

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Cllr. J. Kelly (Coldharbour Ward)	54 Rippon Road, London, SE18 3QJ.	316 2275
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POLICE

If it is an EMERGENCY dial 999.

For Greenwich Borough - dial 0181-855 1212 and ask for Eltham Sector Office.

Inspector Crozier.	Bromley Police Station	284 8704
PC. J. Duncan.	Widmore Road, Bromley	

MOTTINGHAM NEWS

THE VOICE OF
MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
FOUNDED 1932



SPRING 1999

MEMBER OF LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY RESIDENTS' FEDERATION

CHAIRMAN'S VOICE

This year will be the 67th anniversary of the setting up of the Mottingham Residents' Association by a small group of residents.

Those founder members set in motion the basis for residents to feel they are part of a community, and to have someone to approach for advice or information. Your Committee tries to meet these diverse needs by serving on Police committees, keeping a watchful eye on Council proposals, planning applications etc, right down to checking the "poop-bins" are cleared! Every member serving on the Committee is voluntary, some have jobs and families as well, but all are committed to trying to make Mottingham a pleasant place to live.

As you will see in this Newsletter, our Annual General Meeting will be held on 28th April, and I am asking you to help - we need more volunteers to serve on the Committee to lighten some of the load, and we want to hear your criticisms or - perhaps - compliments, but above all we need your support by attending to give us encouragement to continue serving you. Thank you.

Mrs. Mackway-Jones
Chairman.

DONALD DRUCQUER

It was with great sadness we learnt of the death of Don on 27th January. He was an incredible man, and at 87 years young, his first thought was always to help others. He had been greatly appreciated supporter of MRA for many years as a Road Steward, Section Leader and Committee Member.

Don's quiet and gentle manner made him much loved in our community and he will be missed by so many people.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his two daughters, particularly Pam who was so reliant on his loving care and support.

We were also saddened to learn of the death of Alastair MacDonald who was our Bromley Councillor for many years and also our MP for a short period. He was a wonderful orator and always commanded attention when he spoke. He worked tirelessly for the community, and since his retirement had been serving on the Community Health Council.

NOTICE TO SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERS

Whilst not in the Mottingham Residents' Association constitution, free membership has been available to Senior Citizens for many years. However due to increases in printing, postage etc, your Executive Committee have reluctantly agreed it is necessary to withdraw this concession, commencing with 1999 subscriptions.

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held on Wednesday, 28th. April 1999 at 8.0 p.m.

In: The Oddfellows Hall,
Beaconsfield Road,
Mottingham, S.E.9.

There will be a business meeting to report the activities of the past year together with the election of officers.

During the Interval refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle in aid of funds.

The latter half of the meeting will be a presentation on

HOME SECURITY.

Local Councillors and representatives from the Police (Eltham and Chislehurst) will also be present to answer questions. Please let me know if you are unable to be present.

Yours sincerely,

M. Dartnell
Hon. Secretary,
16 Elmhurst Road,
Mottingham, SE9 4DN

Tel: 0181-857 2065

AGENDA

1. President's Opening Remarks.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Minutes of the last A.G.M. - 22nd. April 1998.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report.
6. Election of Officers:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Hon. Secretary
 - (c) Hon. Treasurer
 - (d) Hon. Auditor
 - (e) Executive Committee
7. Membership Subscription
8. Membership Secretary's Report.

INTERVAL

Presentation on HOME SECURITY by Greenwich Police.
followed by A Question and Answer Forum.

POLICING

Your Association is represented on both Greenwich and Bromley Police/Community Consultative Groups and also both Eltham and Chislehurst/Mottingham Sector Working Groups. We have learnt with very great concern of the cuts in the funding of our Police Service but the strong representations we have made to our M.P's have had little effect. Both the Greenwich and Bromley Police are introducing cuts in their serving Officers and civilian staff, and there is the threat of losing Chislehurst Police Station. The massive influx of visitors to "The Dome" at the end of the year will put even more strain on a depleted force.

It is obvious residents will have to do some D.I.Y. by setting up effective Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. If your road doesn't have one, now is the time to get together and find someone (or perhaps a small group) willing to organise one. Most Insurance Companies give discounts on your home insurance if you are in a registered scheme.

The contacts for full advice on how to proceed are:

Greenwich: Councillor Kelly (Coldharbour Ward) - 0181-316 2275.

Bromley: D.I. Wright,

Borough Co-ordinator Neighbourhood Watch,

Orpington Police Station,

The Walnuts, Orpington BR6 0TW. - 01689 891 212.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Residents in Court Road have pressed Greenwich Council for some years to relieve some of their traffic problems. At the beginning of 1998 the Council circulated a questionnaire to a number of roads with four possible options: although the returned forms showed for "do nothing" the Highways Committee agreed to implement Option A, which involves re-opening the central gap in Sidcup Road (opposite West park) and installing traffic lights to allow left and right turns out of West Park, but left turn only into West Park.

Unfortunately the Highways Committee decided not to include the residents on the North side of Sidcup Road in this consultation, who were the most seriously affected by the original gap closures. They and other residents who at present use a "U" turn manoeuvre at Court Road lights are concerned this may be banned when West Park is opened - we have been unable to elicit a confirmation or denial of this from Greenwich.

There seems to be no further progress to report, as indicated in a letter dated 4th February 1999 from Mr. Mudhar (Senior Engineer) who states, "I have written to the Highways Agency but so far have not had a positive response".

ELTHAM COLLEGE

Residents will no doubt be aware that the Local Enquiry held by an Inspector at Bromley Civic Centre on 12th-14th January, found in favour of the Eltham College Development Plan, Phase I. This was a great disappointment to your Association who had supported the vast majority of residents and in conjunction with Bromley Council, has opposed the plans.

This decision means the Music School building will go ahead, together with the staff car park at the rear of Mottingham Lane properties. We will now have the entrance constructed at the bend in Grove Park Road. The Inspector seems to have accepted the new access and the provision of a pick up/drop off area on the front field will be 'substantially beneficial' in respect of traffic and safety. The Inspector has discounted the legitimate fears of local residents who, from actual experience, consider the bend to be very dangerous and he has accepted the views of Bromley's Highways Department.

As is usual in planning inquiries, the Inspector has imposed planning conditions; for instance a limitation to the annual number of events at the Music School which may be sponsored by outside organisations. The staff car park and the pick up/drop off area will be subject to time restrictions.

In conclusion, your Committee would like to thank Members for their support in attending the hearing, giving verbal evidence to the Inspector and who expressed their concerns in writing to the Inspector and to

PLANNING NOTICE

Bromley Planning Department.

Any sharp-eyed member will have spotted the "For Sale" boards in Mottingham Lane, opposite Fairmount Residential Home, announcing that a parcel of land that forms a part of the old Grove Park Hospital grounds, is on the market. The vendor is NHS Estates on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and bids for the freehold, separately or as one lot, are invited by noon 17th March 1999. The total is 41 acres, comprising:-

Lot 1. Mottingham Hall site: 4.5 acres.

Lot 2. New Lodge Riding Centre: 27 acres.

Lot 3. Hadlow College Garden Centre: 9.5 acres.

The situation is somewhat complicated by the fact that Lot 1 is deemed an area of special landscape character with TPO's in force. Lot 2. is leased by a charity, 'Riding for the Disabled' and Lot 3 is leased to Hadlow Agricultural College. Both leases may be subject to early determination for redevelopment.

The "For Sale" documents mention a clawback clause providing that if planning permission is obtained which benefits the site, a share of any resultant increase in value will be payable to the vendor (NHS).

Residents with long memories will recall a plan to develop part of the site for a Regional Assessment Centre for juvenile delinquents. This plan was abandoned and the site has been undeveloped ever since.

The land is designated Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) and Green Chain in Bromley's 1994 UDP.

No doubt developers will be knocking on Bromley's Planner's door

seeking to buy the land for housing. Mottingham residents must be vigilant and prepared to support their Council in their undertaking given in the UDP to protect the green chain and promote it as a recreational resource and visual amenity, in conjunction with other green chain authorities (Greenwich, Bexley, Lewisham) in SE London.

We will keep a careful watch on development and keep you informed and, if necessary, invite your support.

Cllr. R. YELDHAM - MOTTINGHAM (BROMLEY) WARD

The Mottingham Community Forum is discussing -

- A Safe Community. Many people have complained at the number of road accidents. There is a lack of functioning Neighbourhood Watchers.

- A Healthier Community. Many carers in Mottingham are not getting help needed to care for their loved ones. Facilities are needed for older people such as chiropody and lunch clubs. Bringing services to the village or helping local residents to access services outside the village can help.

- A More Thriving Community. Village businesses suffer because of the high rents, vandalism, parking problems etc. The Council Town Centre Co-ordinator Scheme should help.

- Mottingham Schools. There are good local schools but children should be encouraged to participate in the local Youth Club (Castlecombe Road), the various local organisations (Scouts/Guides etc.) in Court Farm Road and St. Andrew's Church. There are also youth activities available at the Catholic Church in Mottingham Road and St. Andrew's Church in Court Road. There are also organised games/football teams using the Playing Fields in Court Farm Road and in the Y.M.C.A. Playing Fields (particularly during school holidays).

If you have any other views regarding the Community please contact the Residents' Association.

This information may be of interest to our members.

Geoffrey's Community Hall

Pensioners Club: Bingo - Tuesday, 7.30/9.00pm. - Thursday, 1.30/3.00pm.

Mental Health Bureau Lunch Club - Tuesday, 10.00am/3.00pm.

Active Lifestyles - Wednesday, 11.00am/12.00pm.

Acorn Club - Wednesday, 12.30/3.00pm

Education Tuesday - reading, writing and spelling for adults - 9.30/11.30am.

Friday (Computer Studies, First Aid (classes are full but a waiting list is at 66 Framlingham Crescent, SE9).

Court Farm Medical Mission: Tuesday, 9.30am/12.00pm - mothers and pre-school children.

MOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY WORKER

Kevin Warner, the Worker appointed to fill this post, left before Christmas. The Association has now been informed that there is no money to appoint a replacement. However, Bromley Centre for Voluntary Services have now set up a Community Hall for the use of Mottingham Residents (details above).

CLLR. JOHN KELLY - COLDHARBOUR WARD

A main activity has been an attempt to revitalise the Neighbourhood Watch network. There are many houses with the Neighbourhood Watch sticker from years ago, but there does not appear to be any person who is actively involved. From our leafleting of every door in the area we received only six positive replies who will assist by being the returns addressees for a follow-up leaflet to go out again to every door. By having these local people as the 'respond to' addresses there might be created understanding that it really is intended for, and run by, the community. Indeed, this is critical for the whole thing to work but we need to find some active volunteers.

Once these next replies are collected we will consult with the Greenwich Community Safety Trust on the next stage and keep the interested people informed.

Commuter parking continues to be a problem, particularly for those in North Mottingham. There has been consultation with those most effected but there is no easy solution. The problem is compounded by the straight roads which tempt drivers to speed. For people to get out of their driveways easier, those worst affected will get white lines in front of their accesses. Although this has no legal standing, motorists generally acknowledge them. There will be a review with Greenwich Officers of the situation in a few months. In the same area, we have recently engaged the Planning Department to deal with untaxed cars in Leysdown Road.

A visit has been made to the new sports complex in the area. Although a great facility for local people, we will be vigilant of any potential disadvantage, for example noise or litter. Of course, again, a Neighbourhood Watch would be one of the good strategies to combat any such problems.

BALL GAMES

Every week Bromley Council receive telephone calls from members of the public who are suffering nuisance which is predominantly caused by children playing football. Although the Council can erect "No Ball Games" signs in certain circumstances, these are not enforced by the Council. They are designed to deter ball games activity and to assist the Police in taking action. In extreme circumstances, this can ultimately lead to individuals being fined.

HELPING US HELP YOU

Bromley Council maintains 830 kilometres of road; this is over twice the length of road maintained by the average London Borough. We have a duty to ensure that all roads and pavements are safe for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. A team of inspectors regularly checks for problems.

Shopping areas are inspected weekly, main roads monthly, urban roads six-monthly and rural roads annually.

In addition to these programmed inspections, the Council rely on members of the public to bring to their attention potential difficulties such as potholes, trips on the pavement, faulty street lights, or abandoned cars. You can report any of these by telephoning 0181-313 4621, or by sending a fax to 0181-313 4478, or by writing to the Highways Division, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley BR1 3UH. If you are visiting the Civic Centre, you can always leave a message at the Planning Reception.

The easiest way to let the Council know is by using one of the postfree "Green Cards" which you can pick up at libraries or Council offices. You only have to tick the relevant box, fill in a few details, and pop the card in the post. The Council will then have a look at the problem and decide what needs to be done.

BROMLEY HOUSE TO HOUSE PAPER COLLECTION

Collections will take place on your normal refuse collection day, but on alternate weeks. Your paper will be collected during the weeks commencing:

March	8th.	&	22nd.	
April	5th.*	&	19th.	
May	3rd.*	&	17th.	& 31st.*
June	14th.	&	28th.	
July	12th.	&	26th.	
August	9th.	&	23rd.	
September	6th.	&	20th.	
October	4th.	&	18th.	

*Collections of both domestic rubbish and recyclables will run a day late on Bank Holiday weeks. The crews work on the Saturday following Bank Holiday weekends to catch up with their work.

MOTTINGHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Membership £1.00 per annum.

Summer Show - Sat. 19th June at Maryfield Hall, Leysdown Road.

Autumn Show - Sat. 4th September at Eltham College.

RHS GARDEN VISITS

The Society is affiliated to the RHS and our garden card allows a reduction on the entry fee for two members to Wisley (not Sundays), Rosemoor and Hyde Hall.

GARDENS OF THE ROSE - St ALBANS

The Society is affiliated to the Royal National Rose Society whose Gardens are open to the public during the summer and autumn. Our membership cards allows FREE entry for up to 4 people. The gardens are at Chiswell Green, St. Albans, just off the M25, and are well worth a visit.

Both membership cards are kept by the Hon. Secretary, John Perkins. You can contact him on 0181-851 8644.

BOGUS CALLERS

(Including GAS, WATER, ELECTRICITY and now 'MEALS ON WHEELS')

..... Is the chain on?

..... Ask who it is

..... Ask what do they want?

..... CHECK IDENTIFICATION

Remember - IF YOU ARE NOT SURE DON'T OPEN THE DOOR

ROAD STEWARDS

Membership Secretary - Mrs. Joan Cobb

The late Don Drucquer carried out many duties for the Association, and we are now seeking a volunteer to take over his Team Leader work, on section 5. If you are able to help please contact our Secretary who can give full details of what is involved.

We are also seeking volunteers as Road Stewards for Colview Court and Model Farm Close.

SECTION ONE LEADER - MR TUNSTALL

Albert Road	Mrs Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	851 1747
Court Road 201-277	Mr Wyborne	240 Court Road	857 1524
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

SECTION TWO LEADER - MR EDGAR

Highcombe Close	Mrs Hollingum	33 Devonshire Road	857 5856
Hinton Close	Mrs Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	857 2687
Luxfield Road	Mr Page	7 Luxfield Road	
Sidcup Road 375-441	Mr Leakey	475 Sidcup Road	851 3788
Sidcup Road 443-511	Mr Leakey	475 Sidcup Road	851 3788
Sidcup Road 452-508	Mr Edgar	32 West Park	851 3788
West Hallowses	Mr Norriss	31 West Hallowses	857 3928
West Park - evens	Mr & Mrs Perkins	7 West Park	851 8644
West Park - odds	Mr Treadwell	236 Court Road	857 3433

SECTION THREE LEADER - MRS COBB

Beaconsfield Road	Mrs Pugh	59 Beaconsfield Rd	851 9678
Carters Hill Close	Mrs Webber	26 Carters Hill Close	851 3696
Cedar Mount	Mrs Cobb	7 Carters Hill Close	857 1944
Colview Court	Vacant		
Grove Park Road - evens	Mr Winpenny	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	Vacant		
Mottingham Gardens	Mr Donoghue	16 Mottingham Gardens	857 3257
Mottingham Lane	Mr Jeffrey	Berry Marbor, Mottingham Lane	857 6423

SECTION FOUR

LEADER - MRS DARTNELL

Avondale Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Clarence Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
College View	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Court Farm Road	Mrs Lockwood	23 Court Farm Road	325 3695
Crossway	Mrs Lockwood	23 Court Farm Road	325 3695
Devonshire Road	Mr Noble	32 Mottingham Road	851 0608
Dorset Road	Mr J. Heath	11 Dorset Road	857 1874
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	325 3695
Sycamore Close	Mrs Swanton	9 Model Farm Close	851 1523

SECTION FIVE LEADER (temporary) - MR JONES (Committee member)

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 Stagamen	64 Chapel Farm Road	857 2527
Chapel Farm Road odds	Mr Stagamen	64 Chapel Farm Road	857 2527
Chapel Farm Road even	Mrs Robinson	47 Chapel Farm Road	857 0324
Crossmead	Mrs Abrahams	21 Lavidge Road	857 2407
Downeys Close	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	857 3798
Hartsmead 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 Rd. 127-205	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	857 5800
Sidcup Road 551-655	Mr Grace	33 Lavidge Road	857 3987
Sidcup Road 522-620	Mr Tunstall	65 Leysdown Road	857 4225