

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

www.home.addiscombe.net Summer 2015



HOME AGM, SUMMER SOCIAL and *BIG LUNCH*: Sunday 7th June at 1.30 pm in Mulberry Lane

Once again the council is encouraging residents to get involved in supporting the *Big Lunch* in Croydon. So

this year we are combining our HOME summer social with a *BIG LUNCH*, to be held in Mulberry Lane.



Come along at 1.30 pm for food, fun and a chance to get to know your neighbours.

HOME IN BLOOM



You are invited to take part in our annual HOME in BLOOM competition. Any FRONT garden from anywhere in one of the HOME roads – outside a house or flat, owner-occupied or rented, can be nominated. The winners of the 3 categories: House, Flat and Special Mention, will receive small Garden Centre tokens. This year we are again inviting people to nominate **their own** gardens for consideration, as well as their **neighbours'**!

Nominations should be submitted to your road representative by 7th June – it can be handed in at the Social/AGM. Use the nomination form from this newsletter if you wish!

Judging will be done in June/July by members of the H.O.M.E committee. The names of the winning gardeners will be included in the autumn newsletter.

Nominations for HOME in Bloom (see below) can also be given in.

The *Big Lunch* will be followed by the HOME AGM at 3.30 pm – at which all are also welcome!

HELP NEEDED: TO SET UP AND CLEAR AWAY; to bring tables, chair, drinks and a plate of food.

RSPV and offers of help – to Carol 0203 441 1322 (leave a message). **RAINING???**



Valerie at no 89 Outram Road has agreed to host us on the 7th in case of bad weather.

ESTATE AGENTS SIGNS

Gary O'Hare of Streets Ahead has responded to our concerns about the way Estate Agents signs are left up outside properties that have been sold or let way beyond the maximum recommended time. Here is what he stated in his reply:

'We do try and work with the local authority and try always to work strictly within our industries guide lines and rules : ie : you can have a board during marketing and up to 14 days from date of completion of the execution of a tenancy.'

Please continue to monitor the situation

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STREET LIGHTS



We have raised with the Council two important issues concerning the new street lights which are to be placed in the HOME area.

- Firstly, we have questioned why the styles put in the conservation areas are not matching the periods of the surrounding properties;
- Secondly, we have raised concerns that the lights are very tall and could create light pollution.

We have requested that these issues be clarified and asked to be consulted on style and on how tall the lights will be.



CROYDON OVER 60s AT GROUP

Local artist Bev Jones has recently started supporting the art group at **Croydon Over 60s Club** on Addiscombe Road. The art group meets on **Tuesday afternoons, 1-3pm** and all you need to begin with is a sketchbook and pencil. The over 60's Club also organises a host of other activities such as Tai-Chi, Bingo and computer training. If you are over 60 and interested in

LIVING IN A CONSERVATION AREA

HOME is part of the East India Conservation Area.

- Did you know that you may need to apply for planning permission to put up a satellite dish, or solar panels which change the appearance of the road view of your home?
- Is there an unsightly development proposed or going up in your road? Can you do anything about it?
- See the HOME website for more details, or call your road rep.

Croydon Neighbourhood Watch had a runner (Rosemary Egbe) in the London Marathon this year hoping to raise £1,500 for NW as funding cuts continue to bite.

Along with the 149 other Croydon NW areas, HOME was pleased to provide £10 to sponsor Rosemary.

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FLY-TIPPING

Sadly, fly-tipping continues to be a real problem in the HOME area – particularly in the Narrows. The Council has recently instituted a 'hot-line', making it much easier to report this nuisance and you are urged to make use of this or the other ways of reporting fly-tipping when you come across rubbish abandoned on our streets.

Reporting a fly-tip

- Email: flytip@croydon.gov.uk
- Call the environmental team on 020 8726 6200 (option 2 for fly-tipping)
- download the free My Croydon smartphone app (available from the [Google Play store](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.croydon.gov.uk) for Android smartphones or [Apple iTunes store](https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/my-croydon/id944444444?mt=8) for iPhones)
- Use of dedicated fly-tip hotline number 020 8604 7000
- [Report it via My Account](#) - Registering for My Account will allow you to see all of your reporting information, and dealings with the council in one place. You can also [report this anonymously](#).



GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS:

Croydon Council's popular seasonal kerbside green garden waste service will run this year from Monday 20 April to Friday 27 November 2015. The service operates fortnightly with up to 10 sacks of green garden waste collected from each property. You can use standard refuse sacks (no larger than the clear garden waste sacks) for your collection. Clear garden sacks can still be purchased from your local library for £1 each. **Please note the Council will not replace bags that are damaged, lost or stolen.** By 6am on your collection day please place your green waste sacks within two metres of the access point to the property from the public highway. **Please don't tape or tie up your sacks as it's hard to empty them without ripping them, which may mean they can't be used again.** *See the council website for details of what can and cannot be collected.*



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I/we wish to nominate the front garden at

(address)

for a prize in the H.O.M.E in Bloom 2015 event.

What I/we particularly like about this garden is

Your name(s):

Your address:

Tel/email contacts:

Please return nominations by June 7th

at the AGM/Big Lunch

or to road reps:

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

or by email to Margaret Chan: clockie68@gmail.com

Annual subscription request for the H.O.M.E Residents' Association

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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.

Name (Title, Initials & Surname).....

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

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Address.....

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Tel..... Mobile.....

Email.....

I/we enclose a cheque (payable to The HOME Residents' Association) for £_____ (or cash) for the annual subscription (suggest £5 as a reasonable contribution, but any amount would be appreciated.)

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 organization or individual.