

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

www.home.addiscombe.net Winter 2014



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR HOME NEW YEAR SOCIAL

on Sunday, January 11th 2015, from 3.00 – 6.00 pm
at Erith and Kate's home at 9 Havelock Rd.

This is always a popular event – a chance to get to know our neighbours.

Bring your unwanted Christmas presents
and we will raffle them to support HOME.

Contributions of home-made cakes will be gratefully received.

(RSVP on the slip included with this newsletter)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Could you be a road Coordinator?

What are the benefits of being in a neighbourhood watch? The main benefit is the building of a community spirit, getting to know your neighbours, keeping an eye open for them, particularly the elderly and more vulnerable ones. Being informed of all the latest scams, bogus caller activity, crime prevention measures etc. is a bonus for those in a watch. In addition a watch also has neighbourhood watch signs displayed on lamp posts at either end of their watch area - a reminder to the criminal that he is in an area where people will be looking out for one another. Some insurance companies will give a discount on house insurance to active members (as confirmed on the Coordinator's list) in a watch area. Appropriate NW stickers are also available to display in a window near their door – e.g. "No Cold Callers".

So how does it work? Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association (CBNWA) covers the whole borough of Croydon. A "Watch" area is normally a road, part of a road, a block of flats etc. where one person acts as a Coordinator. **At the moment, the whole of the HOME area is a single Watch area, which isn't ideal as it's too large.**

To make our Watch areas smaller we need people to volunteer as road Coordinators. ***If you are interested in being a Coordinator for your road please contact the Neighbourhood Watch Manager – Katie Moore – on 020 8555 1200 extension 37637 or email Katie / CBNWA at: nhw@cbnwa.com***

What is the role of the Coordinator? The Coordinator acts as a focal point and keeps active members informed of crime prevention measures, current scams and other criminal activity notified to them by CBNWA or police. To help in this, CBNWA produce a newsletter 3 times a year which the Coordinator will deliver or email to those households in their Watch. In addition a weekly update is emailed to coordinators by CBNWA. For a summary of the Coordinator's role see the CBNWA website www.cbnwa.com look under "Coordinators".



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HOME IN BLOOM: AN EARLY REMINDER



In June 2015 we will be holding a HOME in BLOOM event for the 3rd year running.

This friendly competition acknowledges the dedication of the many residents who work hard to make their front gardens a pleasure that we can all enjoy and provide a *greener and cleaner* environment for the HOME area.

We hope lots of you will join in by nominating your favourite gardens!

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE HOME AREA



*Come one, come all
... and sing your hearts out at Christmas!
Saturday 13 December 7 – 8 pm*

Meet at 11 Havelock Road at 7pm .
To finish at 8pm with seasonal refreshments.
Bring a torch.

Collection in aid of the Croydon Refugee Centre.
Contact Carol Porter for more details on 020 3441 1322

BRIDGE ON YOUR DOORSTEP!



Briarley Bridge Club meets in a private house in Outram Road on Tuesday evenings (7pm start). We are a small but friendly club playing duplicate. Refreshments are provided *and we also try to help find you a partner if you need one.*

Call Shirley Mills 020 8654 1000 for more details.

ESTATE AGENTS SIGNS: A LOCAL NUISANCE?



All over the HOME area, there seems to be a proliferation of Estate Agents' signs left standing well after the sale or let they advertise has happened.

They create an unsightly eyesore which spoils the effect of the beautiful house frontages and gardens in the HOME roads.

If you are aware of signs being left up indefinitely – perhaps you even have one in front of your house or building - please chase the Estate Agent to have it removed!

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MacMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



The MacMillan Coffee Morning took place on a fine morning in September, with delicious cakes and other contributions from the neighbourhood.

A good crowd came and went (some returning after their flu jab!) and new acquaintances were made. Even passers-by contributed to the splendid amount donated of **£245**.

So thank you to all who took part, and especially our hosts Martin and Alison. We could do it again next year - any offers to organise or host, please let your road rep know!

HOME HAS A NEW LOGO!

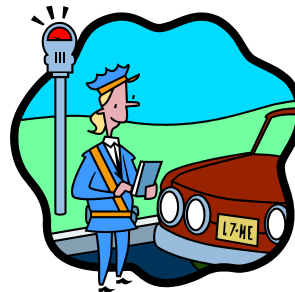


Have you spotted our smart new logo on the HOME website? We felt that this mulberry tree, specially designed for us by Bev Jones, was a good image to represent the HOME area, as it references the ancient mulberry tree which used to stand in the grounds of the East India Military Academy – and after which Mulberry Lane is named. We hope you like it! *For more about Bev's work see her website: www.bevjonesart.co.uk*

PARKING IN THE ASHBURTONS

Do you live in Ashburton Road, Gardens or Close?

What do you think about introducing residents' parking in these streets, given the number of cars and vans parked there which do not belong to local residents? The other HOME streets are residents' parking and look rather smarter as a result - although of course introduction of residents' parking would have an associated cost for visitors and for those who don't have a drive.



Let us have your views and if there is interest we could talk to the Council.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON CROYDON'S PROPOSED LANDLORD LICENSING SCHEME!

Croydon Council are consulting on four options for a licensing scheme for private landlords. Full details are in the consultation documents: www.croydon.gov.uk/betterplace_torent.

To give your views, visit:

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=141590065489> to complete the online survey between 17 November and 12 December 2014. Paper copies are available upon request from MEL research on 0121 604 4664.

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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION!

The Association is funded by voluntary annual subscriptions. Contributions are, of course, at your discretion, but a sum of £5.00 (or more if you wish) per household would be very welcome. These help to offset expenses incurred in maintaining the website, printing newsletters, corresponding with the council and others regarding planning applications, the conservation area and wider issues affecting residents. Membership runs from January – December.

Subscription Form:

Name (Title, Initials Surname)

Called Names (of all members of the household).....

Address.....

Tel.....Mobile.....email.....

I enclose a cheque (payable to The HOME Residents' Association) for £_____ (or cash) for the annual subscription.

Please post to our Treasurer (Deirdre Rainbow, 16 Ashburton Road, CR0 6AL)

Please note that the personal information you give here is confidential to the Committee and will not be passed on to any other organisation or individual

HOME New Year Tea party on January 11th

I/we wish to come to the HOME Anniversary New Year Tea party on January 11th

Name(s):

Contacts:

Please forward your 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