

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

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Consultation on Management of the Conservation Area: Over the last few months, Croydon Council has been consulting with residents on their draft proposals for the management of five of the Borough Conservation areas, including ours. We hope you have used the possibility to comment at the consultation stage – now watch out for the final document which will be produced soon. Living in a Conservation Area offers residents some protection from unsympathetic development. However, now that the Council no longer has an obligation to notify residents individually about potential developments in their immediate neighbourhood, it is vital to watch out for planning application notices to appear on lamp-posts, and/or keep an eye on the Planning Applications listed on the Council website. As a Conservation Area, developers are bound by strict criteria and we need to ensure that these are enforced.

ADVANCE NOTICES

CAROL SINGING: Following the success of last year's enjoyable Carol Singing evening around the HOME roads, we are holding it again this year, with money collected going to ChildReach International. Come and join us on **Saturday, 21st**

December, starting from 13 Havelock Road at 7.00 pm – and finishing back there with mince pies and mulled wine (refreshment donations welcome). There will be a rehearsal at the same address on Saturday 14th December at 7.00 pm. You are invited to suggest homes where occupants would appreciate hearing a carol sung outside – particularly the house-bound. Do invite friends and neighbours to join us – whether or not they are residents of the HOME area!



HOME'S 10th ANNIVERSARY NEW YEAR TEA PARTY: Come along to Valerie Beagley's home at 89 Outram Road from 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm **on Sunday 12th January** for a New Year social. Bring your unwanted Christmas presents and we will raffle them. All contributions of home-made cakes will be gratefully received. **(RSVP on the slip included with this newsletter and drop it into your street contact by January 4th)**

HOME Residents' Association will be 10 years old in January 2014. It came into being as a result of the community outrage at a planning application to demolish one of the fine Victorian Villas. Even more of a shock was what was proposed in its place: "fence to fence and half the garden" square block of mediocre 12 flats. Thanks to over 60 letters of objection from residents, **Save No 29 with a Tea Party** at the Fields' home, support of our elected representatives in 2004, Sean Fitzsimons and Mark Watson among others, the house was saved and is still standing as solid as it has been since 1876.

In 2006 there was another planning application to demolish No 40 – 42 Elgin Road and to build a large block of flats in their place. We got together again and with the help of our MP and in particular of

Cllr Russell Jackson we had the application refused. The result of this was also the designation of the **East India Conservation Area** in March 2008. We shall remember Cllrs Russell Jackson, Andrew Price and Maria Garcia as a very dedicated team who worked hard on getting this to happen.

More recently, in 2012 there was an unwelcome development at 19 Ashburton Road – 4 different planning applications. The last planning application to create 11 bedsits went to Appeal with the Planning Inspector in Bristol and was refused.

An unexpected bonus – the residents of the Ashburton roads have created a closer community and have become part of HOME Residents' Association at the AGM on 1st June 2013.

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PLANNING ISSUES:

Planning has always been the catalyst in our community. Through planning issues and alerts, we have gained neighbours we now know - and through this we have created a real sense of community for our area.

We have a new piece of legislation – **the Conservation Area General Guidance**, adopted in April 2013. This new legislation will be consulted by the Planning Department and the Appeal Inspectorate when deciding on planning applications.

What is more, the consultation on our own East India Estate Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan has finished. While we believe that development must reflect the changing needs of our residents if the area is to flourish and survive, developers must, however, meet certain standards in terms of quality, finish and compatibility to existing buildings.

Planning, planning, planning We always have some planning issues; some we win, some we lose, and some we mitigate.

Mira Amour Chair of HOME

HOME Residents' Association's working committee always welcomes any residents who wish to assist us actively in improving our area.

We hold meetings every two months. These are short and friendly.

If you want to get involved please phone Mira on 020 8654 6437.

POSITION VACANT:



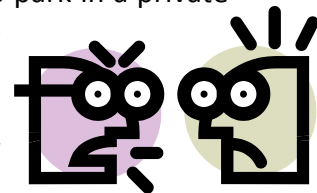
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We need a new **Neighbourhood Watch representative** for our area. For details and/or to volunteer for this important job, please email Melanie on devilliers@hotmail.co.uk

INCONSIDERATE CAR PARKING:

Lots of building work is taking place within the HOME area, so please remember, if you employ a tradesman - even if that only means calling him in for a quote - you're responsible for him and his behaviour, and no-one should employ anyone who is discourteous enough to park in a private space or use abusive language when asked to move.

As a particularly narrow road, Mulberry Lane is especially susceptible to inconsiderate parking and prides itself on a good community spirit.



Please think about your neighbours when you have visitors.

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KEEPING OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFE:

Addiscombe, like all wards in London, has its Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT); ours is headed by Sergeant David Lee (PS 56ZD) with Steve Wade (PC 666ZD), Angela Kilden (PCSO 7308ZD) & Andrew Williams (PCSO 7104ZD) and is currently located at **Croydon Police Station, 71 Park Lane, Croydon, CR9 1BP.**

For more on our local Addiscombe team and to see the latest three-month priorities set by a panel of local residents go to the website at:

<http://content.met.police.uk/Team/Croydon/Addiscombe>

If you would like to ask questions or express a comment on local policing, our Addiscombe Police team are very approachable and supportive.

If you would prefer to speak with someone else, you can contact the Addiscombe Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel which is comprised mainly of local residents. Details are online:

<http://www.asntpanel.org.uk/>

Important Numbers to call:

***Safer Neighbourhood Team (Addiscombe) - 020 8721 2473**

***Met Police Non-Emergency number - 101**

***Crime Stoppers (for confidential reporting) - 0800 555 111**

***Emergencies - where a serious crime has taken place, is still taking place, or where someone has been injured always call - 999**

HOME IN BLOOM 2013:



This summer saw our first ever 'In Bloom' Event for the H.O.M.E roads. In all we had 13 nominations for awards over the two categories: flats and houses - and a group of three went round on July 6th to judge all of them. A garden centre token of £25 was awarded to the winner in each category and one of £10 to the Special Mention garden.

The winner in the House category was 8 Elgin Road.

This is a new garden – the owners have been there only two and a half years and have made the garden from scratch. We chose this because we felt that it was a good example of what can be done in quite a short time and as such could inspire other residents to have a go at improving their front gardens! We felt that great care had been taken to ensure that the garden complemented the age and style of the house.

The winner in the Flats category is the garden of Walcot Court,

on the corner of Ashburton Road and Addiscombe Road. We chose this because of the vision and determination of the owner of this garden, who has the downstairs flat and has again made a garden from scratch.

We wanted to give a **Special Mention to the garden at 2 Ashburton Close.** This is a very well maintained and intricately planted garden. It is a wonderful example of an established garden that has been lovingly cared for over the years. We hope that this friendly competition will become an annual event and that next year more nominations will come in. Our front gardens contribute so greatly to making the neighbourhood a pleasant and attractive environment.

Margaret Chan

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Mulberry tree logo. It has been suggested that HOME needs a logo as a way of establishing more of an identity locally. A mulberry tree has been suggested – as historically there was a mulberry tree in the grounds of the old East India Estate – where Mulberry Lane is now.

Your comments would be appreciated.

AN EVENING AT THE ISMAILI COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CROYDON



Four members of the HOME Committee were delighted to be invited by the Shia Imami Ismaili Council for the

United Kingdom to an Eid Al-Adha Reception and Dinner on 17th October at the South London Jamat Khana, which is situated on the Addiscombe Road in three beautiful linked buildings (formerly Winton School) opposite the Sandilands tram stop. The evening brought together leaders and members of the various Residents' Associations, faith communities and public officials from our local area, as well as the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Yvette Hopley, and our Croydon MPs. In addition to enjoying a splendid meal and warm hospitality, we were able to hear some traditional music and learn something of the Ismaili community, its ethos and work.

The Centre houses the European offices of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) and its affiliate:

Focus Humanitarian Assistance. FOCUS is an international group of agencies in Europe, North America, South and Central Asia whose work complements the provision of emergency relief, principally in the developing world. It helps people in need reduce their dependence on humanitarian aid and facilitates their transition to sustainable self-reliant, long-term development. We were interested to see a video presentation about the work of FOCUS – which lays emphasis on preserving human dignity by helping communities become self-supporting. More information about AKDN and Focus can be found at: www.akdn.org and www.akdn.org/focus

It was so good to be given this chance to get to know something of our neighbours at the Ismaili Community Centre. They place great emphasis on being part of the community and wish to be seen as an integral part of the HOME area.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION!

If you haven't already done so, please join HOME for the year 2013/14 – there is a membership application included with this newsletter. We suggest a donation of £5.00 per household.

Please also ask your neighbours about joining us. If we are to continue to be able to support residents over neighbourhood issues and make our voices heard, we need to be able to prove that we have a good sized membership.

Because of rising costs, future issues of this newsletter will be available only to paid-up members of HOME.

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Membership Application Form

I/We wish to join/renew membership of HOME Residents' Association and enclose a subscription of £ to cover membership 2013/2014 (suggested contribution: £5.00 per household)

Name(s):

Address:

Contacts:

tel:

email:

HOME Anniversary New Year Tea party on January 12th

I/we wish to come to the HOME Anniversary New Year Tea party on January 12th

Name(s):

Contacts:

Please forward your subscription and/or party response to your road representative by January 4th:

Ashburton Road – Phil Emerson at No 29

Havelock Road – Ellen Forester at No 6

Outram Road – Stan Goron at No 74

Mulberry Lane – Simon Thompson at No 7

Elgin Road – Norman Young at No 44

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