

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

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Annual Reports for the year to September 2020

The H.O.M.E Residents' Association (RA) was formed in 2004 and exists for the benefit of the residents in Havelock Road, Outram Road, Mulberry Lane, Elgin Road and Ashburton Road/Gardens/Close and the sections of Lower Addiscombe and Addiscombe Road between those roads.

It aims to preserve, conserve and improve the environment in the H.O.M.E roads as well as in outlying areas that have an effect on our area. For this reason, we see great benefit in working with neighbouring residents' associations for the Addiscombe community.

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H.O.M.E RA TREASURERS REPORT 2019.20

My apologies for being unable to attend today for my final presentation as HOME Treasurer. I am delighted to propose handing over the role to Sue Fender who is incredibly well qualified to be the incoming Treasurer. I am pleased to present the HOME accounts for 2019.20 and thanks to Mira who will read out this short report. H.O.M.E accounts run from AGM to AGM. The accounts start on 1st Sept 2019 and run to the 31st August 2020.

Thank you to those who paid subs over the past year. If you have not joined or wish to check if you are up-to-date on your membership, or should any of your details have changed, particularly email addresses please don't hesitate to talk to the committee today. On behalf of HOME thank you for your continued support. In the current climate we are still accepting cash and cheques but would be delighted if you felt able to pay your subs via bank transfer. Our details are:

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Due to the ongoing Covid19 restrictions our outgoings for Social events but also our income from raffles have reduced over the past year. Our main expenditure, as in 2018.19 relates to making sure we keep in touch with residents and hence the cost of a) the website (which I am sure you will agree is amazing thanks to the hard work of many but with particular commendation to Ellen Forrester and Sam Porter) and b) information leaflets. The committee continue to regularly identify methods to keep costs of both communication channels down. The website is excellent value for money and on-line purchase of printed materials very competitive.

In conclusion, the current status of HOME is that we are holding £2,442.20 across the bank account and cash float.

Does anyone have any questions about the accounts?

Thank you

On behalf of De Rainbow (outgoing Treasurer) and Sue Fender who helped compile these accounts.

Proposed:

Seconded:

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H.O.M.E RA CHAIR REPORT 2019.20

This is the 16th Annual General Meeting of H.O.M.E Residents Association. Due to coronavirus pandemic, for the first time since 2004. there will be no socialising. In spite of this and especially because of this, we need to find ways to keep in touch with each other and with what is happening in our neighbourhood. Some of our normal activities are put on hold for the time being. To help us keep in touch, please:

1. Use our web page – www.home.addiscombe.net – to contribute content and to keep updated,
2. Become a member - There is a form accessible via a link at the right-hand top corner of our web page for you to join to be added to the H.O.M.E Residents' Association (RA) database. If you do not have an e-mail please contact us in person and we will give you a form to fill in.

Below you will find a short summary and mention of our main activities – you can find more about each topic on our web page, under the headings used in this report.

Traffic matters: – *traffic changes made to Canning and Addiscombe Court Road made in January 2018 have resulted in increased traffic and accidents in our roads.*

We have had a number of meetings with the Council on his subject, the last one was held on Zoom on Tuesday 21st July, with our residents, Cllr Stuart King - the chair of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee, our councillors Maddie Henson and Jeet Bains, MP Sarah Jones and senior council officers in charge of Public Realm and Highways. Following the zoom meeting Mark Averill, Head of Highways met with us in our roads on 27th July. The main issues were the number of accidents and volume and nature of traffic. No-right turns at both ends of our roads was suggested as a solution by M Averill. A possibility of making Ashburton Road into two cul de sacs was mentioned; however, this would put more pressure on the other three roads. We are waiting to receive No right turns proposal in writing from the Council.

Meetings & events: Serious stuff and Social

Under **Serious stuff** you should find what meetings were attended or initiated by our residents/committee. And thing like outside meetings such from:

Mid - Croydon Conservation Area Advisory Panel –H.O.M.E is represented by Mira Armour. This Panel comments on the planning applications in a number of conservation areas.

Melanie de Villiers is the HOME **Neighborhood Watch Co-ordinator**. The new Addiscombe East Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel has struggled to become active, and current social distancing measures haven't helped.

Under **Social** you will find more on fun stuff:

The New Year Social in January 2020 was yet again hosted by the generous and hospitable Hopkins Family. Apart from residents we had guests from other RAs, MP S Jones, our councillors and the local SNT. We are thinking of replacing this event with a New Year's Quiz and Pub evening in 2021. At present we cannot plan due to COVID, usually it was in the second week of January. **Quiz Night** at Builders Arms in 15th November 2019 – great fun and oversubscribed. We were planning one for this year – it is now not very likely. Ellen has organised this and sadly for us all is moving away. Ellen was active on our Committee and in our community for a number of years, lastly as a webmaster. Thank you and happy move to Cardiff.

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Elgin Road Exercise Street

On Saturday 21st June Elgin Road was closed to traffic from 2pm to 4pm and became Exercise Street. The future dates will be advertised on Facebook Elgin Road Marvels and there is also a Elgin Weekend Road Closure Whats App group. There are local musicians playing. Come out, play or cycle or just catch up with other residents whilst keeping distance.

HOME in Bloom 2020 – this year we have gone virtual with no nominations and no end date. Please have a look and send photos of blooms and nature that delights you to be added to the Gallery.

HOME Clean-Ups – organised by Tim Duce, Elgin Road resident and Elgin Road Street Champion. Details and dates will be available on our web site. We will send reminder emails. Please contact us if you are keen to help and organise other roads.

Trees in H.O.M.E roads – Some residents, including myself have tried to prevent pollarding of the street trees in August while the trees were in full leaf and birds were still nesting. The Council ignored us saying that the work was behind schedule. The London plane tree at the top of Havelock has not shown any new growth since then.

We are losing a lot of trees either from damage or disease. We will have some trees replaced in Havelock Road. *We need to let the tree officer know where trees are missing in other roads, please let us know.*

Addiscombe Triangle - The trees were planted two years ago. New bulbs were planted again and have delighted us all in April and May. Contact Carol Porter to help with upkeep.

Satellite dishes: Satellite dishes are unsightly and cannot be affixed to the front of the properties where they can be seen from the street. The Council will order them to be taken down and repositioned. The Conservation Officer, Sanne Roberts has given us some guidelines for mounting them in an acceptable way. Please have a look at that document on our web.

Noise – Please be considerate, respect privacy of your neighbours. Sound travels and can be very disturbing. There are Council contacts for you to call if the noise is unreasonable and persistent.

Bins – it is illegal and a hazard to keep bins permanently on the pavement. Please put them back onto your land after the collection day.

I would ask you please initiate, join, lead and share in any present and future issues of importance to you and of potential benefit to our community. It is good to remember what we have achieved so far:

1. H.O.M.E community – everyone is welcome!
2. Conservation Area status was granted in 2008. This gives us better quality development.
3. Getting bigger in 2012. when Ashburton Road, Garden and Close joined H.O.M.E RA.
4. New street lighting with heritage design lamps in 2016.
5. The new conservation area street signs have made the streets smarter in 2017.
6. New trees in Elgin Road 2018.
7. A very professional www.home.addiscombe.net
8. H.O.M.E Newsletters and also magazines like Heron and Addiscombe Magazine publish jointly with other RAs

Many, by doing a little, can achieve a lot. Thank you to each and every one of you who have responded to our emails and have acted for the benefit of all. Some on the Committee have done an extraordinary amount of work: thank you to Miriam de Souza for her tireless pursuit of fair and equal treatment of our roads by Croydon Council. To Melanie de Villiers for planning updates, NWS work plus lots more, quietly and efficiently. Something to do with “de” in their names? Carol for her meeting secretarial work, the Triangle, and lots more; Norman on his willingness to use his computer and writing and publishing skills, and his printer. Bob for the planning work. Phil and Jenny for representing Ashburton Road. Sam Porter and Grace Jones for past and future work on our web. At the end, a big thank you to our outgoing treasurer De Rainbow for her work. Stay safe.

Mira Armour, Chair on behalf of the Committee, AGM 2020

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Planning Applications: We have a Planning section on our web page listing the new planning applications. Melanie updates this list and Bob Porter leads on preparing reasons if we need to object. We are keen to involve more people to this task. An email alert is sent to everyone on our mailing list. Leafletting is done by / with help from residents around the proposed development.

Planning Report (AGM Sept 2020)

1) Most of the planning applications that HOME has objected to in the last year have been refused:

Farley Croft, Ashburton Rd: Plans to build on the garages and in a corner of the garden were rejected by the council and on appeal.

19 Ashburton Rd: Mr Datoos continues unsuccessfully to try to change the use of his back garden out-building monstrosity to residential. First he tried a flat - rejected by the council and on appeal, then a disabled person's flat also rejected by the council (2 days ago).

Appletree Cottage, Ashburton Rd: The appeal in favour of turning it into a block of 6 flats was rejected. So far, there has not been any application for a smaller block.

86 Outram Rd: The schemes for 6 flats and for 5 flats were both rejected. There will probably be a 4 flat attempt.

37 Havelock Rd: Schemes for 5 flats, house in multiple occupation, and for a 'granny' flat in the garden were all rejected. The 3 flat scheme was accepted, similar to the adjacent semi-detached, but with less roof lights it may be dark in the top flat.

46 Elgin Rd: The attempt to squeeze a house into the garage was refused.

2) There have been a few applications that we have not objected to.

3) Some applications are still ongoing, notably:

Garages between Mulberry Lane, Outram and Havelock Rds: This appalling scheme for a block of flats is now awaiting decision - we don't think the council could possibly accept it.

45-47 Outram Rd: Just appeared, they want a pair of houses in the back gardens of locally listed buildings! - surely a non-starter but we will circulate more details soon.

Thank you for your help.

Robert Porter