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THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES STRATEGY ARRIVES IN MOTTINGHAM

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The Parks and Open Spaces Strategy enables funds to be targeted at a limited number of parks in the borough over a two year period. Motttingham Sports and Recreation Grounds were chosen to receive landscape improvements from April 1996 to March 1998. Three public meetings were held in autumn 1996 at which members could make suggestions about the proposals and help the designs to evolve. Further meetings with the representatives of Motttingham Residents Association have helped this process.

The first year of works saw a number of changes to the path that included improvements to the Lambescroft Avenue entrance, the creation of a new path to the children’s playground, woodland path works at the entrance to Lower Marvels Wood, changes to the small car park to allow informal sports, new benches and tree planting.

Some problems were experienced with the establishment of trees at the back of the properties on Beaconfield Road. Part of the improvements planned for the second year will be to reduce this area of tree planting, retaining only the trees along the back of the properties in Dunkery Road. The second phase of planting between the strip of trees and the fenceline will take place this winter with the planting of thorny species such as hawthorn and blackthorn to provide greater security for the properties.

Other improvements planned for Motttingham Sports and Recreational Grounds this year are:

* The installation of a basket ball practice post in the small car park.
* The creation of two passing places along the driveway to the car parks.
* The improvement of Beaconfield Road and Elmhurst Road entrances to the Recreation Ground, including resurfacing of the alleyway and the replacement of the railings.
* The addition of a sign in the Recreation Ground reading, “King George V Jubilee Recreation Ground”.
* The installation of two new seats and bins.
* Hedge planting along the back of the properties in The Crossway and along the chainlink fence at the Lambescroft Avenue boundary.
* Tree planting around the large car park to provide shade in the summer.
* Improvements to the River Quaggy, including a flood prevention scheme, to be drawn up in partnership with the Environment Agency.

A plan of these proposals is to be displayed in Motttingham Library during the autumn.

Did you know

People who say they 'slept like a baby', generally don't have any.
CENTYMCA SPORTS GROUND
CENTYMCA SPORTS GROUND (Y.M.C.A.) Grove Park Road, Mottingham.
Perhaps you are unaware that you will be more than welcome to come onto the
ground to watch football and cricket matches at week-ends or evenings.
Centymca Club play both friendly and league matches, and at the Pavilion a
small selection of refreshments can be purchased.
Kick-off for football is 2/3.30pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday morning.
A mini neighbourhood watch scheme has operated between myself and a few
local residents over the years. Because I am in a unique position overlooking
so many properties and am on site most of the time, I take the security of your
homes as well as the sports ground very seriously.
Please telephone me if you think you see anything suspicious on the field.
Pavilion - The Ground's pavilion may be made available for certain community
activities provided they don't clash with the operation of the primary function
of the ground.

PAUL WATTS
Head Groundsman
0181-857 7484.

OFF WITH THE NEW, ON WITH THE OLD!
Residents may have been surprised to see the two empty shops, 42 and 44
Mottingham Road being converted to two houses. Many older residents recall
seeing the reverse when No.44 was altered from a house into a shop. No.42
was the offices of T. Hunt - Builders, a very well known family business in
Mottingham for many years and the workmen uncovered the original fascia
sign during the present work.

THE ARRIVAL OF ELTHAM COLLEGE

In 1910 the boys of the Royal Naval College bade farewell to the buildings of
Eltham College, whose tower had proudly flown the White Ensign for many
years, and the managers of the School for the Sons of Missionaries in Black-
heath purchased the land and the buildings for the sum of £10,000. Several
details of the move are recorded in the early numbers of the school magazine.
The school obtained much useful material including a piano, a harmonium,
twelve dining tables in solid pitch-pine, the latest edition of Encyclopaedia
Britannica and a horse-drawn roller and mower for the playing-field.
The old school in Blackheath (it is still standing today) was too small for the
growing school and being adjacent to Blackheath station it must have also been
very noisy and dirty, as anyone who can remember the old steam trains will
certify.
Since 1899 the governors had resolved to sell it as soon as they could find
alternative accommodation. Their search was unsuccessful until eleven years
later the secretary of Eltham College (as the Royal Naval College was by then
known) wrote to say that their buildings were on the market.
During the two years in which the buildings were unoccupied, boys from
Blackheath would come to Mottingham to view their new home. (And "home"
it really was; when your parents were missionaries you expected to board at
school for 365 days a year).

REVITALISING THE LOCAL ECONOMY
Bromley Council has adopted a policy to support shop keepers and owners
develop and improve smaller retail centres such as the parades in Mottingham
Village. The Council will only do this in partnership with traders.
Unfortunately the Chislehurst and Mottingham Chamber of Commerce has
dropped its associations with Mottingham.
The Council's Town Centre Manager has been given responsibility for assisting
traders in the whole of Mottingham. Most other areas will be assisted only by
part time secondees from within the Environmental Services Department.

SCOUTS
Aged between 6 and 21 and bored? Then why not join the 6th Mottingham
Scouts Group (Our Lady Help of Christians).
The Group includes Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures - Interested - then give
Malcolm Casey a call on 0181 857 4147.
Parents can also support the Group by joining the 200 Club. For more details
contact David Mylroie on 0181-850 0250.

BE WARNED
There is an extraordinary loophole in the law that could threaten every car
owner.
Anyone who takes an interest in a vehicle left in the same spot for a consider-
able length of time can apply to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency to
use the abandoned vehicle. He simply fills in a form available from any post
office.
The DVLA then writes to the current owner telling him an application has
been made to re-register the car. If the owner doesn't write back within two
weeks, the applicant becomes the registered keeper of the vehicle.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE
If you are stopped by the Police, turn off your engine and put your mouth into
neutral.

Don't park a caravan on top of a hill - It can leave you if it is so inclined.
To cut a long story short, try to tell it to your children.
Advertisement: 'Seeking someone for a busy office which looks after both
impatient and out-patient appointments.'
ROAD STEWARDS

We welcome Linda Lockwood of 33 Court Farm Road who has volunteered to cover Court Farm, Crossway and Silverdale drive. She has taken over from Les Huxley who needs to cut back on his voluntary activities.

We are sorry to learn Mrs Norman wishes to take a rest from her duties in Highcombe Close as from next year, and we thank her for the support she has given the Association.

We are also very grateful to Mrs Hollingum of 33 Devonshire Road who has volunteered to take on Highcombe Close.

SECTION ONE  LEADER - MR TUNSTALL
Albert Road  Mrs Cheeseman  152 Mottingham Road  851 1747
Court Road 201-277  Mr Carter  256 Court Road  857 8413
Court Road 202-286  Mrs Jones  260 Court Road  857 8712
Lulworth Road  Mrs Mitchell  11 Lulworth Road  851 3092
Mottingham Road 100 -154  Mrs Cheeseman  152 Mottingham Road  851 1747
Porcupine Close  Mrs Washbrook  65 Chapel Farm Road  857 8122
Pickwick Court  Vacant

SECTION TWO  LEADER - MR EDGAR
Highcombe Close  Mrs Norman  33 Highcombe Close  857 6347
Hinton Close  Mrs Stevens  1 Layzell Walk  857 2687
Luxfield Road  Mr Page  7 Luxfield Road  851 3788
Sidcup Road 375-441  Mr Edgar  32 West Park  851 3788
Sidcup Road 443-511  Mr Leakey  475 Sidcup Road  857 3928
Sidcup Road 452-508  Mr Edgar  32 West Park  857 3928
West Hallowes  Mr Norriss  31 West Hallowes  851 3928
West Park-evens  Mrs Perkins  7 West Park  851 8644
West Park-odds  Mr Treadwell  236 Court Road  857 3433
Priory Lees  Vacant

SECTION THREE  LEADER - MRS COBB
Beaconsfield Road  Mrs Pugh  59 Beaconsfield Rd  851 9678
Carter Hill Close  Mrs Webber  26 Carter Hill Close  851 3696
Cedar Mount  Mrs Cobb  7 Carters Hill Close  857 1944
Colview Court  Vacant
Grove Park Road-evens  Mr Winpany  12 Grove Park Road  857 1417
Grove Park Road-odds  Mr Barker  78 Grove Park Road  857 9208
Hall View  Mr Barker  78 Grove Park Road  857 9208
Model Farm Close  Mrs Payton  7 Clarence Road  402 0964
Mottingham Gardens  Mr Donoghue  16 Mottingham Gardens  857 3257
Mottingham Lane  Mr Donoghue  16 Mottingham Gardens  857 3257

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Elmhurst Road  Mr & Mrs Foster  15 Clarence Road  851 2813
Evelyn Court  Mrs Swanton  9 Model Farm Close  851 1523
Kippington Drive  Mr & Mrs Foster  15 Clarence Road  851 2813
Layzell Walk  Mr & Mrs Foster  15 Clarence Road  851 2813
Mottingham Road 1-95  Mrs Stevens  1 Layzell Walk  857 2687
Mottingham Road 2 -58  Mr Noble  32 Mottingham Road  851 0608
Portland Crescent  Mr & Mrs Foster  15 Clarence Road  851 2813
Portland Road  Mr & Mrs Foster  15 Clarence Road  851 2813
Silverdale Drive  Mrs Lockwood  23 Court Farm Road  857 3257
Sycamore Close  Mrs Swanton  9 Model Farm Close  851 1523

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Bill Hamling Close  Mrs Henderson  10 Birbetts Road  857 5800
Birbetts Road  Mrs Pass  13 Birbetts Road  857 3733
Bowmead  Mrs Pass  13 Birbetts Road  857 3733
Bromhedge  Mr Stagmen  64 Chapel Farm Road  857 2927
Chapel Farm Road odds  Mr Stagmen  64 Chapel Farm Road  857 3928
Chapel Farm Road even  Mrs Robinson  47 Chapel Farm Road  857 3024
Crossmead  Mrs Abrahams  21 Lavidge Road  857 2407
Downeys Close  Mr Hill  53 Leysdown Road  857 3798
Hartmade Road  Mr Glover  20 Bowmead  857 7616
Lavidge Road  Mrs Abrahams  21 Lavidge Road  857 2407
Leysdown Road  Mr Hill  53 Leysdown Road  857 3798
Margaret Gardner Drive  Mrs Henderson  10 Birbetts Road  857 5800
Ministry Way  Mrs Henderson  10 Birbetts Road  857 5800
Mottingham Road 127-205  Mr Drucquer  9 Birbetts Road  857 6051
Royal Court  Mr Drucquer  9 Birbetts Road  857 6051
Sidcup Road 551-655  Mr Grace  33 Lavidge Road  857 3987
Sidcup Road 522-620  Mr Tunstall  65 Leysdown Road  857 4225