

SOUTHBOROUGH NEWS

Newsletter from the Southborough Residents' Association

SUNSET FOR SUNRISE

Sunrise Senior Living lost their appeal to build a care home in Langley Avenue at the entrance of the Southborough estate. Following a four day appeal hearing in July this year at which the Southborough Residents' Association played an active role, this welcome result was confirmed at the beginning of September. The Bristol Inspector, Mr Roy Foster, took the view that the building would harm the setting of the Southborough Conservation Area, and would erode the prevailing character and appearance of the Southborough Area of Lower Residential Density.

In particular, he considered that 3 Langley Avenue is an integral part of the SALRD, complementing nearby parts of the Southborough Conservation Area in the Avenue. He referred to English Heritage who described this property as 'making a positive contribution to the local streetscape'.

Commenting on the proposed Sunrise care home, his opinion was that "this lengthy three storey façade with a generally consistent ridge height would contrast strongly with the current series of individual houses and gaps with trees and hedges seen behind them, which reflects the main characteristic feature of the SCA and SALRD and reinforces the spacious and attractive nature of the areas south of the roundabout".

The SRA were encouraged to actively fight this case when news came through of the unsuccessful Sunrise appeal in Chichester. In turn, we have given help and advice to residents' associations in Manchester and Sevenoaks, who are awaiting decisions on Sunrise appeal hearings in their areas.

AGM 2008

The date next year's meeting is Tuesday 22 April 2008, at Shrewsbury House School, Ditton Road starting at 7.30 pm. Councillors from Surbiton Hill Ward will be attending. Officers from Kingston Council will form a question and answer panel to listen to and respond to your queries.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



SURBITON CLOCKTOWER

The Coronation Clocktower in Surbiton was recently unveiled to reveal essential restoration work which has returned it to its former glory. It is a Grade II listed building and was built in 1908 to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII six years' earlier. The Friends of the Coronation Clock Tower plan a celebration next summer, with a special guest of honour to mark its centenary. The Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee undertook prudent emergency borrowing to save the clock, and are asking for donations from local people to raise funds for this, as well as future maintenance and work to completely restore the original design of the clock. If you would like to join "Friends of the Coronation Clock Tower" group, have any suggestions for fundraising or wish to make a donation, contact Christina Gardner at Guildhall 2, Kingston, KT1 1EU, tel: 020 8547 5369.

THANK YOU TO SRA SUPPORTERS

The hard work of the SRA in preparing a residents' case against the Sunrise appeal was worth fighting for. We warmly thank Kingston Council Planning, especially Paul Bradbury, local councillors Paul Johnston, Janet Bowen-Hitchings, Barry O'Mahony and Nick Kilby as well as Ed Davey, MP for Kingston, for all their invaluable support, and time spent attending the Bristol Inspectorate hearing at Shrewsbury House School.

Waste Disposal in 2008

Kingston Council is renewing its contract for Refuse and Recycling in September next year, and commissioned Ipsos MORI to carry out a series of research studies over the coming months. With recycling currently a hot issue and the government aiming to reduce the practice of landfill, the SRA are monitoring this subject closely.

Dangerous Pavements

Southborough resident concerned about uneven or badly maintained pavements either outside their home or on the Southborough estate are welcome to get in touch with me, Suzie Buller, on 020 8399 4351. I will then photograph the pavement, and forward the information on to Cllr Paul Johnston who has promised to forward the details to the relevant Council department for action.

Theft Reports: Community Police

PC Paul Blundell reports there have been seven recent incidents of theft, or attempted theft including Woodlands, Corkran, Southborough Road, as well as Langley Avenue. Especially vulnerable were laptops, cars, and thefts from gardeners' vehicles. His advice is to keep car and housekeys stored away from the front door to avoid theft through your letterbox.

New Officers on the Block

Two new officers have joined the Community Police in Surbiton. They are Khalil Saib and Simon Briggs, who can be contacted on the Community Police team telephone: 020 8721 2518. The Kingston Police tel. is 020 8541 1212, or in a real emergency, dial 999.

Overgrown Hedges Blocking Pavements?

It only takes a minute to check if the pavement area outside your property is clear of obstructing hedge growth. The law states that, as the owner of the property you are the one who is legally liable for any injuries to passers-by.

SRA FIGHTING FUND

The SRA have had a warm and generous response to the call to set up a fighting fund, with 96 residents donating to the setting up of a permanent fund towards future challenges. Residents also supported the SRA by writing to the Kingston Council and the Bristol Inspectorate to object to Sunrise. A big "thank you" to all who supported the Association in this way.

Are you new to this area?

The SRA welcomes new residents. The Association has a wealth of knowledge that may be helpful to you, especially on planning matters. Please feel free to telephone and have a chat with a member of our committee. A visit to our website will give you more information on our activities. Membership is only £5 a year and runs from 1st September to 31st August.

YOUR LOCAL ROAD REPRESENTATIVE

Corkran Road, Hailsham Close	Isobel Porter & Margaret Sutcliffe
Malcolm Drive, Redwood Walk, Duncan Close, Mandeville Drive	Owen Palmer
Southborough Close	David Edmonds
Ashcombe Avenue	Alan Tyler
Langley Avenue [up to junction]	Ken Peay
Langley Avenue [beyond junction]	David Morgan
Southborough Road, Ditton Road	Suzie Buller
Woodlands Road Sylvan Gardens	Margery Kent & Rachel Braine
Croylands Drive	Geoff Newell

SOUTHBOROUGH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MANAGING COMMITTEE 2007/2008

<i>Chair</i>	Suzie Buller	8399 4351
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	Owen Palmer	8399 0921
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	David Edmonds	8399 1612
<i>London Neighbourhood Watch:</i>	to be appointed.	
<i>Conservation</i>	Richard Graves	8399 4569
<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, Nick Harris, Margery Kent, Lucky Kumpeson, David Morgan, John Parry, Ken Peay, Isobel Porter and Margaret Sutcliffe	

USEFUL COUNCIL PHONE NUMBERS

RBK main tel. no:	8547 5757
Tree Conservation:	Environmental Services 8547 5929
Blocked street drains:	Thames Water 0845 9200 800 or RBK Environmental Health Dept. 8547 5536
Planning Applications	Planning Enquiries: 8547 5330
Conservation:	8547 5302
Abandoned cars in your road:	
Environmental Services:	8547 5929
Holes in the road:	Environmental Services 8547 5929
Fridge collection:	Waste Management 8547 5560
Pest Control:	Environmental Health 8547 5536

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