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RVPS Newsletter



Working with the community

Editor's Update

I trust that the longer than usual gap between newsletters has not left you wondering what is going on in our Society. I would just remind you that our webmaster updates our website and Twitter feed on a very regular basis and provides onward links and contacts, where appropriate, so that you can follow up any items of interest to you.

Please note that the version of the newsletter that is delivered by email contains live hyperlinks, e.g. to the society website, whereas, for space considerations, the version posted to the website may have the links disabled. All the linked information can, however, be accessed from the appropriate section of the website.

The website is www.rvpsbromley.org

The login ID and password will change on 21st June

Login: Ravensbourne Password: resident

Chairman's Remarks

Beckenham Place Park

We recently asked that repairs be carried out to the very popular cycle path next to the river. These were carried out quite quickly but rapidly failed and the path again became muddy with lots of puddles. At the time of writing Cllr Andre Bourne (Lewisham) is investigating what can be done.

The old Goan ground

Many of you will be aware that the owner fenced off the old Goan ground (for inexplicable reasons) which temporarily made it difficult to cross the ground until a new path was forged. However, as many people have testified that they have used the original path for over 20 years (a critical legal requirement), it may be possible to establish that it has now obtained official legal status. One resident has been instrumental in driving this forward and at the time of writing Lewisham's legal team are currently considering the situation.

14 Highland Road

We are disappointed to note that the developer is once again in breach of a planning condition imposed last year to install privacy screens. We have asked Bromley to pursue this matter (again) and are particularly grateful for the support of Cllr Will Harmer.

Pavements

Perhaps one of the most important things that all residents can do to maintain and improve their area is to remove litter. It is well known that the more litter there is, the more likely it is that an area will suffer from criminal activity. We would therefore like to thank all of you who take the trouble to remove litter outside their houses and in their roads. Do please join them and help reduce crime.

Also, why not help improve how your street looks by giving any pavement weeds a quick spray of weed killer?

Trees

Many thanks to all of you who have been watering the new trees that have been planted in recent years. Do please continue to water them by filling up the watering bag (there will be a 'filling slit' somewhere in it) as this will help them become fully established.

Thanks

I would also like to thank Beatrice Osborn for her outstanding 5 year stint as Secretary and to welcome Judy Adcock as she takes over the role.

Planning Issues

RVPS continues to monitor the planning applications, objections, enforcement orders, etc. made in our area but we are not always informed in a timely manner by Bromley or Lewisham Council so please let us know of any applications that are not mentioned on our website.

NEW APPLICATIONS

46 Ravensbourne Avenue - An application has been made for the erection of a swimming pool/gym and 3 outbuildings (comprising storage container, storage shed and greenhouse) in the rear garden (amendment to previous application 16/04706/FULL6) . This is a contentious application intended to regularise the current building which has been the subject of planning enforcement.

New application ref. [18/01766/FULL6](#)

9 Bracken Hill Lane - An application has been made for the erection of a 2-storey two-bedroom dwelling house on land adjacent to 9 Bracken Hill Lane, close to Karen Court and Blyth Road. Application ref. [18/01359/FULL1](#)

UPDATES

Oaklands Court, 6 Oaklands Road - The application for the construction of 3 two-bedroom dwellings (1 pair of semi-detached houses and 1 detached dwelling) has been refused. Application ref. [17/05229/FULL1](#)

Bromley Court Hotel - The application to allow the driving test centre to remain at this temporary site until 31 March 2019 was refused but has since been appealed. Application ref. [17/05825/RECON](#)

24 Downs Hill - A decision has been issued on the application with details of conditions in relation to the planning application for the demolition of the host dwelling and erection of a new detached house. Decision details [here](#)

2 Ullswater Close - The [delegation report](#) and [decision](#) are now available on the refused application, ref. No. [18/00210/FULL6](#), for a two-storey side extension.

50 Ashgrove Road - We have recently been informed that an appeal was received on 23 November 2017 on the refused application for the demolition of the building and the construction of 2 two-bedroom maisonettes and 2 four-bedroom houses. Application ref. [DC/17/100897](#) Case update [here](#)

If you learn of a planning application that you do not see in the News section on our website, please let the planning officer know as we may be able to help with any appropriate objection

General News

RVPS TREE FRIENDS

The law requires that anyone planning to cut down or carry out work to a tree in a conservation area must give the Council six weeks' notice of their intention to do so. The purpose of this notice is to give the Council the opportunity to consider whether a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) should be made.

You do not need to notify the Council if you want to cut down or work on a tree that 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.

There is also no need to follow the notification procedure when a tree is dead or dying, or has become dangerous, and action needs to be taken quickly for safety reasons, although you should let the Council know if you are taking down a tree in these circumstances.

Similar restrictions apply to trees in any area that are covered by a TPO.

For further information and online form: *Application for tree works* see http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/508/trees/1061/tree_protection.

Or contact the Tree Officer in Bromley Council on 020 8313 4516/020 8313 4515

Email: trees@bromley.gov.uk

ROADS AND TRAFFIC

Crab Hill / Ravensbourne Station Parking Scheme

We have received answers to some further questions which we raised with Bromley council on the Crab Hill, Beckenham pay-by-mobile parking scheme in the vicinity of Ravensbourne station. For further information, click [here](#).

BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

Lewisham and Catford flood alleviation scheme and Park Regeneration Heritage Lottery Fund scheme

Further recent planning updates have been submitted, in relation to the stable block and terraced cottages and to details of the landscaping including changes to the lake design. Our website summarises them and provides pointers to the details. See here:-

<http://www.rvpsbromley.org/beckenham-place-park.php>

Following the award of a contract for Beckenham Place Park landscaping works, to [ID Verde](#), on 10th April 2018, Lewisham Council's Business Panel decided to request that Mayor Steve Bullock agree that there be a root and branch strategic review of the Beckenham Place Park and Mansion Regeneration Strategy to ensure there will be greater public involvement in, and support for, the development of proposals. See [here](#)

The new Mayor, Damien Egan, has refused to authorise such a review.

Park Events

Events sponsored by Lewisham Council:

- Flower show, Saturday 23d June. (Entries welcome by 14th June): www.lewisham.gov.uk/flowershow
 - Includes a dog show in the afternoon and many other activities. Further information [here](#).
- Other events (updated regularly to show the month ahead) are listed [here](#)

To be notified by email of upcoming events, sign up at <https://r1.dotmailer-surveys.com/d7402e3-1b1venb2>

Events sponsored by the Friends of Beckenham Place Park: <http://www.beckenhamplaceparkfriends.org.uk/events.htm>

Weekly 5km timed run sponsored by parkrun: <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/beckenhamplace/>

Park Amenities

Other topics discussed at the Landscape, Nature, History and Interpretation Forum included: mechanism to report illegal drone flying; mechanism to report poor road or path conditions; signage board wording; badger sightings; request for funding to restore the ancient pond near the Mansion House.

BIRD SURVEY

Bromley RSPB local group are seeking participation in a survey of swifts between May and July. If you are interested in taking part you can sign up at <https://www2.rspb.org.uk/groups/bromley/news/451309/>

Society Matters

Beatrice Osborn hands on role of Secretary

Beatrice writes as follows: After 5 years in the role of Secretary, I stepped down at the AGM on 1st March. I wanted to say how much I enjoyed my time and to thank you all for your support, and, more importantly, your involvement in the Society as a whole. Also a special thank you is due to Clive for the gift he gave me at the AGM on your behalf. The large box with an interesting rattle turned out to be a jigsaw puzzle, a beautifully made wooden one with whimsies of the Ordnance Survey map of the area. I thought how did Clive know that I like both jigsaws and maps, and that I already have the Victorian map jigsaw centred on our house? It turned out to be collusion between Clive and my husband! When I took up the role I had a perfect handover from Tony Morton, and I am very pleased to have passed on my responsibilities to Judy Adcock who is already doing an excellent job. I know you will give her the same support and encouragement. And I will still be involved as an Officer, having taken over the post of Vice Chair from Linda Muller. Here's to many more agendas, minutes and successes of RVPS.

Vacant positions

We are currently looking for a new Roads and Transport officer as Andrew Storey has had to resign on account of being too busy – many thanks to Andrew for looking after this portfolio for several years.

Snow Friends

Please let us know if you would like to be nominated as a snow friend, particularly for one the following roads: -

- Bromley Avenue
- Highland Road
- End of Farnaby Road at junction with Beckenham Lane
- Crab Hill

It is an enormous benefit to the whole community, especially the elderly, to have pavements cleared - do please volunteer. For details just Google 'Bromley Snow Friends'

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

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Farnaby Road (82–194)	Kay Shaw	169 Farnaby Road, BR2 0BA
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Ravensbourne Ave. (Odds)	Sharon Miles	189 Ravensbourne Avenue, BR2 0BX
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Warren Avenue	Clive Lees	38 Warren Avenue, BR1 4BS
Calmont & Ashgrove Roads / Belgravia Gardens	Rita Smith	37 Ashgrove Road, BR1 4JN