

# SOUTHBOROUGH NEWS

Newsletter from the Southborough Residents' Association

## LEARNER DRIVERS

The ever increasing use of the Southborough area by over ninety driving schools was recently discussed by the SRA. Whilst fully acknowledging schools are entirely within their rights, the amount and concentration of use is causing local concern. The main activities concentrate on emergency stops, hill starts, three point turns and regularly reversing round corners in certain areas, making life difficult for other road users. However, two beneficial effects of their presence were felt to be: traffic calming and a possible deterrent to burglars. The noise caused by persistent daily motor cycle training is another concern.

Residents on e-mail have already been asked what they think are the advantages and problems associated with driving schools. If you are not on e-mail, we would also like to hear your viewpoint. Please write to: SRA Chairman, Jeremy Porter, 7 Corkran Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 6PN or e-mail him on [opinion@southborough-residents.org.uk](mailto:opinion@southborough-residents.org.uk) by the end of December 2009.

## CONSERVATION BOUNDARY

Kingston Council finally agreed the revised Conservation Area boundary line on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The main changes are: the *exclusion* of Penners Gardens in Langley Road and the *inclusion* of Woodlands Road, Southborough Close, Upper Brighton Road, the top end of Langley Avenue, and the top part of Herne Road near Ditton Road.

## COMMUNITY POLICE CHANGES

Dan Harris is the replacement PCSO for Khalil who has moved to the Oakhill area. Dan will be visiting the Southborough area regularly. Dan has been with the Kingston Borough since 2004 and his previous 'patch' was Kingston town centre. PC Simon Stamp is being replaced by PC Sarah Nock. *Security advice from his team is: fit a burglar alarm, block access to rear garden if possible, lock away ladders and keep keys away from front door area. Always be extra vigilant and careful about doorstep cold callers.*

Surbiton Community Police team are Sheila Budden and Dan Harris, telephone 0208 721 2518. Kingston Police tel. is 0208 541 1212, or in a serious emergency, dial 999. **'BE AWARE'**: all 999 calls go to Hendon. You will be asked for your name, house number, road



name and post code. When they are read back to you, check very carefully that your details are correct. If not, the police car will be wrongly directed. This nightmare scenario recently actually happened to a local resident.

## PLANNING IN CONSERVATION AREAS

Residents new to the Southborough area may not be aware of the special planning controls and policies in conservation areas. Certain types of work will require advance approval from the Council, where elsewhere they normally do not. You can access this information from The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames by requesting the general guide booklet on "Conservation Areas" which explains principles of law and good practice. The Council's online website link is: [www.kingston.gov.uk/browse/environment/conservation](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/browse/environment/conservation)

Examples of required prior permission include: roof works that alter the shape of the roof (including raised rooflights and dormers), wall cladding, outbuildings over 10 cubic metres, tree works including surgery and satellite dishes fronting the road or public footpath.

Contact a Conservation Officer on 020 8547 4758 if you are hoping to, for example, erect a new building; undertake external alterations or an extension; demolish a building, garage, outbuilding or wall; display a sign or advertisement.

Contact a Tree Officer on 020 8547 5506 if you are planning to carry out any works to a tree. Cold caller "tree surgeons" should be reminded that conservation area planning consent from Kingston Council is needed.

## SRA MEMBERSHIP SUBS

The subscription year for the SRA has been changed from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August to instead start on 1<sup>st</sup> January and run until 31<sup>st</sup> December, to match the SRA financial year. The current annual subscription rate is £5. We have organised a team of Road Representatives to cover each road. This is to make it easy for you to renew your subscription, by being able to deliver your envelope to an address close to you. A letter reminding 2010 subscriptions are due will be sent out at year end.

## SURBITON HOSPITAL SITE

A recent public consultation has been held to determine improvements to the local provision of healthcare, including the redevelopment of the Surbiton Hospital site. Southborough residents may be particularly interested to learn that most local GPs will move into a new polyclinic on the hospital site. The services to be provided will reflect the needs of local people, the nature of the site and the type of care traditionally found there. The history of the site and its memorial features will also be incorporated into the redevelopment.

A member of the SRA has joined the project's Stakeholder Group, and encouraged Southborough residents to take part in the consultation by completing and returning a questionnaire obtainable on line by e-mail. The Kingston PCT offices are at 22 Hollyfield Road, Surbiton, KT5 9AL. Leaflets outlining the plans for the Surbiton Hospital redevelopment and the Kingston Polysystem can be downloaded from <http://www.kingston-polysystem.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/Surbiton-A4-final.pdf> and <http://www.kingston-polysystem.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/NHS-Kingston-Polysystem-leaflet-final.pdf>.

More information about the project can be found at: <http://www.kingston-polysystem.nhs.uk>. If you have specific views about the hospital redevelopment, [opinion@southborough-residents.org.uk](mailto:opinion@southborough-residents.org.uk) is where you can e-mail the SRA so viewpoints can be raised with the project team through the Stakeholder Group, or write to John Parry, 24 Woodlands Road, Surbiton, KT6 6PS.

## FOXES

A number of residents have complained to the SRA about the increasing population of foxes in the area. Do you have a fox's lair in your garden? Are foxes a nuisance to you, or do you welcome their visits? Let us know what you think on our website e-mail, or by writing to SRA Chairman Jeremy Porter, 7 Corkran Road, Surbiton, KT6 6PN.

## SUNRISE DECISION

The Planning Inspector decided *in favour* of this development on the corner of Langley Avenue and Upper Brighton Road. In his report, he agreed with most of the arguments put out by Sunrise. The SRA regret this decision, but feel everything possible was done to fight this development. At least it was the third, amended and reduced-size version, and not either of the larger first two designs.

The SRA again thanks all local residents for support they gave during this fight. As yet, we have no news on when this work will commence and no demolition of the existing three properties can happen until a building contract has been signed.

## AGM 2010

The date of next year's meeting is Thursday, 22 April 2010 at Shrewsbury House School, Ditton Road, Surbiton, starting at 7.30 pm. Tea and coffee will be available from 7 p.m. Councillors from Surbiton Hill Ward will be attending and will be happy to listen to and answer your queries.

### YOUR LOCAL ROAD REPRESENTATIVE

Corkran Road, Hailsham Close	Isobel Porter & Margaret Harker
Malcolm Drive, Redwood Walk, Dunton Close	Owen Palmer
Mandeville Drive	Ivy Holmes
Southborough Close	David Edmonds
Ashcombe Avenue	Liz Scales
Langley Avenue [up to junction]	Geoff Newell
Langley Avenue [beyond junction]	David Morgan
Southborough Road	Suzie Buller
Ditton Road	Tom O'Donnell
Woodlands Road Sylvan Gardens	Rachel Braine & Theresa Dovey
Croylands Drive	Pam Kare de Silver
Upper Brighton Road	Tony Lane

### SOUTHBOROUGH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MANAGING COMMITTEE 2009/2010

<i>Chairman</i>	Jeremy Porter	8399 2596
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	David Edmonds	8399 1612
<i>Neighbourhood Watch:</i>	Edwina Littleton	8399 1444
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<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	Suzie Buller	8399 4351
<i>Hon. Solicitor</i>	Keith Howell-Jones	8549 5186
<i>Hon. Auditor</i>	Ian M. McDonald FCA	8399 6155
<i>SRA Committee Members:</i> Rachel Braine, David Morgan, John Parry, Ken Peay, Isobel Porter, Margaret Harker, Anne Ivison, Theresa Dovey, Litsa Hunt		

### USEFUL COUNCIL PHONE NUMBERS

<b>RBK main tel. no:</b>	<b>0208 547 5757</b>
<b>Tree Conservation:</b> Environmental Services	0208 547 5929
<b>Blocked street drains:</b> Thames Water, or RBK Environmental Health Dept.	0845 9200 800 0208 547 5536
<b>Planning Applications</b> Planning Enquiries:	0208 547 5330
<b>Conservation:</b>	0208 547 5302
<b>Abandoned cars in your road:</b> Environmental Services	0208 547 5929
<b>Holes in the road:</b> Environmental Services	0208 547 5929
<b>Fridge collection:</b> Waste Management:	0208 547 5560
<b>Pest Control:</b> Environmental Health	0208 547 5536

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