

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

*www.home.addiscombe.net* Spring 2018

Dear neighbours,

This short newsletter is to tell you of some dates and events you might want to put in your diary more details of which you can find on our website.

The warmer weather has encouraged us out of our homes, gardens have sprung into life and lovely blossom trees are embellishing our road. It is a time of year to enjoy all the new growth and our neighbourhood. HOME has done a lot to make our roads more pleasing to walk along and to live in. The new trees in Elgin Road are just one example of this. The Ashburton Triangle project will see the planting of, trees, shrubs and bulbs.

We are organising **HOME in Bloom** again - please take part in it by nominating and being nominated (see below, page 2). We are also organising two fun events to bring our community together:

**The Big Lunch** on 2 June and **the Addiscombe Jumble Trail** on 30 September. For the latter, Addiscombe Village residents will be setting up stalls in their front gardens selling food, crafts, bric-a-brac, clothes, toys and much more! Put simply, a jumble trail is like a car boot sale but on your street. The trail will be organised by HOME and several other residents' associations. Please come forward if you are interested.

There is, however, one big threat to our roads and environment caused by **the traffic circulation changes, made in January 2018**, in three roads to the west of our residents' association. This has resulted in significant additional traffic in Elgin Road and to some extent in other roads. The pollution and noise caused are unacceptable. There is talk of our roads becoming either "no-through roads" or one-way roads. We need to work together so that a solution to this is acceptable to the majority in the area. To find out what is happening and how to complain if you are affected, please look at the web page [www.home.addiscombe.net/traffic-issues](http://www.home.addiscombe.net/traffic-issues)

So do get in touch, become a HOME member and let us have your views so that we can inform you of further developments in good time.

Mira Armour, Chair of HOME RA

## **ADDISCOMBE TRIANGLE – NEW PROJECT**

The Addiscombe triangle is the small, triangular piece of land at the junction of Ashburton Road and Lower Addiscombe Road. At the moment it looks rather forlorn and needs a good facelift. Fortunately, there is an exciting new project, for which HOME has been granted Ward money, to improve things. What is planned is to plant two ornamental pear trees and a mulberry tree, hundreds of bulbs and some shrubs as well as poppy seeds (this year) to provide year-round interest. We hope to follow this in future with an additional tree and verge on the opposite side of the road. This piece of land is in the HOME area (just!) but our neighbouring residents' association, ASPRA, initiated the idea of enhancing this little green area.

Where do you come in? If you like gardening and would like to be part of a gardening group, to help plant the bulbs, water the trees until they are established, scatter poppy seeds or, in due course maintain the noticeboard, please contact Carol Porter on 0203 441 1322 (you can also leave a message).

We have discussed these plans with the council, who are helping us and will continue to mow the edge of the grass, and the whole area at certain times of year.

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

Looking after the concerns of local residents

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## TREES IN ELGIN ROAD

After nearly 22 years, Elgin Road is no longer the least 'treed' road in this area! During the Conservation Zone Appraisal, one of the recommendations was that Elgin Road should have trees planted, so some Ward money was provided to dig 11 tree pits and supply 11 *Acer campestre* trees. In the autumn, the leaves turn yellow, orange and golden brown and it is one of the recommended trees for urban use. Our thanks to our local resident expert, Martin Bhatia, for his guidance on this.

Elgin still has fewer trees than any other road in the HOME RA (excluding Mulberry Lane), and it is hoped that funding for the remaining agreed tree pits nearer the top end (south) of the road will be provided so that they can be dug and planted later this year or early next year.

The new trees **need nurturing by residents for at least a year** – regular watering is essential till early winter to encourage the trees to settle. The owner of No 44 Elgin Road has kindly been watering all the new trees but it would be much better if residents closer to a new tree would take on the task of regularly (i.e. at least once a week) watering 'their' tree (a full watering can or bucket is needed – poured into the water pipe).

Please let Norman know (No 44) if you would like to do this, and where you live. If you happen to go away it is important to let Norman know so that, in your absence, the tree can still be watered. The trees need watering throughout the summer, preferably in the evening or early morning even if it seems to have rained a lot.

## THE CROYDON PLANNING DEPARTMENT

There was an important meeting between the Resident Associations of Croydon and the Planning Department in February this year about future house-building policy and design in the Croydon area. There is a section on our website giving information on this meeting. Please go to: [www.home.addiscombe.net/council-planning-dept](http://www.home.addiscombe.net/council-planning-dept) for information about what was discussed.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The HOME AGM will be on 8 September this year.

## HOME IN BLOOM

Our annual front garden competition is here again! A chance to nominate your favourite front garden space in a HOME road, and to tell us why you like it. Use the form below and put it through the letterbox in/near your road, address below. Or nominate via email [athome@addiscombe.net](mailto:athome@addiscombe.net) Nominations are open until 23 May. Judging will take place on 26 May and nomination plaques awarded, and Best Front Garden prize presented on 27 May. Results will be put on the HOME website.

11 Havelock Road

74 Outram Road

44 Elgin Road

16 Ashburton Road

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### HOME in Bloom 2018 nomination form

I would like to nominate ..... (address) for Best Front Garden.

I have chosen this garden because .....

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Please fill in the form and put it in the letterbox of one of the addresses above. It will then be forwarded to the judges.