, 10.30-11.30am, St Barnabas Church

**SGRA PUBLIC MEETING: 25 NOVEMBER 2025**

Apologies: Maureen Mills, Wendy Rose, Cllrs Guy Humphries, Kim Caddy and Jil Hall

<b>SGRA – Executive Members (12)</b>	<b>Role</b>
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
Ann Kerr	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Clonmore 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
Sue Wixley	SGRA Exec. Comm
Margaret Brett	SGRA Exec. Comm – Ex Officio
<b>Speakers/Main contributors (5)</b>	<b>Role</b>
Rachel Roberts	Co-Chair, Southfields Business Forum, Clonmore Street.
Diana Chitty	Elsenham Street
Ellie Halmshaw	Heythorp Street
Vijay Ragoon	Heythorp Street
Simon Wright	Save Wimbledon Park – Elsenham Street
<b>SGRA Road/Street + zoom (20)</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
Astonville Street	Lesley McCaul/Joint Astonville Street Rep,
Brookwood Road	-
Clonmore Street	Dr Nick Steiner/Joint Street Rep,
Elborough Street	
Elsenham Street	Loraine Watson, Isabel Heycoch, ITA Murray
Engadine Street	Jackie Pearce
Hanford Close	Michele Clarke
Heythorp Street	Kyra Von Schottenstein/Street Rep, Peter Watts, Elisabeth Ragoon, Lottie Parsons
Langton Place	-
Lavenham Road	Ayesha Hasan/Joint Street Rep, Georg Mueller-Koegler,
Merton Road	-
Pirbright Road	Nick Coombe
Replingham Road	-
Revelstoke Road	-
Trentham Street	Trevor Howes/Joint Street Rep, Di Brennan,
Zoom:	Hilary, Rosie, Diana – laptop, S/C <b>(4)</b>
<b>Outside (2)</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
Dr Sardar Ahmad	Cambourne Road
Fergus Foord	Lib Dem Party
	<b>Total: 39</b>

**Latest Update from your Conservative Councillors Guy Humphries and Kim Caddy**

Our apologies that we can't be with you tonight, we both unfortunately have a diary clash which can't be changed. A busy time since the last meeting, with lots going on as always. A few specific things to mention:

**Speed Gun** -Guy has had a conversation with Insp. Steve Burke re deploying the gun locally as much as possible. The Inspector has said that due to a reduced level of officers in recent weeks there has disappointingly not been an opportunity to schedule this in. However, he is expecting new officers to be deployed in the area over the next month or so, and he has promised to address this as soon as possible. Apparently one of the new officers has done the relevant training to be able to issue tickets, which will be a great asset going forward.

**E-bikes and parking issues on the Grid** – We continue to work with officers on the problematic e-bike bay at the top off Elsenham St. A plan has been proposed to rearrange the car club and e-bike bays, which officers consider will alleviate the issues raised by residents. Both residents and ourselves remain unconvinced that this will actually work, so continue to press for a complete relocation of the bay to another more appropriate location. Work continues on the consultation re changes to parking on Heythorp and Elsenham. We have insisted that a wider range of residents is consulted, as the impacts will inevitably ripple outwards, as we discussed at a recent meeting of the SGRA.

**Dog poo signage** – Signs should be going up shortly, starting at the entrance to Wimbledon Park at Revelstoke Rd, and widening outwards. There are guidelines that say no more than 20% of lampposts should be marked, to reduce street clutter, but we have been promised that all damaged or missing will be replaced, and additional ones as appropriate too. Officers have said: "We are keen to hear from your constituents if they have any information that would help us identify these irresponsible dog owners, or have identified regular patterns in their exercise regime, so that we can take preventative action. All information will be treated in confidence, and we may be contacted as follows: [animalwelfare@richmondandWandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:animalwelfare@richmondandWandsworth.gov.uk) or 020 871 7606"

We are still getting too many complaints from residents re **missed waste collections**, and increasingly poor street cleaning. We are pushing for better supervision of the contractors, and more pressure to deliver an efficient service as paid for by tax payers. If you have specific issues in this area, please do let us know, as actual evidence of poor performance is super helpful in getting an improvement generally.

Guy was proud to lay the wreath at the **Remembrance Service at St Barnabas** recently, he was honoured to be asked to play a part in the service, and it was heartwarming to see such a good attendance from the local community, both young and older, paying their respect to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms.

A reminder that the Southfields Christmas lights switch on is on Wednesday 3rd December in Replingham Rd. Christmas market from 3.30pm, main stage activities from 4.30pm. We hope to see you there!

As always, any queries or problems we can assist with, please don't hesitate to contact Guy or Kim to help. For those of you we don't see during the Christmas festivities, we wish you all the very best for a Happy Christmas and New Year ahead.

Guy and Kim

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Crime Figures for Southfields Grid & Pirbright RoadSeptember 2025

September 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			1								2
Brookwood Road										2		2
Lavenham Road										1		1
Revelstoke Road												0
Elsenham Street	1		1							1		3
Heythorp Street												0
Clonmore Street												0
Engadine Street												0
Elborough Street												0
Trentham Street				1								1
Astonville Street										2		2
Hanford Close							1				1	2
Pirbright Road							1					1
Merton Road												0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>



All Crimes reported in Southfields Ward in Sept 2025 49 [SGRA: 14 & Rest of Ward: 35]

**Heritage Wimbledon Park: (2)**

(LB of W) West Hill (2): [2 Violence & Sexual Offences]

(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)]