

Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee (Exec Comm)

Note of meeting held on Tuesday 6 January 2026

1. **Members Present:** –Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty (AO-M), Ann Kerr (AK), Charles Runcie (CR) – Chair, Clive Williams (CW), Ian Shaw (IS), Margaret Brett (MB), Rod Lewington (RL), Serena Potter (SP), Will Smart (WS)

Apologies for absence – Ameet Phadnis, Kyle Forder & Sue Wixley

	Update on actions from previous Exec Comm meetings	Owner(s)	Status
1	Focus on ensuring increased dog mess signs in the grid	SP	Open
2	Contact Juanita Stanuel-Taitte at WBC re notice board for publicising SGRA news and events	CR	Ongoing
3	Update on Jeffrey Barber how SGRA can help STRA6	IS	Ongoing
4	Invite Gillian Brett (FOCG figurine sculptor) to speak at SGRA meeting	CR	Ongoing
5	Ensure advice on requesting of fly-tipped materials and also mega- skip days is regularly update on SGRA website and other social media	ALL	Ongoing
6	Exec Comm on 28 October to review SGRA budget lines overspend	Exec C	Done
7	Summary of SGRA budget situation to appear in next Grid News	AP	Done
8	IS to write to CR confirming Exec Comms decision not to provide further funds for FoCG Fountain restoration	IS	Done
9	Cllr Guy Humphries to be invited as a guest speaker at the 25 November Public Meeting to cover issues such as parking permit review, dog poo signs and speed gun	CR/IS	Done
	Actions from 6 Jan Exec Comm meeting (bold numbers indicate paras below)	Owner(s)	
A	Update Exec Comm at 24 Febr meeting plans and timings for 2026 Front Garden Awards (4)	AO-M & IS	
B	To remind subscribers via Spring Grid news on ticking GDPR box (4)	CR	
C	Produce a final version of Survey for Exec Comm sign off (24 Feb) (4)	IS	
D	Find a successor to IS as SGRA Secretary (4)	CR	
E	Invite Paul White and Dr Quinton to be guest speakers on 27 Jan (5)	CR	
F	Pay £2K towards FoCG Fountain restoration by end March 2026 (7)	CR/AP/IS	
G	Consider amount to donate to St Barnabas re Glass Door (8)	All	
H	To check if Mosque will lead on Poppy Collection in Nov 2026 (10)	CR	
I	Consider pros and cons of Article 4 Director for Grid (11)	SW	
J	Investigate how other Councils monitor HMO licensing & management (11)		

2. **Declarations of interest** – None.

3. **Commentary on major matters from 6 January and previous Exec Comms (not covered below)**

- Action 1 - 5: these will remain open until they have been acted on.
- Actions 6 - 8: these have completed/achieved since 28 October Exec Comm.
- Action 9: Guy Humphries could not attend but submitted a note which was attached to the note of the 25 November SGRA Public Meeting.

4. **SGRA priorities 2025/26**

- Front Garden Awards 2026 – AO-M confirmed that she and IS would be taking forward this year's FGAs and would be meeting up soon to agree timings and whether any changes should be made. There would be an update at the next Exec Comm on 24 February.

- Subscription envelopes/membership developments – SP had been researching the SGRA account (for the September 2025 subscriptions) and found that 392 households had paid online, of which 300 were on the email database. Of the remaining 92, 45 had paid online (with no email details) and the other 47 came via envelopes. This led to a growing conclusion that with quite a sizeable number not actively wanting their contact details to be used by SGRA, but were still paying in subscriptions, switching to an online membership system may be counter-productive (in the sense that we may lose the income from those subscribers. It was agreed to keep the current system (envelopes). There were some instances of residents who had offered an email address but did not tick the GDPR box (or vice-versa) - CR agreed to put a reminder in the Spring Grid Newsletter. Additionally, further consideration would need to be given in instances where residents have not provided an email address and not ticked the GDPR box (NOTE: details such as initials and address are recorded separately). It was important to recognise that when establishing whether residents were clearly not interested on being on SGRA database, this would need to be tactfully handled.
- Survey – IS confirmed that the version (drafted during last year), would be looked at again and sent round to Exec Comm for sign-off. The plan was to get it delivered alongside during the Spring, with enough times for the findings to be ready for AGM (19 May).
- Local Elections (Wandsworth Borough Council) 2026 – CR said that he had booked St Barnabas Church for the local election hustings on 21 April in the evening (@ 7.30 – 9pm). He would look out the papers to find out how the last (local) election hustings was organised.
- Art festival – IS confirmed that this would be held on 7 March and would follow the same format as last year's. Quite a few artists had said they were interested in taking part. There would be a meeting on 14 January between IS, AO-M, AK and Slavica Struthers-Kennedy to discuss next steps.
- SGRA Secretary – CR said that a priority would be to find a successor to IS who would be standing down as Secretary of the SGRA at the 19 May AGM. CR would canvas Exec Comm, Street reps and wider membership to see if anyone volunteer to take on the role.

5. Guest speakers at 27 January Public (and future) meetings – CR agreed to contact Paul White (Head of Environmental Services at Wandsworth Borough Council (WBC) and also Dr Laura Quinton (GP at Elborough Road) to be guest speakers on 27 January. There may also be a few words from Leonie Cooper. For future public meetings, Debbie Jevans was down to speak at 31 March meeting. Fleur Anderson would be invited to speak at the AGM (on 19 May). Later in the year, we could have guest speakers to cover: the Grid Census returns for 1901, 1911 and 1921; Groups under the 'Sustainable Southfields' umbrella; Inspector Paul James; and Gillian Brett figurine sculptor.

6. Update on Southfields Business Forum – AO-M said that SBF were meeting again on 21 January. SBF were pleased with how the Christmas light switch-on event (3 Dec) as well as the Pumpkin Trail (end Oct) went. Rachel Roberts was working closely with ALTEC to assist in the recruitment of local people to act as Marshalls during the first week of the 2026 Championship fortnight. AK added that SBF had organised a successful silent auction and that the membership was now 50 (including new creative artists).

CR raised the question of funding from WBC for future Christmas lights events. WBC are considering reducing their funding in stages as Southfields is deemed as an affluent area. There was no escaping the fact the high costs of running such an event are those associated with counter-terrorism. Option on how to handle WBC funding decreased would need to be considered.

7. Managing SGRA Budget for 2025/26 –As of 5 January, SGRA bank balance was healthy (£7,868.63). This includes subscriptions for 2025/6 totalling £3,698 (basically the same as last year) and income from advertising is c. £3,666 (to date) plus an expected c. £2k+ in addition for the Autumn/Winter newsletter.

Largest outstanding payments are £2k donation toward the project to restore the fountain in Coronation Gardens (ideally to be paid for by the end of this current financial year) and the printing

costs of the Spring 2026 Grid News. Although there are other costs outstanding before the end of the financial year (e.g. costs for GridKids etc.), the balance is sufficient to cover known commitments at this stage.

For the AGM, Ameet has some analysis to do on the data supplied by Serena, indexing this with the bank account data. He would like to do some street analysis and averages (if possible) for the AGM.

8. Match funding Green the Grid (GtG) contribution c£350 to Glass Door

CR said that he had a request from Nina Kowalska following their wreath making event, to match fund their sum of £350 to donate to Glass Door Charity. Exec Comm felt that match-funding was not the right route and there may be scope to make another donation to St Barnabas. Before Exec Comm decides on a donation, it was agreed to find out what St Barnabas charges Glass Door (which has been confirmed as nothing). This will be revisited at the 24 February Exec Comm meeting.

9. Seniors Tea Party – CR said that this was on the agenda following a request from the floor at the 25 November SGRA Public Meeting. There was a general feeling that most of those who attended these lived outside the Grid area. Also, organising such a party was a mammoth task. Exec Comm felt that more could be done to support multi-generational events e.g. possibly bring Grid seniors and kids together for a social event. CR agreed to contact Emma Chisholm who founded ‘Sparkle’ (which is an Intergenerational Community Centre based in Putney, Wandsworth & Earlsfield (whose mission is to be a community where relationships can ‘spark’ and bring light and joy to the young and old).

10. 2026 Poppy Appeal – CR said that he would be checking with Dr Ahmad to seek if they will be leading the Poppy Appeal in 2026. (NOTE: CR has since spoken to Dr Ahmad who has said that the plan is for the Mosque to resume doing the local poppy appeal but will confirm once he knows for sure).

11. Ongoing updates:

Planning & local

- House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) application for 10 Elsenham Street (planning case: 2025/2919). SW was told by WBC’s Planning & Enforcement (P&E) department that a planning officer carried a site visit in late December. There were only 6 bedrooms in operation (i.e., the permitted development). The other areas in the house are still communal spaces and not converted into additional bedrooms. As things stand, there is no breach of the planning rules. P&E would welcome feedback from neighbours if they notice there are more than 6 people staying.
 - Wandsworth Planning Forum: On 29 January, SW will be attending the next meeting of this forum.
- Questions for Exec Comm**
- Would there be interest in SW investigating the pros and cons of an Article 4 Direction for the Grid? An Article 4 Direction is an order made by a local planning authority to remove certain permitted development rights in all, or part of, its area. When adopted, the effect of the Article 4 Direction is that planning permission is required for certain types of development that would not otherwise require an application for planning permission. This wouldn’t stop unsuitable developments but would at least ensure residents have a say i.e., conversions to small HMOs wouldn’t be automatically permitted developments. Exec Comm agreed that it would be good idea but it would be necessary to start this as soon as possible as it would take up to a year to have the Direction in place.
 - Is there appetite for SW to look into how other Councils monitor HMO licensing and management? Currently it seems very light touch in Wandsworth and reliant on neighbours reporting issues. Again, Exec Comm agreed to this.

Crime

- Updated figures for Southfields Streets/roads for October 2025 are attached at annex A.
- Meetings: CW said the next SNT Ward Panel meeting would be held on Saturday 24 January, 10.30 am at St Barnabas Church. The next West Hill Cuppa with a Copper will be held at the Southfields Library on 3 February

- Changes to Southfields Safer Neighbourhood Team – Paul James is now Inspector. He would continue to be supported by PC Robert Quijano Amigo and PCSO Don Lopez. Former acting Inspector Steve Burke has been transferred to St Mary’s Ward Battersea.

AOB:

- Christmas 2026 appeal: SP thought around Sept/Oct it would be good for the Exec Comm to consider a appeal which would involve giving practical gifts and not just money. This was agreed.
 - A6 SGRA Flyers: confirmed that there were enough of these fliers without having to get another laot printed so this would happen later in the year.
 - Window Wonderland: WS said this would be in the last weekend of February and that he would like this to involve Grid Kids. He would be meeting the former lead on Sam Traynor on Wednesday 7 January. NOTE: at that meeting Sam agreed to help in the background for 2026 and write up a handover note for future years.
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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

- Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe, **17 January**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- Southfields SNT Ward Panel, **24 January**, 10.30-11.30am, St Barnabas Church
- West Hill SNT Cuppa with a Copper, **3 February**, 11am-12pm Southfields Library, 300 Wimbledon Park Road

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

October 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						1				1	1	3
Lavenham Road										1		1
Revelstoke Road												0
Elsenham Street							1					1
Heythorp Street	1					1				1		3
Clonmore Street												0
Engadine Street	1											1
Elborough Street												0
Trentham Street												0
Astonville Street		1									1	2
Hanford Close						1	1					2
Pirbright Road										1		1
Merton Road				1			1	1				3
Total	2	1	0	1	0	4	3	1	0	5	2	19



All Crimes reported in Southfields Ward in October 2025 58 [SGRA: 19 & Rest of Ward: 39]

Heritage Wimbledon Park: (0)

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

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

Crime Figures for Southfields Ward Non SGRA Streets/Roads

October 2025

October 2025	Anti-Social Behaviour	Burglary	Criminal Damage & Arson	Drugs	Other Crime	Other Theft	Public Order & Weapons	Robbery	Shoplifting	Vehicle Crime	Violence & Sexual Offences	Total
Acuba Road										1		1
Arragon Road											1	1
Bowman Mews	1		1									2
Brathway Road	2											2
Burr Road			1									1
Crowthorne Close	1		1									2
Gatwick Road											1	1
Glenville Mews						2					1	3
Merton Road			1							2		3
Pulborough Road										1		1
Ravensbury Ter	3					1					1	5
Standen Road			1			1	1					3
Shopping Area					2	4			2		3	11
Southfields LU Stn											3	3
Total	7	0	5	0	2	8	1	0	2	4	10	39



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Other Theft includes 1 Bicycle Theft (Standen Road)

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