

MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Croydon

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NEWSLETTER – Summer 2000

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MINUTES OF THE 76th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH ON FRIDAY 31st. MARCH 2000.

Bob Akers opened the meeting by welcoming members to the 76th. Annual General Meeting and the first meeting of the new millennium. He expressed his pleasure at the large number of members attending.

Apologies for Absence.

Mrs. Jackson and Charles Hutchins were unable to attend.

Minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting.

These were published in the May 1999 issue of the Newsletter and copies were available for inspection at the meeting. The minutes were proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously by those present as a correct record.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 75th. Annual General Meeting.

Reports.

Chairman's Report

Bob Akers said that he was pleased to be able to report that the membership of the Association remains strong, nevertheless, there are concerns for the future It is becoming more and more difficult to find replacements for Road Stewards and Area Managers. If the

Association is to continue to represent the views of members and to retain a strong and informed membership it is essential that members are willing to help. For example, the newsletter will not be delivered or the rolling rubbish collections be made in your area unless someone is willing to devote a few hours of their time to assist with these tasks. Please do not be tempted to leave it to the person who usually does it because they may have become too frail to continue. We all benefit from the work done on behalf of the local community so why not make the effort to help? There may come a time when you may need the help and support of your local residents' association so please help us to ensure that it survives.

There is a trend for recognised groups and associations to be consulted or to have a direct input when important local and sometimes national decisions have to be made. MORA is represented on the Police Liaison Committee, Crime Reduction Partnership, Local Divisional Road Safety Committee and more recently the Primary Care Group. Much more could probably be done to ensure that the views of local residents are represented if more people would join the Executive Committee on which there are some vacancies.

Members will have seen copies of the enlarged and improved Newsletter. On your behalf I thank out Editor Derek Ritson who contributes much time and energy to producing this publication.

Treasurers Report.

Copies of the audited accounts of income and expenditure for 1999 were available for inspection and will printed in the forthcoming newsletter. Mr. Walkington confirmed that the accounts are in good order. The accounts showed an annual surplus of £673 which is greater than for 1998. The net assets total £7556. The accounts were approved and Mr. Walkington was thanked for his work over the past year.

Transport and Highways

Mr. Mortimer said that the most important issue of the year has again been Tramlink. Subsequent to spending large sums of money on this new service London Transport will now do all that is possible to ensure that it is a success. This is the reason why attempts to reverse the decision to terminate Bus Route 54 at Elmers End have been unsuccessful. No notice was taken of the claim that residents living

between Elmers End and the roundabout in Shirley / Addiscombe Road will have to walk long distances in order to catch alternative services.

Concern was expressed at the erratic service on Bus Route 367. Along with others MORA is applying pressure for improvements to this useful local service. It was noted that with Bus Route 54 not traveling beyond Elmers End more passengers will use the Bus Route 367 to travel to Shirley and on to Croydon.

Planning Report

Bob Akers (Acting Planning Officer) said that the majority of planning applications in Monks Orchard ward over the past year are proposals to alter or extend existing houses. The most common being for permission to erect a single or two storey side or rear extension. Subsequent to consultations with neighbours and the imposition of conditions to protect the privacy of adjacent properties these usually receive approval.

There are currently 14 applications still to be determined. Two of the outstanding planning applications are for residential development in the ward which, if all approved in their current form, would create 11 new houses and 5 bungalows.

The amount of development land in the ward is diminishing, but developers are constantly looking for additional sites. At particular risk are those properties situated on large plots of land or with long gardens. Owners in Tower View have recently been approached by agents with the offer to purchase part of their gardens on which they plan to build another back fill estate. As a consequence of the Government's wish to maximize the use of urban land rather than build on green field sites we can expect further pressure to increase the housing density. MORA will do its best to protect members interests but it is unlikely that such schemes can be stopped entirely. If you are approached by developers please let Bob Akers know on [REDACTED].

Outstanding Residential Proposals

78 - 80 The Glade

An application has been made to demolish two bungalows at 78 - 80 The Glade and to erect 9 four bed roomed detached houses with integral garages, formation of an access road and provision of parking.

The plans for the development indicate an estate of high density with maximum use being made of the space available. This will impact on residents living adjacent and they will feel threatened with the loss of amenity and privacy and may succumb to pressure to sell their properties and to move elsewhere. The proposed vehicular access leading into The Glade will add to the traffic problems on a busy and dangerous road.

Rear of 57 Woodmere Avenue

The proposal is to use land at the rear of 57, Woodmere Avenue to erect 4 three bed roomed and 1 two bed roomed detached bungalows and four detached garages involving the construction of an extension to Mere End. The Planning Department is concerned about the siting of the new properties adjacent to No. 67 Woodmere Avenue. Amended plans have now been submitted by the developers.

B. P. Petrol Filling Station

British Petroleum have submitted revised proposals for the redevelopment and expansion of the Petrol Station situated on the roundabout on the Shirley Road / Addiscombe Road junction. As expected the new proposal is for the demolition of the existing buildings and the redevelopment of the site to form a petrol station, sales building and car wash plus the alterations to and formation of a new vehicular access. Subsequent to inspecting the plans and consulting residents living nearby MORA has lodged an objection to the proposal on the grounds of increased noise levels normally associated with a wider range of commercial services and the expansion of the garage site closer to the adjoining properties.

The most recent news is that the empty semidetached house adjoining the petrol station at 183 Shirley Road has been offered for sale minus its private garage and a large slice of the original garden which has been annexed by the petrol station. This planning application continues to present a number of serious issues, one of which is the change of land use from residential to commercial purposes. It is unfortunate that British Petroleum have acted in such a cavalier fashion and have caused so many problems for the occupants of the adjoining semidetached property. This application is still being considered by the Planning Officers.

Mick Hewish Chairman of the Shirley Oaks Nature Reserve Committee was then invited to present the following up - date.

The Shirley Oaks Nature Reserve

The Shirley Oaks Nature Reserve Committee consists of residents from Shirley Oaks Residents Association, Monks Orchard Residents Association, and representatives from Shirley Oaks Hospital, London Wildlife Trust and other local Conservation groups.

The 3.5 acre site in Shirley Oaks Village is situated behind houses in Woodmere Avenue and Woodmere Gardens. It was previously the Lambeth Council Tree Nursery. Local residents had been trying to buy the land for a Nature Reserve but we were out-bid at the auction. The new owner applied to the Croydon Council to convert the site into a cemetery. The committee was formed and with the help of MORA we were successful in stopping this application. The Environment Agency also objected that the water table was too high and burials would have caused pollution to the water supply.

The Nature Reserve Committee then submitted our own application for the site to be designated for conservation. Croydon Council approved this in May last year. We again asked the owner, Shipmeade Properties Ltd, to sell the site to us. Instead he put in a new application, this time for a Garden of Remembrance. This application was for the whole of the site as a Garden of Remembrance. This received over five hundred objections. The owner then submitted another application and in trying to pacify objectors included a small piece of land for conservation. Nearly four hundred letters of objection were received. Over the last few months we have attended three Council Meetings and objected to both applications on grounds of Nature Conservation, loss of a thousand trees, possible flooding problems for Monks Orchard residents, Residential Amenity, Visual Amenity, Traffic problems and many others.

At the meeting of the Plans Sub-Committee on February 3rd the first application was rejected on the grounds of Nature Conservation. The second application was approved but this was referred to the full Planning & Environment Committee. Because of the size of the site the Plans Sub Committee did not have authority to grant permission. It was reported that the owner has appealed on the first application because Croydon has taken too long to come to a decision.

At the meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee on February 20 we were fully prepared to present our case. With colour pictures of the site, with a report from Brighton University on how much water the

trees drink, the possibility of flooding if they are chopped down, the probability of traffic congestion and a brilliant oration from Councillor Peter Campbell, we persuaded Councillors to change their minds. Both applications were referred back to the Plans Sub - Committee for further consideration on grounds of refusal.

On March 30th at Council Chambers the Planning Sub Committee agreed to Contest the Appeal and to reject both applications on the grounds of Nature Conservation. On March 28th we were told of a threat to chop down all the trees if the applications were rejected. We deluged the Tree Protection Officer with phone calls and, with the persuasive skills of Councillor Derek Loughborough on our case, we have now been informed that a Temporary Tree Preservation Order has been placed on the whole site.

If anyone sees or hears that trees are being cut down please contact the Council straight away and tell the Tree Preservation Officer. The Police can also be called as the Wildlife Act of 1991 prevents birds nests being disturbed during the breeding season.

As I mentioned earlier, the owner has already appealed to the National Planning Inspectorate for the first Garden of Remembrance application. We now have the opportunity to write to the Inspectorate and object to the Application. If enough people object then a public inquiry may be called to hear all objections. I urge you all to write to the Inspectorate. Please object to the use of the land on the grounds that a Garden of Remembrance would have an "Adverse Effect on Nature Conservation".

The address of the Inspectorate is:

The Planning Inspectorate
Room 10 1 5, Tollgate House
Houlton Street
Bristol BS2 9DJ
Please quote Appeal Reference Number APP/L5240/A99/1032478.

Reasons for Objecting.

ADVERSE EFFECT ON NATURE CONSERVATION

- (a) The loss of the land for wildlife.
- (b) The loss of land for the trees and wildflowers on the site.

- (c) The destruction of nearly 1,000 trees with the loss of food and habitat for the wildlife living on the site.
- (d) The destruction of two acres of meadow land and the loss of foraging and shelter for animals, birds and insects.
- (e) The site is a haven for wildlife, including foxes, bats, birds, butterflies, amphibians and many insects.
- (f) The site has planning permission for a Nature Reserve. This proposal has the backing of the London Wildlife Trust and The London Ecology Unit.
- (g) The site at present forms part of the nature corridor between South Norwood Country Park and the Addington and Shirley Hills.

AGAINST THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

- (a) Unsuitable use of land that backs on to family homes.
- (b) The loss of privacy for residents with the sights and sounds of mourning families.
- (c) The loss of privacy for mourners with the sights and sounds of families using their back gardens.
- (d) Unsuitable use of land adjacent to a Hospital with terminally ill patients.
- (e) The site will be unguarded and prone to vandalism.
- (f) Unsuitable use of the land with such a high water table.
- (g) The possibility of flooding neighbouring properties if the trees are felled.
- (h) Additional traffic on narrow roads and sharp bends.
- (i) Congestion on roads due to a small car park.

The Nature Reserve committee will continue in its efforts to acquire the land and to develop the site into a beautiful amenity for the local community. We were very lucky to have Owen Whalley to help us at

the start of our campaign and the Committee thanks him for all his help. We are now looking for other residents from Monks Orchard to join our committee. If anyone would like to join us please contact me on [REDACTED].

Congratulations were offered to members of the committee of Shirley Oaks Nature Reserve and Mick Hewish was thanked for his helpful contribution to the meeting.

Security.

Mr. Scott commenced his report by explaining that since the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act the Local Authority has a statutory responsibility for safety in the community. Both he and Jean Cook represent MORA on the Shirley and Selsdon Police Consultative Group, Recent reorganization has resulted in Inspector Straiton taking charge at New Addington and P.C. John Smith the local beat officer being replaced by P. C. Chas Timms. Over the past year the number of police officers covering the Shirley and Selsdon area has been reduced from fifteen to seven; the other officers being withdrawn to a central pool.

Mr. Scott also mentioned that he represents MORA on the Borough of Croydon Police Committee which provides contact with senior police officers in the division. Useful information can be gained from this forum. It was recently disclosed that the security of Tramlink is to be shared by the transport and metropolitan police. At present, there are thirteen transport police officers covering the complete network. If this number of officers is divided into four to allow for shift working it provides a very small security presence. Although the stations are fitted with C. C T .V. surveillance systems there is concern about the ability to respond to an incident such as an assault at one of the tram stops. Operation Minstead is still continuing the hunt for the local serial attacker. To date, no arrest has been made despite the offer of a £10,000 reward for information. Fortunately, there have been no reports of further attacks. Concluding, Mr. Scott reminded residents that a Police Surgery attend by the Local Beat Officer is held every Monday morning in St. George's Church Hall where security matters can be raised.

Councilors Reports.

Councillor Derek Loughborough began by commenting on the proposed new Council structure. The cabinet style will result in the

same number of 70 elected councillors but only ten will have a vote on the day to day activities of the Council. Underpinning this structure will be consultative committees to which local residents' associations will have an input but many other important decisions could be taken without consultation.

One local development that many residents may be unaware of is the Telecom mast on the Bethlam Hospital site. The mast 15 metres in height was erected last Summer and although positioned behind trees is fairly obvious. In order to accommodate another telephone service provider there is a proposal to increase the height to 22.5 metres and this will dominate the skyline. The applicant is Bromley Council but Croydon have the power to refuse the application.

The parking of vehicles always presents problems especially on narrow roads on estates where they can prevent services such as refuse collection taking place; Regency Walk is a good example. Car owners that park on the pavement without the correct authorization should be aware that they could be fined £40 as happened recently on the Longheath Estate.

The Electric Power substations situated at the corner of Woodland Way and in Orchard Way which some people use for the dumping of their rubbish have recently been cleared and the fences repaired. It should be noted that these are the responsibility of the Electric Company and not the Council.

The Longheath Community center is now nearing completion. The weekly Councillors surgery is to transfer from Shrublands estate to the new center which should make more assessable for Monks Orchard residents.

Councillor Loughborough concluded by thanking the those serving on the MORA Executive Committee who devote their time on behalf of the local residents.

Councillor Peter Campbell said that Councillor Loughborough had mentioned most of the major issues, however, if needed they could both be contacted by telephone or at one of the weekly surgeries. He joined Councillor Loughborough in thanking the officers of MORA for the work they undertake on behalf of residents. It makes a big difference having an active residents association especially on planning issues. As from the next council elections Monks Orchard will no longer exist as a ward because of changes made by the Electoral

Boundary Commission. However, splitting a ward for electoral purposes does not mean the loss of the local community or the need of an residents' association.

In conclusion Councillor Campbell thanked Mike Hewish for his excellent work for the Shirley Oaks Nature Reserve. This amenity is not only for those living in Shirley Oaks but for the whole local community. Furthermore, the loss of the trees could lead to flooding in the area.

Election of Officers

The Chair said that he was disappointed that no new nominations have been received. However, he was delighted that none of the present hard working members of the Executive Committee has mentioned that they wish to resign. The following members of the Executive Committee were proposed, seconded and elected en' bloc.

Members of the Executive Committee.

Bob Akers (Chairman), John Walkington (Vice-chairman and Honorary Treasurer), Charles Hutchings (Honorary Historian), Alyce Menhinnitt (Membership Secretary), Peter Mortimer (Transport and Highways), Michael Nash (Area Manager) Marcia Nash, (Primary Care Liaison), Christine Ross - Smith, Derek Ritson (Newsletter Editor) Arthur Taylor (Area Manager)

Award of Honorary Life Membership.

Since the last meeting Owen Whalley (Planning Officer) has found it necessary to stand down from the Executive Committee because of pressure of work. His expert knowledge and advice on planning matters is sadly missed

In recognition of his ten years service the Executive Committee have decided to present him with the award of Honorary Life Membership of the Association. During his time in office he devoted considerable time and energy to the South London Assessment Study, the successful campaign against the Tesco proposal and more recently he has been a member of the Shirley Oaks Nature Reserve Committee. He is, therefore, a most suitable candidate to have his name added to those honoured by MORA for long and distinguished service. In memory of

the many hours of his time spent working with the Executive Committee he was also presented with an engraved tankard.

Accepting the award said that there were many people in the community who do a lot of tireless work without recognition and if it was not for their efforts we would not have the community we have. He said that he felt privileged to contribute to the work of the Association and he remains available to provide advice when needed. He wished MORA the best of luck and continued success in the future.



TRANSPORT

Sustainable Transport Strategy

Brian Irving began his presentation by saying that the Council recognises that an efficient and effective transport system is essential for the well-being of our economy and environment. Whilst we already have excellent road and rail links and Tramlink, continuing growth in car use will inevitably lead to more congestion unless steps are taken to develop a more integrated approach. The cost of unchecked traffic congestion can be measured in terms of loss of work time, missed meetings, increased stress, higher risks of accidents, reduced investment in public transport, deteriorating environment conditions and increases in respiratory illnesses.



The objectives of the Sustainable Transport Policy are:

- (a) Improve the accessibility and encourage the use of environmentally-friendly modes of transport.
- (b) Reduce congestion and dependency on car travel.
- (c) Reduce levels of air pollution and noise from transport.
- (d) Raise awareness of the impact of transport and travel decisions.
- (e) Reduce the risk and perception of risk of danger from the use of all types of transport.

(f) Promote sustainable economic growth and planning polices.

In order to meet the above objectives a number of actions are listed in the draft strategy. Not all are for the Council to take forward, many require partnership work. It is clear, therefore, that once the actions are agreed in principle further consideration will have to be given to their implementation.

Once the Objective and Action Plan have been agreed, work will be carried out to set achievable but nevertheless challenging targets. The action plan will be reviewed each year the review forming part of the process of drawing up the following years programme of actions to deliver the strategy.

Although the increase in car ownership and use is the most significant cause of congestion and air pollution in Croydon, there are still approximately three in ten households in Croydon without a car. Therefore, the advantages of owning a car are not available to them. The 1991 Census also indicated that women use cars significantly less than men for journeys for work in Croydon.

The range of actions being considered include the following;

- (a) Identify gaps in service provision and negotiate with public transport providers to introduce new services.
- (b) Review the ease of general access at bus stops and railway stations throughout the borough.
- (c) Provide clear and easily understood display boards with timetables and fare structures at stations, tram and bus stops and transport interchanges.
- (d) Review the feasibility of park and ride schemes.
- (e) Set up a Transport Forum for the Council to consult on transport.
- (f) Reduce the risk and perception of risk of danger from the use of all types of transport.

Brian Irving then invited those attending the meeting to complete a questionnaire which provided the opportunity to record comments and preferences on a range of transport issues.

This task was undertaken with enthusiasm. Copies of Croydon Councils' Consultation Draft on Sustainable Transport Strategy were available to those wishing to learn more about this important topic.

The Chair thanked Mr. Irving for a most interesting and thought provoking presentation.



VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE DUSTROUND

We are now **required** by the Council, to **provide a named representative(s) for each round**. Also, three volunteers are needed for each round. If we haven't enough volunteers **three weeks prior to the round**, the round will unfortunately have to be **CANCELLED**.

If you would like to volunteer, please telephone:

Alyce Menhinnit on [REDACTED]
OR Bob Akers on [REDACTED]

Thank You.

MORA RUBBISH



Large amounts of rubbish are being dumped at the side of the road by non Mora members. Please would you leave your rubbish inside your garden, where it can easily be seen, and clearly marked **MORA RUBBISH**; or, but being there to assist. Any rubbish left on the side of the road will not be collected.

PLEASE READ THIS CODE OF PRACTICAL ADVICE:

This code of practice is designed to minimize safety hazards that may arise during the provision of the service. All Associations and Groups must comply with the following; failure to do so may result in the service being withdrawn.

- ❖ It is expected that the maximum quantity per household will not be greater than 10 sacks or equivalent.
- ❖ In the interest of general safety and to reduce environmental impact, items for disposal should not be presented until the day of collection.

- ❖ The crew and/or Council Officer is in charge of the loading operations at all times. To assist the crew, they need to liaise with named representative(s) of the Association or Group. The representative(s) will be expected to accompany the crew throughout the collection and advise residents of the following:
- ❖ Residents should be encouraged to participate in bringing rubbish to the rear of the vehicle but **MUST NOT LOAD**.
- ❖ If items for disposal are being left unattended for removal by other members, then they must be placed at the front of each property close to the highway without causing obstruction on the footway.
- ❖ A 2 metre exclusion area at the rear of the vehicle must be observed during the vehicle compaction cycle.
- ❖ Children must not assist in the operation.
- ❖ If you are unsure of the acceptability of any item, please seek advice in advance from this office on 020 (8)255 2700, or ask a crew member on the day of collection.
- ❖ Residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible through existing recycling facilities.
- ❖ Gratuities should not be offered to the operatives.
- ❖ To improve on site safety and comply with disposal regulations, some items cannot be accepted. These include:
 - Large items such as washing machines, cookers and fridges (collection of these items can be arranged through this office on 020 (8)255-2700).
 - Asbestos.
 - Waste from any commercial premise or operation.
 - Car tyres/batteries.
 - Paint, oil or similar liquids.
 - Trees.
 - Gas cylinders or aerosols.
 - Corrosive, flammable, explosive or toxic substances.
 - Construction waste (bricks, rubble etc).

ROUND ONE: SUNDAY 4th JUNE

Dustcart meet at SHIRLEY AVE - Junct. with WICKHAM ROAD, down SHIRLEY AVE to SHIRLEY RD, up SHIRLEY RD, down BARNFIELD AVE, up VALLEY WALK, ELDON AVE, WICKHAM ROAD to ORCHARD AVE, down FIRSBY AVE, up VERDAYNE AVE, down RIDGEMOUNT AVE, up WICKHAM AVE, along WICKHAM ROAD to CHESTON AVE, PARKFIELDS; back to ORCHARD AVE (1-77/2-72) via WILKES GDNS, RUSSETT DRIVE, POTTERS CLOSE, then WOODLAND WAY, HIGH TREES.

ROUND TWO: SUNDAY 18th JUNE

Dustcart meet at CORNER of WOODMERE AVE/ORCHARD AVE, ELSTAN WAY, TOWER VIEW & EDGEWOOD GREEN, WOODMERE AVE, PIPERS GDNS, ROUND GROVE, MERE END, WOODMERE CLOSE, WOODMERE GDNS, GLADESIDE nos: to 1-49/2-48) LORNE GDNS & LORNE AVE.

ROUND THREE: SUNDAY 25th JUNE

Dustcart meet at BYWOOD AVE, THE ROSERY, CHAFFINCH AVE, CHAFFINCH CLOSE, BROOKSIDE WAY, MEADOW AVE, GLADESIDE nos: 51-91/50-94 (as far as Lorne Avenue) via HOMER ROAD, GLADESIDE, FAIRHAVEN WAY, LAVENDAR WAY, GWYNNE AVE, GLENWOOD, MARDELL ROAD, LONGHEATH GDNS.

ROUND FOUR: SUNDAY 2nd JULY

Dustcart meet at corner ORCHARD WAY/BURREL CLOSE, ORCHARD WAY up to 45/84, via SLOANE WALK, BARONS WALK, BARONS CLOSE, KEMPTON WALK, REGENCY WALK, CASTLETON CLOSE, HAM VIEW, RADNOR WALK, KELVINGTON CLOSE, OVERSTONE GDNS, CARRINGTON CLOSE.

ROUND FIVE: SUNDAY 9th JULY

Dustcart meet at the bottom of The Glade/Long Lane end; THE GLADE 72/109 (up to Greenview Ave) taking in OAK WAY, ALDERSMEAD AVE, STOKES ROAD, GREENVIEW AVE, ASHTREE WAY, taking in ASHTREE CLOSE, FAIRWAY CLOSE, FAIRFORD AVE, FAIRFORD CLOSE, OAKWAY, STONELEIGH PARK AVE.

ROUND SIX: SUNDAY 16th JULY

Dustcart meet at ORCHARD GROVE, LYCONBY GDNS, COVERACK CLOSE, ORCHARD RISE, OAKVIEW GROVE, PIPPIN CLOSE, FRESHFIELDS down ORCHARD AVE (from nos. 79-125/74-100), down THE GLADE (Nos. 1-70/2-107 as far as Greenview Avenue), via GLADE GDNS, CAMROSE CLOSE, DARLEY CLOSE.



Rubbish Clearance Stations

Residents of Croydon who use Bromley Councils' Churchfields Clearing Station for the disposal of their rubbish will now be charged £3.00 for using this service. In order to avoid the charge they will need to use the Croydon Council facilities based at Factory Lane West Croydon, Brighton Road Purley Oaks or North Downs Crescent New Addington.

The Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association

To coincide with the Metropolitan Police' new Borough Policing Policy there has been an amalgamation of Croydon & South Norwood Neighbourhood Watch administration. This will provide an improved service to the existing and future neighbourhood watch members.

Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association will be owned, run and managed by the members in partnership with the Borough Police and Croydon Council.

This will result in a shift in emphasis of Police involvement with Neighbourhood Watch, which will now be a partnership between the Police, the Council and the Public. To this end a Steering Committee has been formed to 'spearhead' this change. A constitution has been agreed, between all parties, and facilities and funding sought to enable the Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association to be a free - standing entity to be run by an Executive Committee containing, predominantly, the existing Neighbourhood coordinators with invited persons from any other contributing organisation, as may be necessary. The flow of information will be two-way and interactive and problems needing resolving will be passed to the relevant body to deal with. The Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association is applying for charitable status and will be funded from public, private and corporate subscriptions. Future newsletters will contain details of contributions from the Borough Police, Croydon Council and the Members, as well as other ideas generated by the committee.

With the backing of the National Neighbourhood Watch Association it is anticipated that the new Borough Association will play a large part in helping to establish new watches and providing support for existing Neighbourhood Watches within the Borough of Croydon.

Neighbourhood Watches within each Borough Ward will elect a representative to serve on the Executive Committee. This committee will take responsibility, for running the Association in the new millennium and a contact point will be established within the Borough with the facilities to support the members' needs.

Enquiries to the Neighbourhood Watch Office...



THE SHIRLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

The Shirley Group of Churches Reports: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND SHIRLEY & CROYDON!!

There is some rather interesting stuff going on during the next few months in Shirley and Croydon. Read on.....don't miss out!!

FUTURE EVENTS IN CROYDON:

On 10th and 11th June "**LIGHT OF THE WORLD**" – with words and music by David Palmer - will be staged at the Fairfield Halls, starting at 7.30pm each evening. This Churches Together in the Borough of Croydon presentation looks set to be a resounding success. "**LIGHT OF THE WORLD**" is a dramatised choral work which will involve over 500 singers, actors and instrumentalists drawn from Christian Schools.

Ticket prices each, are as follows: Boxes £10, Front Stalls £10, Upper Stalls £8, Front Balcony £8, Rear Balcony £6 (with £2 concessions on each price).

Your church will have received details and a booking form for "**LIGHT OF THE WORLD**", from Churches Together in the Borough of Croydon (CTBC), so in the first instance you can book tickets through your church. Alternatively, the box office address is "Light of the World Tickets", c/o St John the Baptist Presbytery, Dale Road, Purley. CR8 2EF. **BOOK EARLY, TICKETS WILL BE IN GREAT DEMAND!!**

CROYDON 2000 in 2000

"2000 Children providing music for the year 2000". As part of Croydon's Millennium celebrations, over the weekend of 8th and 9th July, Addington Park will play host to a number of spectacular and unique activities featuring Croydon's youth.

Churches Together in the Borough of Croydon (CTBC) are to be involved in staging a **Christian Concert** on the morning of **Sunday 9th July**. This concert will be free to all young people in our Borough and so far the line-up looks very exciting. Steve Chalke of GMTV and Purley Baptist Church will be compere/host, Graham Kendrick will perform his Millennium anthem, Dave Markee will lead some contemporary worship, Trinity School Choir will be taking part, and possibly the top attraction booked to date will be the pop band **Eternal!!** **PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW – DON'T MISS IT!!!** I will publish further details once they are available.

Julie Turpin ([REDACTED])
e-mail: [REDACTED]

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Bob Ackers [REDACTED]

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Treasurer: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Planning Officer: Vacant

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