

BowesPark

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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1. Introduction

The Association continues to tackle the tough task of seeking improvements to the Bowes Park area. This has been a year more of struggle than result on Bowes Park issues – but with hope for the future. The two Councils – Enfield and Haringey – have just come forward with traffic calming proposals that we have had a part in influencing. (Although Haringey has given precedence to CPZ proposals). And Haringey is showing more interest in renewal of Myddleton Road, which has long been left to decline. Finally, we are at last getting reinforcement of local policing resources.

The Association has been very successful in promoting social activities.

May I thank all members of the Association and all those who have given time to pushing for a way forward on these issues.

Steve O'Leary
Chair, Bowes Park Community Association

2. The Association

We have had three Secretaries this year! Alex Irvine resigned in view of his move from the area. After a gap, and with the consent of the November 2005 AGM, the Committee elected two joint secretaries – Kathy McKeown and Alon Prytherch. Alon also subsequently resigned because he was moving out of the area. The Chair will also be resigning from the Committee after the AGM. We would welcome new nominations for the Committee at the AGM.

3. Traffic

The Association has put substantial effort into tackling local traffic issues. The main problem is that of overspill traffic from the North Circular. This continues, with no sign of early work to improve the local stretch of the A406. But there has been progress on discussion with local authorities. The BPCA agreed a common position with other local interest groups, notably the Bollards Group. This included preventing right hand turning from Whittington Road into Bounds Green Road and traffic calming in the Truro and Nightingale Roads area. The local groups, including BPCA, have held meetings with Enfield and Haringey Council officials who were favourably disposed.

We are expecting both Councils to consult on proposals very similar to those we made to and discussed with them. But we are not sure exactly when this consultation will take place. In the meantime Haringey Council has issued a second consultation paper about a CPZ in the Bounds Green and Bowes Park areas – this time covering fewer streets. The closing date for comments was end October.

4. Myddleton Road

The Association has continued to have meetings with Haringey on the state of Myddleton Road. At Haringey's request, following an initiative by the mayor of London's office, a company called Groundworks has produced a tool-kit to look again

at the Council's Neighbourhood Plan for Myddleton Road. This resulted in an 'indicative' plan - not a set of commitments, but identification of areas where individual Officers saw scope for action.

If there are members who would like to be involved in our working group on Myddleton Road, please do let us know. The group can identify developments in the Road that need to be brought to the attention of the Council.

5. Planning

The most usual applications in Haringey and Enfield in the past year have involved conversions of houses into flats. Haringey has detailed guidelines in its Unitary Development Plan and because of parking difficulties Myddleton Road is now a restricted conversion area. However, the planning laws are only as effective as the enforcement that goes with them, and it is clear that in Myddleton Road, as in some other roads, there is conversion and building work that goes ahead without planning permission. Some of these apply retrospectively for planning permission and most are then granted. In recent months there appears to have been a rise in conversion applications being refused in Enfield for small family houses, and this is to be welcomed as it will retain pleasant houses with gardens for growing families.

Haringey has a programme of reviewing Conservation Areas, and those within the BPCA area might be up for review in the next year. Many alterations in the Bowes Park Conservation Area appear to have happened in contravention of the guidelines and it is important to report any such work if you see it. These alterations are in themselves mostly minor, but it is the cumulative effect that eats away and destroys the character of an area. The staff of the Conservation Department is tiny, and with the best will in the world council staff cannot be watching every street every day, so in practice, it is up to concerned residents to help monitor their area

- * Currently there is an application for a 4 storey block of flats on the garage site in Nightingale Road by the garden. There have been many eloquent letters written by local residents asking for this to be refused, and the BPCA should also write.
- * There is an application for an Orange telecommunications mast at the corner of Whittington Road and Bounds Green Road, and it would be good to hear what the members at the AGM feel about this.
- * Myddleton Road has again been a focus for letter writing and questions to Haringey. Sadly until now there have been no adequate replies or enforcement actions taken.

6. Environment

A number of Enfield residents have raised concerns about fly tipping in the Enfield end of the Whittington Road area. These concerns have not yet been assuaged. Previous concerns about similar activity in Haringey have diminished.

7. Myddleton Road Community Garden

The Community Garden is run by a sub-group of the Association, the "Bowes Park Community Garden Group". Regular gardening sessions keep the garden tidy and more plants have been added during the year. On a sunny Saturday in June a very successful family picnic was held with free entertainment, including juggling and a magician complete with white rabbit. In October a Table Top Sale was also held to

raise funds for the garden, and local councillor Matt Cooke came to help plant a donated cherry tree.

In July the Garden was awarded a Green Pennant - a national award that recognises high quality green spaces in England and Wales that are managed by voluntary and community groups. Haringey have provided a third bench and extended the path, making the garden more accessible for disabled people.

The Garden Group welcomes new people to come and help with gardening, organising events, publicity or fundraising. Contact 020 8881 0673.

8. Social events

Over the whole period social and fundraising events raised £1,516. The second quiz, in April 2006, was as successful as the first, raising a net profit of £420. The summer social at the Bowls and Tennis Club was a very enjoyable occasion, but made a loss. It was held just after the World Cup and the low attendance could be related to that event.

Raising money, however, is only part of the reason why we hold social events. As important is the fact that when the people of Bowes Park get together we have a really good time! If you would like to give a hand with social events, do get in touch: 8881 8422.

10. Bowes Park Walking Group

In May the first walk of this new venture took place. Admittedly there were only three people, but three is a group, and since then the walking group has grown steadily, now numbering more than 20, with an average of 8-10 on each walk. There has been a walk every month, usually of 4-5 miles with a cup of tea at the end. We have been to the Lea Valley, out into the Hertfordshire countryside, through the woods to Highgate and Hampstead, along the New River and twice to Trent Park.

Walks are usually for half a day in easily accessible places, varying between Saturday and Sunday. They will continue throughout the year, and in the summer we will have one or two full day expeditions further afield. We are a friendly group and all are welcome to join us, particularly potential walk leaders.

Guidance on leading walks comes from the Ramblers Association and the Group abides by the Countryside Code.

Contact: 8881 8422 or walkgroup@malvern.free-online.co.uk

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the period April 2005 to September 2006. At the 2005 AGM it was resolved to change the financial year from April-April to October-September, to bring it more in line with the membership year (November-November) and the Annual General Meeting, which is held in November. The figures are therefore presented in two versions: April to April, to compare with last year, and October to September to provide a comparison for next year.

Income for the 18-month period was sufficient to cover costs, helped by a grant of £800 from the Haringey Neighbourhood Renewal Community Chest for a laminator and the printing of an 8-page newsletter in 2006. We also received sponsorship from

Brien Firmin, Estate Agents, towards the cost of printing the Spring newsletter in 2005.

Membership subscriptions, which have not been raised since the Association started, raised £473 in the first 12 months, and a further £81 from April to September 2006. This is somewhat down on the same period in 2005, which reflects the fact that there were fewer events during that time. A small number of members pay by standing order, and we would welcome more as they provide a predictable income base for the Association's work. We also gratefully received £145 in donations over the 18-month period.

Expenditure is fairly constant, with the large items being public liability insurance and the printing of newsletters. We aim to pay our bills and to have enough in the bank to cope with contingencies. A deposit account is being set up so that interest can be earned on money that is 'resting' in our account. Any surplus which we can safely spare is available for projects such as the Community Garden – the more interesting aspect of the Association's work.

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Committee members, 2005 - 2006

Steve O'Leary, Chair
Kathy McKeown Secretary
Catharine Perry, Treasurer
Alon Prytherch, Assistant Secretary (to August 06)
Lesley Ball, Newsletter Editor
Miranda Andrea
Evanna Goodwin
Sarah Harris
Chris Lawler
Jane O'Neill
Susan Parashar
Caroline Simpson

BOWES PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Accounts 6 April 2005 - 5 April 2006

		Assoc.	Garden	Total	
Balance brought forward	Bank	1,053.72	74.30	1,128.02	2004-2005 same period
	Cash	-16.26	25.00	8.74	
		1,037.46	99.30	1,136.76	
Receipts					
Membership subs		473.00			335.00
Donations		95.00			75.00
Events/Fundraising		862.30	483.24		474.00
Grants/sponsorship		950.00			<u>1,150.00</u>
				<u>2,863.54</u>	2,034.00
				<u>4,000.30</u>	
Payments					
Insurance		175.00			175.00
Stationery & computer		111.61			213.02
Printing & photocopying		1,739.80			650.00
Postage		126.00			100.97
Phone		0.00			132.21
Website		52.88			0.00
Translation		0.00			70.50
Hall hire		159.50			54.00
Publicity		173.31			0.00
Events/Fundraising		234.75			721.82
Subscriptions		50.00			19.75
Garden		143.44			61.70
Laminator		49.99			
Miscellaneous		17.26			<u>46.25</u>
		3,033.54		3,033.54	2,245.22
In hand					
	Bank	534.89			
	Cash	0.82			
	Garden bank	431.05		966.76	
				<u>4,000.30</u>	

MYDDLETON ROAD GARDEN, 2005 - 2006

	Income		Expenditure	
	BANK	CASH	BANK	CASH
06-Apr	b/f 74.30	25.00		16.95
Raffle	75.60		Plants 54.50	
Concert	37.20		Gazebo 71.99	
TT sale staff	41.44		Ret to BPCA	8.05
TT sale table rents	120.00			
Sponsored walk	209.00		Balance c/f	431.05
	557.54	25.00	557.54	25.00

BOWES PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Accounts 1 October 2005 - 30 September 2006

		Total	
Balance brought forward	Bank	566.03	
	Cash	<u>62.22</u>	628.25
Receipts			
Membership subs		333.00	
Donations		50.10	
Events/Fundraising		894.00	
Grants/sponsorship		800.00	
Misc		8.05	<u>2,085.15</u>
			<u>2,713.40</u>
Payments			
Insurance (1)		0.00	
Stationery & computer		99.18	
Printing & photocopying		871.80	
Postage		16.74	
Website		64.88	
Hall hire		174.50	
Publicity		162.15	
Events/Fundraising		506.82	
Equipment		99.98	1,996.05
			<u>2,713.40</u>
In hand	Bank	677.67	
	Cash	39.68	<u>717.35</u>
			<u>2,713.40</u>

(1) Public liability insurance (£175) was paid in Sept 05 and Oct 06.

MYDDLETON ROAD GARDEN, Oct 05 - Sept 06

	Income		Expenditure	
	BANK	CASH	BANK	CASH
1 Oct 05 brought forward	222.05	8.05		8.05
Sponsored walk	209.00			
Quiz raffle	100.00			
Picnic			100.00	
	<u>531.05</u>	<u>8.05</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>8.05</u>
30-Sep-06	431.05	0.00		

Catharine Perry
Treasurer