

The H.O.M.E. Residents' Association

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Planning application at Mead Court 66 Outram Road: Appeal rejected



Following representation by many of our residents, an Appeal against the decision not to grant planning permission for the erection of a roof extension to form an additional 3 x 1 bedroom flats and the provision of an additional 3 parking spaces has been dismissed.

The main issue is the effect of the proposed roof extension on the character and appearance of the Outram Road street scene and the East India Estate Conservation Area and in particular the deleterious effect of the proposed extension on the 'long view' of the street.

For details see:
planning.croydon.gov.uk/DocOnline/161845_2.pdf

Road humps and tables

Some roads in the HOME area have been considering requesting that the Council install speed humps. However it now appears from the Council website that the Council has changed its policy on these:

The decision is explained as follows: '... the police, fire brigade, ambulance service and London Transport have objected to the proliferation of road humps and raised tables because of the increase in attendance times for emergency calls and discomfort and possible injury to their passengers.

Road humps and raised tables can also lead to complaints from local residents about increased noise and vibration from traffic.

For these reasons the council has decided not to introduce any further road humps or tables in the borough.'

HOME in Bloom 2015

Congratulations to all the winners of this event: Your hard work on creating lovely front gardens for us all to enjoy is much appreciated and helps to make our neighbourhood pleasant to live in!

The winners were:

College Court, Ashburton Road (flats);

2 Ashburton Close (house);

42 Havelock Road (house)



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Addiscombe Fair Fun Day



The local Residents Associations' Summer Fair took place on Saturday 13th June at St Mary Magdalene church in Canning Road. There was a really good mix of stalls, games, activities and entertainment. Some good new things, such as the photography competition, were included. Although it was felt that overall numbers were definitely down this year, it was also noted that the event attracted more of our local population, who turned out in greater numbers than before.

The HOME table looked good and got the attention of everyone coming in as it was near the entrance. A number of people took newsletters.

Many thanks to St Mary's for again hosting this popular event and to Carol for setting up the HOME stall and for being there on the day.

Croydon Council hopes to begin charging for garden waste collection, currently a free service, from January 1st 2016. Residents would pay £55 for a 140-litre bin or £60 for a 240-litre bin to be collected fortnightly all year-round, with a £10 discount for those signing up before February. Do contact our local councillors if you wish to object!



The HOME committee wishes to thank **Stan Goron** for his many years of dedicated work as Secretary to the committee. Thanks are also due to **Carol Porter**, who has volunteered to take on this job.

Croydon Networking : a new database for local Residents' groups

Croydon Residents associations and groups have started an initiative to create an up-to-date database to facilitate networking across Croydon, spreading news on topics relevant to all, sharing best practice, connecting to create a stronger voice on important issues.

The working group has met several times. ***If you want to join and contribute to their efforts please contact Mira.***

Havelock Road, Outram Road, Mulberry Lane, Elgin Road & Ashburton Road/Close/Gardens

Looking after the concerns of local residents

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A threat to our local cats



The following information comes from South Norwood Animal Rescue:

Six cats in the Addiscombe area have gone missing over the past few days. Three have been found dead, with wounds that could only be inflicted by a human. Their bodies have been displayed in such a way as to cause maximum distress.

Two other cats have escaped with very serious injuries.

These attacks appear to be happening during the night but the advice is for everyone in the area to keep their cats in.

The attacks mirror an attack that happened in South Norwood about eight years ago so we suspect it is someone who has moved from one area to another. Please don't take any chances with your cats.

Visit to Borough Archives

A group of HOME members had a most enjoyable and instructive visit to the Borough Archives one Saturday morning recently. The Borough Archivist, Lindsay Ould, had kindly arranged for us to see a selection of the archival material the Borough holds relating to the HOME area. These included old photographs; WWII bomb maps; historic maps of the area; original bills of sale referring to the villas built when the HOME roads were first being developed and memoirs and other fascinating material referring to the cadets of Addiscombe College.

The archives hold a treasure-trove of material useful to anyone interested in Local History or in researching Family History. ***Lindsay is also keen to collect Oral Histories from long-term Croydon residents and anyone who feels they have a story to tell, should please contact her:***

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