

### Suggestions how to improve our area

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Our webmaster publishes planning application and general news updates relating to our area on a very regular basis. I strongly encourage you to visit the website and see what information is available. Some content is restricted to society members; the password is provided when you join!

Here are a few things you might do to help:

- Sweep debris from behind parked cars or telephone cabinets to where the road sweeping lorry/pavement sweeper can get it;
- Better still, form a litter picking team for your street and socialise regularly with neighbours while clearing the street;
- Cut back shrubs that overhang the pavement and spray pavement weeds;
- Use [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) to report other problems.

### Planning Applications Latest

#### Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road

A decision has been issued for planning conditions in application ref. No. [14/04139/CONDIT](#). This comprises details of conditions submitted in relation to planning permission on application ref No. [14/04139](#).

#### Upfield, Hillbrow Road

A further application, ref. No. [16/00295/CONDIT1](#), has been submitted with further conditions in relation to the application for demolition of the existing four bedroom detached dwelling and the redevelopment to provide 6 two bedroom flats. The required pre-development road condition survey confirms the already poor state of the road so major post development refurbishment is, sadly, unlikely.

#### 4 Oaklands Road

A further application, ref. No. [14/04810/CONDIT](#), has been made with details of conditions submitted in relation to planning permission on the application, ref. No. [14/04810/OUT](#), which was allowed on appeal.

#### 74 Madeira Avenue

Demolition is now complete and was done with consideration and not too much noise. Meanwhile, a further application, ref. No. [15/05259/CONDIT](#), has been submitted with details of conditions submitted in relation to planning permission, ref. No. [15/05259/FULL1](#).

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### Summer 2016 Round-up

### Issue 3/16

Welcome to the 'annual round-up' newsletter which we distribute to every household in our area. If you are already a member, thank you for your support during the previous year and if you are yet to be a member, please do join us either by using this newsletter or via our website [www.rvpsbromley.org](http://www.rvpsbromley.org). Here are just some of the things we have achieved or been involved with during the year:

- Completing Phase 1 of our Community Tree Project;
- Defeating a number of unwelcome planning applications: 20 Blyth Road; 13 Calmont Road; Billingford; 2-4 Riverpark Gardens; and 61 The Avenue;
- Contributing to the fund for Christmas street lights in Shortlands;
- Initiating our first litter picking team covering Downs Hill and Crab Hill;
- Running a second 'garden party' to say thank you to all our Road Representatives, Officers and frequent attendees at our members' meetings.

We are very pleased that the Society's contribution to the community has been recognized by Bromley Council. Recently, our Chairman, Clive Lees, our Secretary, Linda Muller and our tree officer, Monica Wiltshire, together with 'tree friend', Olivia Livesey, were invited to the Council for a reception to say thank you for making a difference to our community. This of course really honoured all active members of RVPS for making our area a better place to live in.



### Society Overview

We are a residents' society covering an area of 1500 households of which nearly 500 are subscribing members. Our objective is to maintain and enhance the built environment and to generally enhance the area for the benefit of residents.

Details of the society's activities and the area covered can be found on our website, along with more details of all the articles included in this newsletter:

<http://www.rvpbromley.org/>

Residents' meetings are held on the first Thursday, every other month, at 8 p.m. at the Bromley Court Hotel. Please join us to find out more about how we operate.

1st September, 2016	Members' Meeting
3rd November, 2016	Members' Meeting
5th January, 2017	Members' Meeting
2nd March, 2017	AGM
4th May, 2017	Members' Meeting
6th July, 2017	Members' Meeting

### Help needed

We still require more assistance with dealing with planning matters to enable us to give residents the level of support we would wish. This is a very enjoyable role and the technical issues are very straightforward. Please contact the Chairman if this role interests you.

### Beckenham Post Office

Beckenham Crown Post Office is set to close on 17 August 2016.

The service will now move inside the W. H. Smith store on the High Street, on 18 August and will be able to provide a seven-day-a-week service, with longer hours, which may be more convenient for residents of the RVPS area.

### Crab Hill Parking

Pay-by-mobile parking to be introduced in Crab Hill by Ravensbourne station - comments by 31 August 2016.

[rvpbromley.org/Crab-Hill.php](http://rvpbromley.org/Crab-Hill.php)

### Community Tree Projects

At the RVPS Garden Party on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Monica Wiltshire, Tree Officer and Clive Lees, Chairman, handed a cheque for £3,000 to Councillors Nicky Dykes, Will Harmer, Michael Rutherford and Michael Tickner (left to right), London Borough of Bromley as the RVPS 50% contribution for a Community Tree Project.



This was the first of two projects RVPS have run with Julian Fowgies, Arboricultural Manager for the London Borough of Bromley. It included planting 16 oak trees in Farnaby Road, 7 birch trees in Downs Hill and 2 hazel trees in Warren Avenue. The oak trees in Farnaby Road are of particular significance as they replaced the lost trees in what was once a tree lined road. The photographs below show young oaks planted in Farnaby Road early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the view at the same location today.



Three major benefits of the RVPS Community Tree Projects have been: a tangible and lasting legacy for ourselves and future generations; a strong working partnership with the London Borough of Bromley; and the fostering of community relations and appreciation from local residents.

### RVPS Tree Friends

Thanks to Monica Wiltshire, the Tree Friends scheme is now implemented. One or more Tree Friends have been appointed for each road in our area. Their duties include: basal pruning; loosening young tree ties; watering young trees in dry conditions; and maintenance of tree pits. The list of Tree Friends is published on our website:

<http://www.rvpbromley.org/tree-news.php>

### Beckenham Place Park

Lewisham should by now have submitted their proposals for the regeneration of the Park to the Heritage Lottery Fund for their approval. They expect their decision on the funding of the next phase by next January. In the meantime Planning Approval will be sought, tenders for design consultants for the next stage will be issued and research on the future uses for the Mansion and other buildings will become the priority.

It is expected that, if all approvals are obtained, the works contract for the park should be tendered for in the Autumn of 2017 and that work on site could begin by about March of 2018 and be completed in just over a year thereafter. The flood defence work to the east of the railway to be carried out by the Environment Agency is being programmed to complete on site at the same time as the work for the rest of the park. Consultation on this is promised later this year.

For further information see Lewisham's website.

### Noise

Bromley provides a noise service outside office hours for responding to 'emergency' noise problems relating to: noisy parties; intruder alarms; car alarms; construction sites operating after 1pm Saturday, on a Sunday or a Bank Holiday; and licensed premises (loud music). If you are bothered by any of these please phone 0300 303 8671

See also:

<http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/412/>