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Welcome to our latest newsletter. If you are reading a printed copy and wish to follow the underlined web links you will have to download the PDF from our website.

## RVR Society Business

We are putting society business as the leading item as we urgently require volunteers for several positions.

Would you like to help your thriving Society? We need two new **Road Reps**! The first is for Bromley Avenue as the current Rep, Quinton, is moving back to Ireland. The second is for the 'Odds' of Ravensbourne Avenue, formerly overseen by Linda Harvey-Shipp. The number of members in each round is 37 and 17 respectively. We would like to thank both Quinton and Linda for their support.

We are also looking for a new **Webmaster**. The duties are light, requiring occasional updating to the website, which itself is very simple technically and very intuitive. No previous experience of website building is necessary. Our current Webmaster, David, is happy to continue (Thank you David!) for the time being until his replacement is found.

Finally, we also need a new **Chair**. Our existing Chair will step down at the AGM although he would be happy to continue as Planning Officer if so appointed at the AGM. Duties are what you make of them, but obviously include chairing meetings, recruitment, oversight, and strategic direction. Easy!

Please contact the chairman, Clive Lees, ([chairman.rvr@outlook.com](mailto:chairman.rvr@outlook.com)) for further information if you would be interested in any of these roles.

## Bromley Town Centre

### Churchill Quarter

Information about the proposals is contained in a leaflet produced by Bromley Civic Society [here](#). Following public consultations in September, the Council's development partner, Countryside Properties, have released new visuals for the development. You can view them [here](#), alongside images produced by Bromley Civic Society showing the current built environment. At the same link, you can find out how to lodge your comments with Countryside Properties, in advance of the opportunity to make formal objections when the planning application is produced.

### Maplin's Corner

We await a decision on the Maplin's Corner application for a 16-storey twin tower, which was lodged in spite of the previous application for a 12-storey single tower being refused. Although the consultation period has ended, there will be further opportunity to object to these proposals in due course.

## River Ravensbourne

At the website of Lawrence Beale Collins [here](#), there is a virtual tour of the River Ravensbourne with descriptions of its route and accompanying photographs. Similar virtual tours of the River Quaggy and the River Pool are also on his site.

The following example shows and describes the origin of the Ravensbourne:



Out of the chalk upland that divides Keston and Holwood, the river Ravensbourne rises through a man-made orifice of brick and gravel and flows down into the first of three, tiered, ponds, known as Keston Ponds. From chalk to clay to Blackhead Beds (gravel) and Thanet Sands. Keston Ponds remains one of the few places in London where fishing is permitted and therefore it can get very busy. The banks of the lower pond are eroded and Bromley Council, the owners, plan on introducing revetments and dedicated fishing platforms to protect the landscape.

## Parking in Ravensbourne Avenue, unmade section

The unmade part of Ravensbourne Avenue continues to be blocked by bad parking. The local residents' scheme and signage, intended to control the parking, was deemed illegal by Bromley Council and the sign was removed. However, independent expert Counsel subsequently stated that Bromley Council is wrong. We have asked Bromley to urgently provide their legal arguments (ie rebuttal to the residents) which they have so far failed to do.

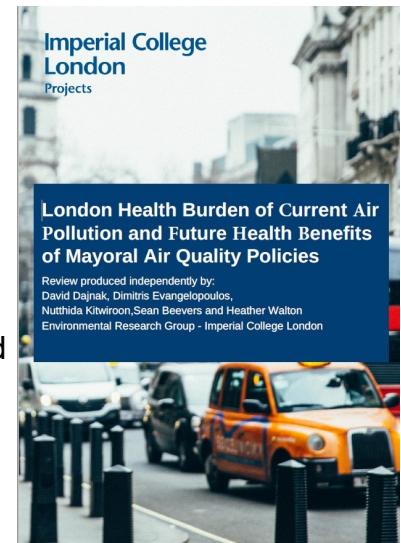




## Environment

### Air Pollution

Imperial College recently published a very detailed report on pollution and health (death), which you can obtain [here](#). A key passage (on page 17 of the report) reads:- “Havering and Bromley have the lowest pollution levels but are high on the mortality burden list, particularly on a per 10,000 population basis. This is because they have higher baseline mortality rates, in turn due to higher proportions of the population in older age groups and lower proportions in younger age groups.”

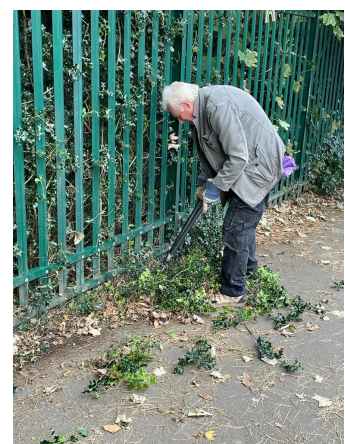


Please consider carefully whether you need to burn wood (or anything else) as even log burners create large quantities of toxic particles.

### Tree Friends

There has been an impressive effort by the RVR tree friends to clear undesirable vegetation (brambles, ivy etc) from the BPP fence at Crab Hill. More effort is required however and work on this problem will be continued early next year. Anyone wishing to take part should contact our Tree Officer, Monica Wiltshire.

Here are some pictures of the intrepid friends.



## Environment (continued)

### How to find out if you have a protected tree

If you are selling a property you will be asked in the conveyancing process if you have any trees with a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). It is quite simple to find out.

Here's how:

Go to the London Borough of Bromley website [www.bromley.gov.uk](http://www.bromley.gov.uk)

Click on Planning

Then More ... (on the right hand side)

Then click on >Tree Preservation Orders

You then complete the Tree Preservation Order Enquiry Form and submit. You will receive an email response within 24 hours.

If you do have a TPO on any of your trees you must apply for planning permission to carry out any work on the tree or trees. The only exceptions are: if it is dead; if it is dangerous and action needs to be taken quickly for safety reasons; or if the tree is less than 7.5 cm in diameter (measured 1.5 m above ground) or 10 cm if you are thinning to help the growth of other trees.

The same applies to trees in a Conservation Area.

### PNA Pharmacies Survey 2021

Bromley Council is working in partnership with Healthy Dialogues in writing a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) which looks at the health needs of people who live in our area. Part of this PNA will consider finding out more about your experiences and views around your local pharmacies, and how you may be currently using them.

The responses that you provide to the pharmaceutical needs assessment public survey will help to inform potential decisions on future pharmacy services, or considerations for changes and improvements at your current pharmacy.

We invite you to take this opportunity to give your views on this research by visiting the link to the PNA survey [here](#).

**Participation should take no longer than 10 minutes. This survey will be open until the 13th December 2021. You will not be identified in any reporting.**

If you require any assistance completing this questionnaire, would like to receive the questionnaire in a larger font, or have any questions about the project, please contact Puja Patel, Tel: 07825 571498 or E-mail: [pna@healthydialogues.co.uk](mailto:pna@healthydialogues.co.uk).



## Planning Applications

### 2 Warren Avenue

There is a new planning application (21/05127/FULL1) for 2 Warren Avenue which is again too big, although cosmetic changes have been made. You can find full details on Bromley Council's website or on our own website [here](#), where we have also published a copy of our objection.

If you wish to make your own individual objection you can do so [here](#).



Current building



Proposed building

We believe the image of the proposed building significantly underplays how high it will actually be - it will be taller than the current building.

### 2 Bromley Avenue

Yet another unwelcome and out-of-proportion application (21/04122/FULL1) for 2 Bromley Avenue was lodged recently. Over 100 objections have been submitted so far and it may still be possible to submit your own [here](#), if you wish.



### Other recent applications

In the Planning Applications area on our website, see news of recent applications relating to:

- Conversion of 79 Coniston Road to a House of Multiple Occupation (HMO);
- Billingford, Elstree Hill;
- Rear of Oaklands Court, 6 Oaklands Road;
- Land adjacent to 37 to 45 Oaklands Road;
- Trees (property name), Coniston Road, parking arrangements;
- Goan Playing Field.

### Ravensbourne Valley Neighbourhood Forum

A lot of interest has been expressed in a Neighbourhood Forum for our area, the idea of which is to prevent (meaningfully and with 'teeth') inappropriate development and, conversely, promote positive, attractive development. LB Bromley have confirmed that the idea is sound in principle. A fledgling forum has been created by our chairman, Clive Lees.

If you would like to take an active part please express your interest at the following website: <https://ravensbourne-valley-neighbourhood-forum.yolasite.com/>

### The New Shortlands Village Conservation Area

Are you in the new Conservation Area? Check [here](#). It is important at any time to ascertain if you need planning permission for any work but especially so in a Conservation Area. You can check if you do [here](#). We learned recently that one resident is applying for retrospective planning permission. This is very risky as LBB may require demolition.

## Ravensbourne River Clearance — Farnaby Road Underpass



Before clearance and  
dredging started



As dredging starts,  
overnight rain creates river  
levels close to maximum.  
Dredging delayed



Some of the equipment  
used



A good end result



## Beckenham Place Park (BPP)

### Lewisham Parks Named Best In London

Lewisham's parks and green spaces have been described as "outstanding" in the latest annual Good Parks for London report. Lewisham has been ranked top performing of all the 32 London boroughs.

Further information is on LB Lewisham website [here](#).

### Krankbrother events update October 2021

The [music events organised by Krankbrother](#) in Beckenham Place Park in September 2021 generated much interest. As is common practice, Lewisham Council and the event organisers conducted a debrief process to look at what went well and what could be improved.

The first update published by LB Lewisham is [here](#).

A public meeting promised by Krankbrother for 17th November was postponed due to the main presenter contracting Covid.

The meeting took place on Tuesday 30th November 2021 and was recorded. A link to the update will be available soon on our website and also on the LB Lewisham BPP news page [here](#), where there are updates on other activities and developments in the park.

## A plea for our Councillors

You will no doubt have heard of the increasing abuse suffered by national politicians. Sadly, the same is true of our Local Councillors. Our experience of our Councillors is that they are committed public servants dedicated to helping local residents, often on top of a day job.

***As such, they deserve appreciation, not abuse.***

Of course, one may not agree with their personal views or the policies of the Council but that does not justify abusive behaviour. Also of course, Councillors often must choose between various poor choices, especially given the financial constraints imposed by national Government, which is never going to please everyone. So please spare a thought for our Councillors and indeed Bromley Council staff.

As an example of their work, following a long campaign by Cllr Will Harmer and residents, the fly tip site at the garages behind 148-170 Farnaby Road has been cleared. Strangely, final clearance happened the day before a court case in which, we understand, the then owner was fined. We believe the site is now owned by someone else. A good outcome!



## Bromley Trading Standards ALERT!

Don't forget you can sign up to receive Bromley Trading Standards Alert! Newsletters direct to your Inbox by visiting <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/scams> and completing the online form.

We encourage you to circulate Alert! around your network of family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, clients and members of groups or organisations of which you're a part.

You may be in touch with Bromley residents who could be more susceptible to scams – sharing some information about scams may prevent them from becoming a scam victim.

## Roads and Traffic

Further consultation has taken place with residents in relation to the changes to traffic management on Albemarle Road and Westgate Road and the cycle contraflow along Albemarle Road as well as the segregated cycle lanes on Bromley Road between the junctions with Shortlands Road and Albemarle Road.

It is anticipated that the results of the consultation will be presented to the Environment and Community Services Policy and Development Scrutiny Committee on the 19th January 2022.



## RVR Subscriptions

If you have not yet paid your annual subscription, either because you were out when your road rep visited or because you have yet to set up your Standing Order payment, please do so as soon as you can.

## Meeting Dates

Forthcoming members' meetings are as follows:-

Thursday 6th January, 2022;

Thursday 3rd March, 2022 - AGM;

Thursday 5th May, 2022.

We hope to soon resume meeting in person at Bromley Court Hotel and not on ZOOM.

Confirmation to follow.

## Society Officers and Road Representatives

There have been a number of changes recently. Please note the contact details below. The most up-to-date list can always be viewed on our website [here](#).

### Officers

Chairman	Clive Lees	chairman.rvr@outlook.com
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### Road Representatives

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Bromley Ave / Grasmere Rd  
Calmont & Ashgrove Roads / Belgravia Gardens  
Coniston Road / Ullswater Close  
Downs Hill / Crab Hill  
Elstree Hill / Erin Close / Hillbrow Road  
Farnaby Road (1-81)  
Farnaby Road (82-194)  
Madeira Avenue (Evens)  
Madeira Avenue (Odds)  
Oaklands Road / Spencer Road / Hawkshead Close /  
Lullington Garth  
Ravensbourne Ave. (Evens)  
Ravensbourne Ave. (Odds)  
Ravensmead Road  
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