

KEMNAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Summer 2019

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NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2019

A.G.M

Thursday 27 June 2019, 7.30pm

Mission Care, Willett House, Kemnal Road

AGM VENUE

Once again, we are grateful to Mission Care for the use of their meeting room at Willett House for our AGM. Willett House is opposite Inglewood and in front of Selwood House.

KEMNAL ROAD IS YOUR ROAD !

Kemnal Road is unadopted by the Council, and its maintenance (including the footpath) is entirely the residents' responsibility. For this purpose, each household in Kemnal Road and its sideroads is asked to make an annual subscription to the Road Fund. KRA is headed by a Committee of volunteers. The Committee is elected annually by residents of Kemnal Road and its side roads (defined as members of the Association). **We would welcome new Committee members**, particularly residents of Dickens Drive/Pickwick Way and Acorn Close who are currently under-represented. As our current Secretary, Vinod Khanna, is resigning, we also need someone to take on this role. If you feel able to give some time to ensuring Kemnal Road continues to be one of the most attractive roads in Bromley, please contact the Chairman, David Viles, on 020 8467 4159.

THE AGM

The agenda is on the back of this newsletter. This is the one time when we, as residents, can get together to discuss the maintenance of the road and how your subscriptions are spent, and to talk about matters of mutual interest which have arisen during the year. The Committee really does appreciate your input – **so please come, and enjoy a glass of wine (or soft drink) with us afterwards!**

INTRODUCTORY TALK

We are sure that most will be aware by now of the campaign headed by the Ashfield Lane Road Safety Group (ALRSG) to draw our Council's attention to the need to reduce the speed of traffic in Ashfield Lane. Residents have frequently expressed concern about the hazards in crossing Ashfield Lane on foot or in a vehicle, and the KRA have joined forces with ALRSG to press our elected Councillors to take action, including collaborating in the demonstration held on 28 March. We are looking forward this year to hearing from Alisa Igoe, the co-ordinator of ALRSG, and Chris Wells of Chislehurst Safer Streets who will give a short presentation on progress followed by questions from the floor. The talk will start at 7.30, preceding the business part of the AGM.

OUR ONLINE PRESENCE

KEMNAL ROAD WEBSITE — www.kemnal-road.org.uk

This website gives details of the KRA Constitution and access to AGM and Committee minutes, as well as many facts and illustrations about the history of our beautiful road. The website will also keep you up to date with current issues.

TWITTER

Kemnal Road has a Twitter Account - [@KemnalRoad](https://twitter.com/@KemnalRoad). Keep up to date by following us!

CONTACT US

To contact us online with any comments or problems – Comments@kemnal-road.org.uk

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION 2018

If you give us your e-mail and residential addresses, the KRA will use this information solely to contact you in relation to e-mail alerts about the road, Neighbourhood Watch and information about paying annual fees. Your data will at all times be kept confidential and not released to other members.

ROAD MATTERS

- The road and pavements remain in good condition and have not needed any resurfacing. We intend this year to repair several emerging potholes in the northern section of the road and to have some of the roadside drains repaired, as well as replacing missing or damaged bollards at the southern end of the road. The drains are well over 100 years old and are in such poor condition that ponding regularly occurs during heavy rainfall.
- White lines along the roadside mark potentially hazardous areas of the road - **please note that a white line means 'no parking' for safety reasons!** All markings along the entire length of the road were repainted in April.
- The new gardening contract has now been in place for over a year and is operating well. The gardeners mow the verges on the east side of the road (except those which are mowed privately), keep the edges of the road and the pavement free from encroaching vegetation, and collect and remove grass clippings, fallen leaves/litter and vegetation. Operatives visit the road regularly between February and November to carry out this work. **Residents are asked to ensure their own gardening activities do not result in leaves and debris being blown onto Kemnal Road which then have to be removed by the gardeners.** The gardeners are also contracted to spread grit on the road in icy winter weather – fortunately their services have not been needed this year.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is a partnership involving Police, Local Authorities, other voluntary organisations and, above all, individuals who want to make their neighbourhood a better place to live and their community safer. It aims to help people protect themselves and their properties, and to reduce fear of crime by improved home security, greater vigilance, reporting of suspicious incidents and fostering a community spirit.

Our Neighbourhood Watch presence now extends to more than 80 households in Kemnal Road and its side roads. If you wish to join our NHW mailing list to receive regular Neighbourhood Watch updates and other local information, please email our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Lin Limbrey on

lin.limbrey@virginmedia.com.

N.B. Your email address and contact details will never be shared with other NHW members or anyone else.

The Chislehurst Police Safer Neighbourhood Team is located at Bromley Police Station, High Street, Bromley BR1 1ER, tel. 020 8721 2612, e-mail: Chislehurst.snt@met.police.uk

AMENITY STRIP

The wooded area between The Coach House and Ashfield Lane is administered by 4 Trustees, who are also Committee members of the Association. The Trustees have no funds, and members at the AGM agreed in 2015 to contribute up to £1,000 per year to allow the Trustees to carry out essential safety work to trees and bushes etc.

which might encroach onto the roadway or pose a hazard. £2,914 has been spent for this purpose since 2015 and more trimming and pruning work will be carried out this summer.

As trailed in last year's newsletter, the Trustees have implemented the first stage of a scheme to tidy up the junction with Ashfield Lane with a robust but attractive low wooden post fence. The cost (£2,350) was met mainly from compensation paid by BT Openreach for use of the Amenity Strip for their broadband cabinets. The next stage is to landscape the new open area at the junction to further enhance the entrance to the road. The Trustees also intend to carry out a scheme to thin out and tidy up the entire length of the Amenity Strip at an estimated cost of up to £2,000. As these improvements cannot be defined as essential safety work, members are asked to approve the total cost in 2019/20 up to (£2,000) being met by the KRA.

THE WIDER AREA

As well as participating in the campaign to reduce the speed of traffic in Ashfield Lane, the KRA have continued to contribute to consultations on planning applications affecting the road during the year. Objections were submitted to two proposals for redeveloping properties on the grounds of their effect on the appearance of the road. The Association is one of the bodies which LB Bromley has undertaken to consult on any proposals to reconfigure the roads around the Common in order to reduce the number of accidents, although there are currently no plans to do so.



ROAD FUND

At last year's AGM, members agreed that the annual subscription should continue to be a minimum of £40 per household for 2018/19 – members are able if they wish to contribute more than the minimum sum. Given the healthy state of the projected budget for the forthcoming year, but bearing in mind the likely considerable costs of repairing the drains, your Committee proposes **no change to the £40 per household minimum subscription for 2019/20**, and members are asked to confirm this at the AGM. Providing there are no major unexpected events, no further increase will be needed for at least one further year.

2019 Annual General Meeting

(following introductory talk at 7.30)

Thursday 27 June 2019, 7.30pm to 9.00pm approx.
at Mission Care, Willett House, Kemnal Road

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on 21 June 2018
3. Chairman's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. To approve the accounts of the Association to 5 April 2019
6. Election of Officers and Committee and appointment of Independent Examiner, Mr T Meredith
7. To confirm Road Fund contributions of a minimum of £40 for 2019/20
8. To approve expenditure by the Trustees of up to £2000 for the further improvement of the Amenity Strip in 2019/20.
9. Questions & discussion

Present Officers and Committee

All posts are subject to re-election annually at the AGM. Nominations for Officers or Committee members should be made to the Chairman in writing before the AGM. Mandy Clark (Waldens) will be standing down from the Committee and Vinod Khanna will be retiring as Secretary but is willing to remain as a member of the Committee. We thank them for their services.

The Committee wishes to thank our long-standing Independent Examiner, Mr Grierson, for his services in providing independent scrutiny of the Association's accounts. We are grateful to Mr. T Meredith for offering to undertake this role at no cost to the Association.

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| Chairman | David Viles | Inglewood Cottage |
| Vice Chairman | Anthony Burrett | Nizels |
| Treasurer | Wendy Hadler-Cash | Mulbarton Court |
| Secretary | Vinod Khanna | Pickwick Way |
| Committee members: | Tony Allen | The Coach House |
| | Mandy Clark | Waldens |
| | Avril GreatRex | Trees |
| | Lin Limbrey | Middlemarch |
| | Ian McAllister | Cascades |
| | Alec McTavish | Worsley Grange |

Kemnal Manor 1841



Courtesy Chislehurst Society