



Southfields Grid
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Note of SGRA AGM/Public Meeting: Tuesday 19 May 2026 – 7.30pm

St Barnabas Church

1. Apologies for absence

Serena Potter, Rod Lewington, Sue Wixley, Sucheta Samant, Cllr Emmeline Owens.

2. Minutes of 2025 AGM - click [here](#) to access revised version

Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty proposed and Cllr Guy Humphries supported the approval of the minutes, which were formally approved without challenge.

3. Chair's Annual review 2025/26 – click [here](#) to access presentation

Charles highlighted: SGRA's 50th anniversary celebrations including a Parliamentary Reception, a popular, commemorative issue of Grid News; our healthy finances (see below); a strong governance structure; increased and improved presence on social media; continuing co-ordination with other groups in the Grid, Councillors, Police etc; supporting the development of the Wimbledon Championships Community Panel. SGRA also maintained a presence at the Christmas lights switch-on, St Barnabas Christmas Fayre, Southfields Harvest. Notable SGRA events included: Front Garden Awards, Grid Kids, Big Quiz, 2nd Art festival and Hustings. Ayesha Hasan proposed and Kyle Forder supported the approval of the Chair's review which was then formally approved without challenge.

4. Financial report 2025/26 – click [here](#) to access details

During FY 2025/26 income exceeded expectations with £2k income from the Quiz Night and income from advertising of £6.3k. In terms of expenditure, more was spent on printing (£700) but was more than compensated for in the advertising income of £1.3k. Also there was additional expenditures for Window Wanderland, and the Hustings. In terms of the range of balances – lowest = £3,754 (July 2025), highest = £9,294 (Feb 2026) – average being £6,439. The budget lines for 2026-2027 were agreed by members of the Executive Committee who will also have to agree any additional expenses not already budgeted for. Clive Williams proposed and Kyra von Schottenstein seconded the approval of the Financial report which was then formally approved without challenge.

5. Election of SGRA Officers and Members of the Executive Committee for 2026/27

Officers - The following were elected without challenge: Charles Runcie (Chair), Serena Potter (Membership Secretary), Ameet Phadnis (Treasurer). Ian Shaw stood down as Secretary.

Executive Committee members – both Rod Lewington and Sue Wixley were not seeking re-election.

The following members were re-elected without challenge: Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty, Ann Kerr, Clive Williams, Ian Shaw, Kyle Forder, Margaret Brett, Will Smart. Michele Clarke (Hanford Close, Street Rep) proposed and seconded by Charles Runcie and Ian Shaw respectively was elected to the Executive Committee without challenge.

6. Street representatives for 2026/27

Charles was pleased to report that there were no remaining vacancies. Also each Street had a representative who lived in that road/street.

7. Agreement of Annual SGRA Membership subscription

Charles proposed to keep the minimum amount to £5 but said that more effort would be made to get more subscriptions coming in. If necessary, he proposed that there may be a need to increase the minimum amount to £6 from 2027/28 with further staged increases in the pipeline. This strategy was accepted without challenge.

The formal AGM business came to an end.

Guest Speakers

Kez Garner – Southfields Business Forum (SBF)

Kez gave a brief outline of events which the SBF were involved in.

- **Southfields in Bloom ‘High Street Planting Day’**: Saturday 6 June (11-12.30pm). The purpose would be to get shop owners in Replingham/Wimbledon Park Road to work with Green the Grid and plant flowers outside their shops. This would result in a greener & cleaner high street. Further details on the SBF website which can be accessed [here](#).
- **SBF chair**: As Maddie Miller has stepped down, and Rachel Roberts was in the process of doing so (after 3 years as Chair), expressions of interest (EOIs) were being sought – of which to date two EOIs had been received.
- **Wimbledon Championships 2026**: With thanks to Rachel’s hard work in working closely with AELTC, more effort had been made to ensure more SBF involvement in the Championships – with a presence in the Great Park and more ‘local’ Marshalls to give assistance and advice to spectators about what Southfields can offer (in terms of amenities and businesses).

Cllr Guy Humphries – Southfields Ward, Wandsworth Borough Council

- Guy began by thanking all those who voted in the local election. Southfields Ward had the highest turnout throughout the Borough (this would be reflected in the next edition of Grid News).
- Although the Conservative Party was the largest party with 29 seats they were one short for an outright majority. So a confidence and supply arrangement, to be reviewed annually has been agreed in principle with Independent Councillor Malcolm Grimston, who has represented West Hill ward since 1994.
- The full governance arrangements, including cabinet appointments, will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting on 27 May. More information is on the Wandsworth Borough Council website which can be accessed [here](#).

Fleur Anderson – MP for Putney, Roehampton, Southfields and Wandsworth Town

Fleur covered a variety of issues she was involved in as well as some welcome measures in the King’s Speech:

- **Wimbledon Championships Community Panel (WCCP)**: Fleur was pleased to see the emerging outcomes from effective engagement of interested stakeholders represented on the WCCP. There should be better toilet facilities (through more effective drainage), better protection of the precious Horse Close Woods, and better informed and locally based Marshalls with easy to hand information to give onto spectators.
- **Housing**: Fleur was pleased that there was legislation which included a statutory duty for local authorities to act on housing with mould which could have a negative effect on residents’ health. Also the newly enacted Renters Rights Act significantly shifts power to tenants by abolishing "no-fault" (Section 21) evictions, banning fixed-term contracts, and introducing stricter rules against rental discrimination.
- **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities consultation** which proposed changes to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND, including early, fair support, with shared accountabilities across local partners, closed on 18 May. Feedback was currently being analysed.

- The renewed Women's Health [Strategy](#) sets out how the government will improve women's health and healthcare over the next 10 years. It is aligned with the [10 Year Health Plan for England](#) and sets out how women will have voice, choice and power in their health and healthcare.
- [Children's Digital Wellbeing](#): The UK government's national consultation on children's digital wellbeing closes on 26 May 26. It explores strict measures to protect young people online, including a potential social media ban or digital curfews for under-16s, stricter age assurance, and limits on features like infinite scrolling. Fleur agreed with fellow MP, Jess Phillips that smart phone companies could do more to prevent children accessing harmful/extreme harmful content.
- [Foreign Affairs Committee](#): as had been in the news, the FAC was looking at vetting procedures with a particular focus on Lord Mandelson's appointment. It was also looking at the impacts of disinformation from China and Russia as well as cut on international/development aid.

In the King's [Speech](#) (13 May), Fleur picked out the following measures which she would be taking a keen interest:

- [Energy Independence Bill](#): to scale up home-grown renewable energy and protect living standards for the long term.
- [European Partnership Bill](#): to strengthen UK ties with the EU.
- Improve critical infrastructure to clean water and also to establish Great British Railways.
- Increased long term in social housing, reform of the leasehold system which will include the capping of ground rents.

Questions from the floor (not covered above)

[Developments re Hammersmith Bridge](#): Hammersmith and Fulham Council alongside Transport for London had submitted a bid for funding from the National Structures Fund (Bridges and Flyovers) to the Department for Transport. Fleur said that she hoped funding would be offered as soon as possible as the closure of Hammersmith Bridge had a severe impact on the surrounding roads especially with 6 bus routes being affected.

[District Line \(Wimbledon Branch\)](#): Realising the unique nature of the Wimbledon Branch of the district line (from East Putney to Wimbledon), Fleur was persisting with South Western Railway and Transport for London to ensure that any faults on that part of the line are fixed quickly, and that it would be critical to ensure that the failure of the district line on the first day of the 2025 Championships did not repeat itself this year.

SGRA meetings/events

- Front Garden Awards Judging period, **19 to 28 June**, across the Grid.
- SGRA Public Meeting **Tuesday 21 July**, 7.30-9.15pm, Parish Room, St Barnabas Church

Community meetings/events

- Southfields in Bloom, **Saturday 6 June**, 11am to 12.30pm, Replingham Road
- Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe, **Saturday 13 June**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- 'Loves Labour Lost' **Sunday 14 June**, 1.30 (gates open), 3pm play starts, Coronation Gardens, 89 Pirbright Road, SW18 5ND
- SNT Ward Panel Meeting, **Saturday 11 July**, 10.30am, St Barnabas Church

Attendance List

SGRA – Executive Members (9)	Role
Charles Runcie	SGRA Exec. Comm – Chair/Pirbright Rd Rep
Ameet Phadnis	SGRA Exec. Comm – Hon. 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
Ian Shaw	SGRA Exec. Comm/Brookwood Rd Rep
Kyle Forder	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Astonville St Rep
Margaret Brett	SGRA Exec. Comm
Will Smart	SGRA Exec. Comm
SGRA Road/Street (32)	Attendees
Astonville Street	Jenny Underwood, Rob Bumpstead, John Worrell, Ross Young
Brookwood Road	Jelka Mitic
Clonmore Street	Nick Steiner/Joint Clonmore Street Rep, Tim Oswin
Elborough Street	Diane Neilsen Smith, Peter Smith, Ray Rivers
Engadine Street	Jacqui Pearce, Veda Mingo
Elsenham Street	Mark Lubienski, Isabel Heycock, Simon Wright, Wendy Rose
Hanford Close	Michele Clarke
Heythorp Street	Kyra von Schottenstein/Heythorp Street Rep, Ann Redman, Peter Watts
Lavenham Road	Ayesha Hasan/Joint Lavenham Road Street Rep, Maureen Mills/Joint Lavenham Road Street Rep, Georg Muellor-Koegler, Kez Garner, Gordon Springett Robert Mathison,
Merton Road	Catherine Sutton
Replingham Road	Roz Wolfe/Joint Replingham Road Street Rep
Trentham Street	Trevor Howe/Joint Trentham Street Rep, Di Brennan, Peter La Marca, Bridget La Marca
(4)	
Fleur Anderson MP	Member of Parliament
Cllr Guy Humphries	Wandsworth Borough Council
Cllr Jil Hall	Merton Borough Council
Revd Vanessa Elston	St Barnabas Church
	Total: 45