



# SOUTH RIDGWAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Neighbours

Welcome to our Autumn 2019 Newsletter.

Our association exists hopefully to protect and where possible to enhance the area in which we live. We also try and keep our members informed of what is going on locally. This should be two way traffic and please do not hesitate to contact me on any matter you think is of significance. I will try and advise and, should you have any problems, try and direct you to the correct part of the council to speak to and back you up on behalf of the SRRA.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Road Representatives and the Committee for all their hard work as without them the association would not function.

With best wishes

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## Morley Park

I am pleased to say Morley Park is now open to all. The park lies between Copse Hill and Cottenham Park Road, it comprises playing fields, woodland and a meadow. It is a tranquil spot and is certainly worth a visit.

## Rise in parking charges

Residents' permits, visitors' tickets, meter and carpark charges are all due to double. This whole scheme is patently a tax grab hidden under a green umbrella. I suspect we are supposed to feel grateful to the Council for exercising their duty of care over the purity of our air. There is however an unpleasant smell of political bias and variations in parking charges between different geographical areas are divisive, indeed undemocratic, especially when based on some very flimsy sophistries.

I was part of a group which spoke to a review commission about this whole concern. There was a Labour majority on the panel and the result was unfortunately obvious before we began, but we did our best. The local Liberals have managed to achieve one minor concession but the general feeling is this outrageous scheme will be delayed by about a month.

## Street Scene

Fly tipping is becoming a major problem, but I would also like to congratulate the Council on their reaction to it. I find the system good and the reaction time very impressive.

Street cleaning however is an unmitigated disaster. There is an obsession with using machines, which fill up very fast and obviously cannot operate where cars are parked. Whenever on rare occasions an operative is sent out with a broom and bags, the streets are well cleaned. You really should all go and have a look at Arterberry Road, full gutters and blocked drains. This has been the case for most of this year. Whenever this has been reported there has been a vague attempt to clear the easier parts with the rest of the road cast into outer darkness. I continue to complain to the Council on the website and would encourage you all to do as well.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Drinks at the Swan

You are all invited to come for drinks at  
The Swan on the Ridgway on  
**Thursday 21st November**  
from 7.30 PM onwards.

### Annual General Meeting 2020

The Annual General Meeting will be held  
at 7.30 pm on  
**Wednesday 18th March 2020**  
in Christ Church Hall, Cottenham Park Road.

## Planning

It is all fairly quiet on the planning front. The main news is:

### Wimbledon Close

We had in conjunction with a very active group of local residents persuaded the Council to reject the construction of a block of flats behind this block and Upton Court in the Downs. As we expected, the developers are back, but as yet no concrete news. We will keep you posted.

### Blossom Square

This is the development on the site of the old Blossom House school and it is nearing completion. I suspect it will all be complete early in the new year.

### Aston Court

I am sorry to say the construction of this ridiculous in-fill house behind Aston Court has begun. We and several local residents tried hard but failed to stop it.

### Leaf Blowers

I and many others continue to be infuriated by the intolerable sound of petrol driven leaf blowers, especially when used when there are very few leaves on the ground. I see Camden have banned them in Spring and Summer and I am thinking of getting a campaign going in our borough.

### Crossrail2

This really has become the tin can being perpetually kicked down the road. I suspect we can forget all about it for the foreseeable future.

## Recycling

I realise there are obvious problems with the new wheelie bin system for those who live in terraced houses and to a certain extent blocks of flats, however now everyone has got used to the system it seems to be working.

### Cycle Route to New Malden

This new route is now open and runs from Taunton Avenue (behind Waitrose) all along the railway to the centre of New Malden. It is a tarmac surface and a really rather pleasant tree lined route, fine for cycling or walking, there is plenty of room for all.

## Recommended websites

### Freecycle

A non profit movement of people who are giving [and receiving] things for free in their own neighbourhood. It is about re-use and keeping good things out of landfill.  
[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org).

### Gumtree

An excellent place to sell and buy second hand goods.  
[www.gumtree.com](http://www.gumtree.com)

### Nextdoor

This is a very active social website with members asking for and giving recommendations for local tradesmen etc.  
[www.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk)

### SRRA

... and of course don't forget to use your very own SRRA website for news and events, planning, membership issues, buy/ sell/ recommend and SRRA contacts.  
[www.srra.co.uk](http://www.srra.co.uk).

### Airplane noise

There has been an increase in aircraft taking off over our area in the last year. Please do not be diverted by claims that they only take off in our direction when the wind is in the East. There are more coming our way. If you are concerned I would suggest you email [noise@heathrow.com](mailto:noise@heathrow.com) and voice your opinions as it does provoke a response.

The expansion of Heathrow is another issue. The second consultation is now over and I believe there will be a third covering flight paths. When this occurs I would encourage as many of you as possible to voice your opinions. There is no doubt that numbers do count. There will also be a combined response on behalf of all the residents' associations by WURA.

## Phone numbers

Fly tipping .....	0208 274 4902
Street Lighting.....	0208 545 3220
Noise .....	0208 545 3205
Road cleaning.....	0208 274 4902
Footpaths.....	0208 545 3700