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Issue 1



This newsletter contains important news about our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

**AGM - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at 8pm at Bromley Court Hotel**

Please note: other officers' reports will be posted on our website prior to the meeting. They will be taken 'as read' although there will be an opportunity to discuss them at item 11.

**Agenda**

1	Chairman's welcome and opening remarks	PS
2	Speaker 1 (Veolia): <b>Recycling and waste collections in Bromley - 15 minutes + Q and A</b>	MK
3	Speaker 2: <b>Litter picking - it makes a difference - 10 minutes + Q and A</b>	MW
4	Speaker 3: <b>The role of your local councillors - 10 minutes + Q and A</b>	tba
5	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK (20 mins)</b>	
6	Approval of Minutes of previous AGM	PS
7	Chairman's report	PS
7	Treasurer's report & subscriptions	DW
8	Location and format of future meetings	PS / All
9	Election of Officers: Voting on any applications (See below)	All
10	Reappointment of Auditor	DW
11	Any Other Business: Coronation celebrations; newsletter distribution; RVR efforts at waste reduction; questions to RVR Officers	PS / EMcM / All
12	Chairman's closing remarks	PS

PS: Pete Saunders; MK: Maria Kampoti; MW: Monica Wiltshire; DW: Dave Wiltshire; EMcM: Euan McMaster

We invite Members to stand for the following posts: -

**Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary.** The current incumbents are Pete Saunders, Beatrice Osborn, Dave Wiltshire, Jacqueline St Quinton and Linda Müller respectively. All have indicated their willingness to stand again, except Pete Saunders, who wishes to stand down as Chair.

We will therefore have **a vacancy for Chair after March**. Duties are to chair bi-monthly meetings, set strategic direction and liaise with local councillors and other stakeholders.

If you wish to stand for any of these posts, please send a nomination signed by a proposer and seconder to the secretary at [secretary.rvr@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.rvr@outlook.com) before the AGM.

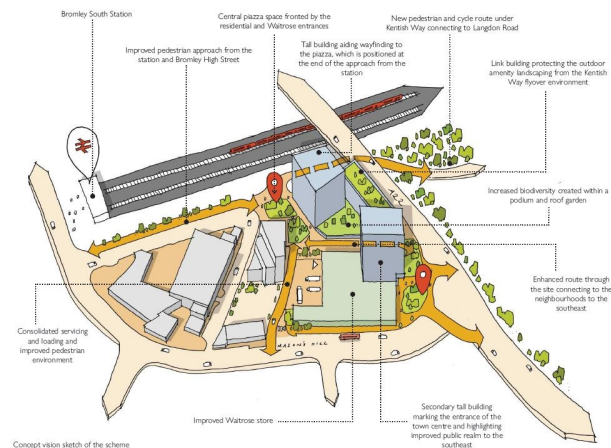
## Bromley Town News

In spite of the London Mayor's determination to expand the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to outer London, a number of councils, including Bromley, continue to resist. The Mayor's second request to Bromley Council to sign a legal agreement to allow TfL to place its street signs and cameras on Bromley Council's highways has been refused. See details [here](#). A map showing current air quality across London can be viewed [here](#).

## Waitrose Bromley South Development

Waitrose have been running a consultation on their plans to develop the Bromley South site. Their vision is "to improve the existing Waitrose store, public realm and pedestrian experience whilst delivering high-quality, energy-efficient build-to-rent homes in a sustainable and well-connected location." The latest round of consultation ends on 9th February but it is likely there will be further opportunity to comment before the plans are finalised.

For further information, including artists' impressions of the development, see [here](#).



## London Open City

Open City is dedicated to making the urban landscape more open, accessible and equitable. This includes a weekly show, The Londown, which features news and analysis covering the big issues in London's built environment, and longer form shows breaking down big issues connecting architecture and politics with in-depth interviews.

The show is hosted by a roster of rising stars in architectural criticism, planning and public engagement, and features interviews and discussions with leading experts from across architecture and design, as well as artists, academics, policy makers and journalists.

The Londown podcast is available at: <https://open-city.org.uk/podcast>

## Newsletter Update

If you are reading the printed version of the newsletter you will notice we have chosen to use recycled paper for this and future editions. Samples will be available at the AGM for those reading the electronically distributed version. The RVR officers have made this decision as part of our continuing efforts to protect the environment and keep RVR costs to a minimum.

## Roads and Transport

Details of a potential Ravensbourne Valley Quiet Scheme, supported by RVR, to alleviate some of the problems found on local roads can be found [here](#) or by navigating to our Roads and Transport section on the website.

## Planning

### Decisions

Since our last newsletter, our efforts to block what we believe to be inappropriate planning applications have had the following successes:

**66 Madeira Avenue** - The application to reduce the height of the tulip tree by 6 metres was refused, although permission was granted to reduce it by 3 metres. Details [here](#).

**2 Warren Avenue** - The third application for development at this site has been refused. An appeal is possible, but at the moment there are no applications outstanding. Details [here](#).

### Beckenham Place Park

There is an extensive range of activities and events planned in the park and the Mansion.

Don't forget to bookmark the following links and check them frequently:

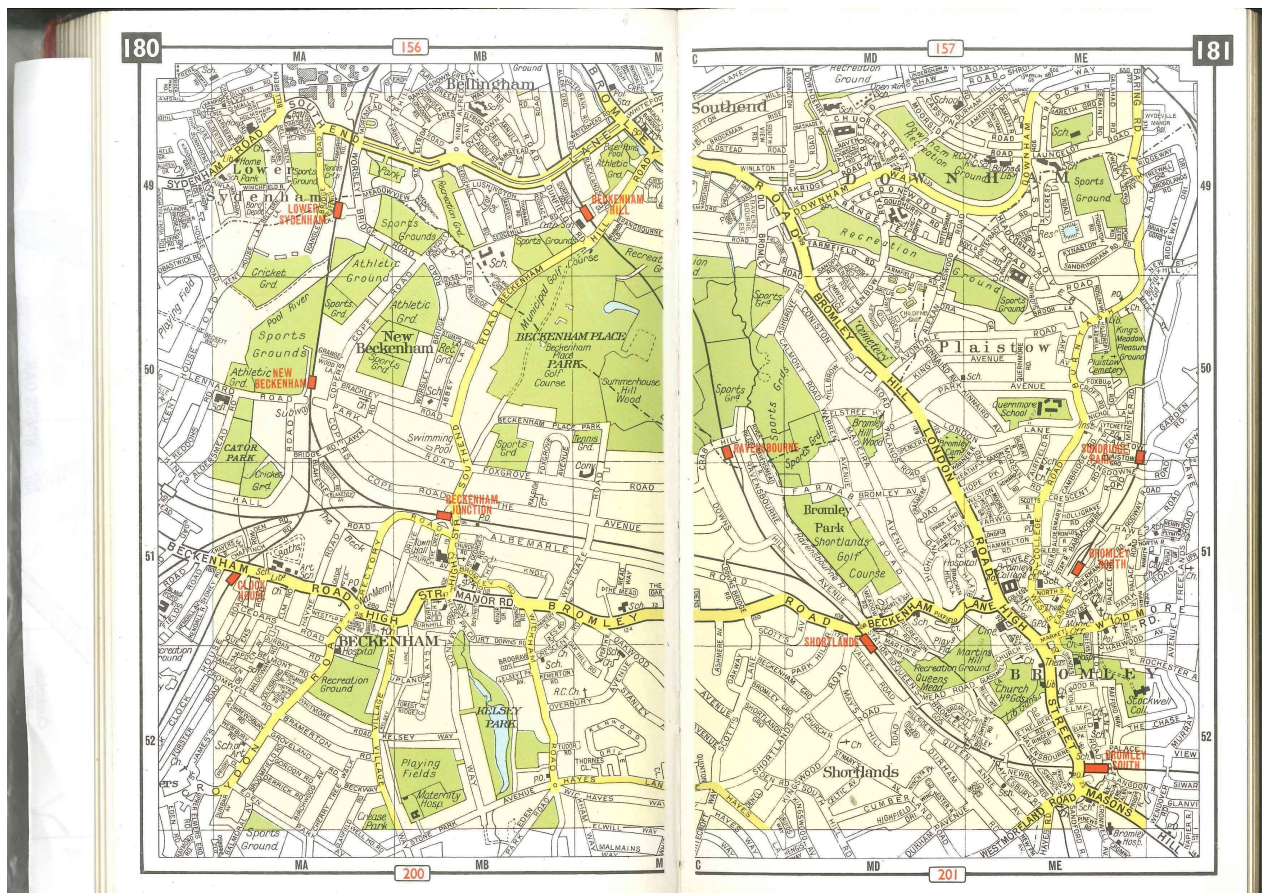
Park activities: <https://beckenhamplacepark.com/> via the "Things to see and do" menu

Park events: <https://beckenhamplacepark.com/events>

Mansion events: <https://www.beckenhamplace.org/>

### Evolving Beckenham

This scan from Geographia Greater London Atlas, 11th edition c. 1960 shows a number of features that no longer exist, e.g. Bromley Hill Wood is shown between Elstree Hill and Madeira Avenue, and Shortlands Golf Course was joined to the sports grounds along the side of Ravensmead Road and Ravensbourne Avenue





## Meeting Dates

Meetings are held on the first Thursday, every other month, at 8pm at Bromley Court Hotel. All members and prospective members are welcome. The meetings normally last between 60 and 90 minutes and focus on local community and planning issues, the latter normally illustrated by a slide show. There is usually at least one of our local councillors in attendance to answer questions and log concerns.

If you are registered for email delivery, you will receive minutes of completed meetings, agendas for forthcoming meetings and quarterly newsletters.

Forthcoming meetings, all at Bromley Court Hotel, are as follows:-

The Annual General Meeting: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023;

Members' Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

## Twitter

Don't forget that we post on Twitter things that we believe to be relevant, interesting – and sometimes urgent, such as burst water mains and traffic problems. View the posts via the link on the right and feel free to post yourself if you have some news or information of interest to our members.



### Current Officers

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Auditor	Alan Williams	

### Road Representatives

Bracken Hill Lane and Close / Highland Road	Linda Müller
Bromley Ave / Grasmere Rd	Jane Willcocks
Calmont & Ashgrove Roads / Belgravia Gardens	Rita Smith
Coniston Road / Ullswater Close	Sandra West
Downs Hill / Crab Hill	Emma Fagg
Elstree Hill / Erin Close / Hillbrow Road	Mick Pinson
Farnaby Road (1–81)	Jaki Moody
Farnaby Road (82–194)	Cathy Davies
Madeira Avenue (Evens)	Judy Adcock
Madeira Avenue (Odds)	Anne Lancaster
Oaklands Road / Spencer Road / Hawkshead Close /	
Lullington Garth	David Page
Ravensbourne Ave. (Evens)	Monica Wiltshire
Ravensbourne Ave. (Odds)	David MacKenzie
Ravensmead Road	Peter Saunders
Warren Avenue	Clive Lees

If you wish to contact your road representative please email the RVR Secretary or write to:

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**Beckenham**  
**BR3 5ET**