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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Association's AGM will be held on 5 April 2022 at
8.00 pm in St Mary's church hall**

AGENDA

- 1 President's Address
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of AGM held on 28 April 2021 (available on the SRA web site) and matters arising
- 4 Chairman's Report for 2021 and matters arising
- 5 To receive and adopt accounts for the year to 31 Dec 2021 (available at the meeting and on the SRA web site)
- 6 Development and planning report
- 7 SRA membership survey summary
- 8 Election of Officers and Executive Committee
- 9 Election of Honorary Auditors
- 10 Open forum – the role of the SRA post-COVID
- 11 Any other business

Refreshments will be available at the end of the meeting

All residents are welcome to attend but please note that only SRA members are entitled to vote on resolutions

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

If the restrictions necessitated by the pandemic have taught us anything, it is surely the value of personal contact. It is, therefore, an especial pleasure to be able to look forward to the Association's first face to face AGM since April 2019. The pleasure of gathering together with both new and long-standing members is, however, tinged with the sad news of the recent sudden and untimely death of Mary Cooke, one of our Shortlands Ward councillors. The SRA, as a non-party political organisation, aims to work with all councillors in the common interest of local residents and Mary's support and interest in much of the Association's activities was valued greatly and she will be missed by very many who she helped over her eight years of service on the Council.

After more years than he is prepared to remember our Chairman, Mark Dempsey, is standing down from the Chair and from the Committee. His commitment to the SRA, its members and to the wider community will be hard to follow. The widening of the SRA's activities, with its ongoing programme of modernisation, owes much to his initiative and quiet leadership style and we owe him a considerable debt of gratitude. His final Chairman's Report shows just how much has been achieved by him and the Committee despite the challenging circumstances of 2021 while the result of the SRA Members' Survey and the discussion it should prompt about the Association's future priorities will help sustain the momentum Mark helped generate.

Local elections to Bromley Council are scheduled for 5th May and, as noted in Mark's report, the SRA will again host a Hustings for candidates seeking election, thereby providing all voters in the Ward with an opportunity to hear their views and to question them. This Hustings promises to be of particular interest. Firstly, this is the first election following the enlargement of the Shortlands Ward to include the Village. Secondly, Shortlands' representation on Bromley Council increases from two to three councillors so electors will have three votes to cast. Thirdly, Bromley Council spends over £220m on services for its residents yet for many years it has continued to be relatively poorly funded by central government compared to other London boroughs. In 2021/22 Bromley's Council Tax Requirement was £175m. How Bromley spends its funds, what priorities are set and how it ensures value for money for residents in Shortlands should be of critical concern to us all so please make the effort to attend this initiative in support of local democracy and accountability.

Finally, I take this opportunity to join with Mark and congratulate and thank most sincerely all those who have helped the SRA over the last year, whether on its Executive Committee, as Liaison Officers or simply by giving one-off assistance. Thanks also to you, our members, for your continued interest and support and perhaps some of you may feel able to respond positively to the Chairman's request for further volunteers to assist with the SRA's future activities. We look forward to seeing you on 5th April.

Brian Reading

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This will be our first face to face AGM for three years, as the meeting planned for 2020 had to be cancelled during the lockdown and the 2021 event held as a Zoom session. Unsurprisingly, fewer people attended that meeting than would normally take part in our AGMs, which are traditionally well-attended, so let's hope that this year we get back to pre-COVID levels of attendance. In the meantime, the SRA committee has continued to be actively involved in a number of issues that affect Shortlands in some significant ways.

First, we argued successfully – along with the Ravensbourne Valley Residents and Bromley Civic Society – for the designation of Shortlands “village” as a conservation area. This will help preserve the character of the area and be helpful in arguing against inappropriate planning applications, including the design of the proposed lifts at Shortlands station which we are still discussing with Network Rail, supported by technical advice from local engineering experts. Unfortunately it has not, so far, made any difference in respect of the boarded up building at 87 Beckenham Lane which continues, after around five years, to be a blight on the area. We take a very close interest in planning matters, as members will know, including those affecting the town centre, and Danny Miller will provide a short update at the AGM.

Secondly, we made a series of comments and suggestions on plans to improve the local environment by promoting cycle lanes and improving pedestrian access during lockdown, some of which came about during the consultations on the aborted “Shortlands Friendly Village” scheme. The claimed benefits of these schemes have, in my view, been arguable and unproven with no appreciable uptake in the use of cycle lanes – and in some cases poor design leading to increased congestion and emissions. On the subject of local air quality we did manage to run one of our open meetings on this topic with some very informative contributions from local residents who had raised their concerns with us.

Thirdly, we are about to see the fruits of the detailed submission that we put together to the Local Government Boundary Commission, so that in the local elections in May the Shortlands ward will elect three councillors, rather than two, as it expands to recognise that Shortlands “village” is genuinely part of Shortlands ward. We are again organising a Hustings session where we will invite all candidates contesting the election to set out their priorities for the area and answer questions from local voters. We were the first residents' association to organise such an event during the last local elections. This is scheduled to take place on the evening of 27April at Shortlands Golf Club and is open to all.

Finally, we were represented at each of the three Shortlands market events. These proved a useful way of keeping in touch and attracting new members and were well supported by the local community. Let's hope they become a permanent feature of local life.

Sadly, this will be my last AGM – I have, as they say, done my bit after more than ten years as chairman. I genuinely believe that the SRA is a force for good in the area. We have sound finances, good communications with members (newsletters, the web site, the recent survey), accurate membership records and convincingly argued comments on planning and development issues. This is achieved by a small committee who give up their time to make a difference. To maintain this effort – and hopefully do more – we need people to join the committee on a permanent or project basis to bring their expertise and time to the cause.

So I am extremely grateful to all who have supported out work on the committee. I would be happy to explain to anyone interested in discussing the role why I have enjoyed it so much.

Mark Dempsey

Liaison Officers as at 20 December 2021

Beckenham Grove	Danny Miller	16 Hildenlea Place
Beckenham Lane	Bernadette Manning	48 Beckenham Lane
Bromley Grove	Keith Mills	14A Bromley Grove
Bromley Road		
Castle Close	Patricia Braithwaite	40 Kingswood Avenue
Caygill Close	Helen Scholfield	15 Caygill Close
Celtic Avenue	Janet Nicholls	29 Celtic Avenue
Chart Close	Bernadette Manning	48 Beckenham Lane
Chiltern Gardens	Helen Scholfield	15 Caygill Close
Church Road	Martyn Street	3A Church Road
Colebrook Rise	Peter Berry	50 Mays Hill Road
Cumberland Avenue	Guy Peasley	26 Den Road
Den Road & Close	Mike Ricketts	18 Den Road
Druids Way		
Durham Avenue	Brian Smith	36 Durham Avenue
Durham Road	Helen Scholfield	15 Caygill Close
Dykes Way	Sandy Rayment	5 Kings Keep (Mays Hill Road)
Farnaby Road	Brendan Donegan	7A Farnaby Road
Foxes Dale	Simon Glenville	20 Foxes Dale
Fyfield Close	Linda Baldwin	59 Kingswood Road
Green Close	Keith Mills	14A Bromley Grove
Hengist Way	Diane Noad	70 Kingswood Avenue
Highfield Drive	Gill Charnley	8 Highfield Drive
Hildenlea Place	Danny Miller	16 Hildenlea Place
Hillside Road	Sandy Rayment	5 Kings Keep (Mays Hill Road)
Iden Close	Peter Berry	50 Mays Hill Road
Kingswood Avenue	Diane Noad	70 Kingswood Avenue
Kingswood Road (17-79)	Mark Dempsey	61 Kingswood Road
Kingswood Road (rest)	Linda Baldwin	59 Kingswood Road
Lancaster Close	Eleanor Lynch	1 Lancaster Close
Martins Road	Bernadette Manning	48 Beckenham Lane
Mays Hill Road (North)	Sandy Rayment	5 Kings Keep (Mays Hill Road)
Mays Hill Road (South)	Peter Berry	50 Mays Hill Road
Parkhill Road	Keith Mills	14A Bromley Grove
Queen Anne Ave	Sandy Rayment	5 Kings Keep (Mays Hill Road)
Queens Mead Road		
Ravensbourne Ave	Sandra Callaghan	14 Ravensbourne Ave
Recreation Road	Bernadette Manning	48 Beckenham Lane
Romanhurst Avenue	Patricia Braithwaite	40 Kingswood Avenue
Romanhurst Gardens	Patricia Braithwaite	40 Kingswood Avenue
Rosemere Place	Patricia Braithwaite	40 Kingswood Avenue
Scotts Ave/Lane	Ann-Marie Jefferys	17 Scotts Avenue
Shortlands Grove	Jan Berry	50 Mays Hill Road
Shortlands Gardens	Bernadette Manning	48 Beckenham Lane
Shortlands Road	Mike Ricketts	18 Den Road
South Hill Road	Helen Scholfield	15 Caygill Close
St Marys Avenue	Dieter Gramlich	18 St Mary's Avenue
Station Road	Bernadette Manning	48 Beckenham Lane
Tavistock Road	Robert French	robertfrench3@outlook.com
Tootswood Road	Mike Ricketts	18 Den Road
Valley Road	Guy Peasley	26 Den Road
West Point	John Needham	
Winchester Close	Robert French	robertfrench3@outlook.com
Winchester Park + Road	Robert French	robertfrench3@outlook.com

SHORTLANDS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

2021 committee membership

President:	Brian Reading	
Chairman	Mark Dempsey, 61 Kingswood Road	8460 4060
Vice Chairman	Keith Mills, 14a Bromley Grove	8464 2977
Hon. Treasurer	Peter Berry, 50 Mays Hill Road	8466 1134
Development Officer	Daniel Miller, 16 Hildenlea Place	8460 3247
Hon. Membership Sec	Robert French, robertfrench3@outlook.com	07817 490611
Hon. Secretary	Linda Baldwin, 59 Kingswood Road	
Communications Officer	Mike Ricketts, 18 Den Road	8460 0395
Hon Auditors	C. Sheppey, J Needham	

Becoming an Officer or Executive Committee Member of the Shortlands Residents' Association.

If you wish to stand for election please complete the form below and return to the current Secretary *not later than 10 days before the AGM*. Proposers and Seconders must be Members of the Association.

If you would like to know more about how we work and the sort of time commitment needed, please contact Mark Dempsey for an informal discussion – 0208 460 4060.

(PLEASE COMPLETE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / OFFICER NOMINATION FORM 2022

I wish to put forward my name for election as:

Treasurer/ Secretary/ Membership Secretary/ Committee Member (select one)

NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
PROPOSED BY		SIGNED
SECONDED BY		SIGNED

Paying or renewing your SRA subscription

Our subscription rate is £5 per household per calendar year; there are three ways for you to join or to renew your membership:

1 By Standing Order – our preferred method. If you have already set up a standing order you need do no more. Please complete this form using BLOCK CAPITALS and black ink, and pass it to your bank. Please also send the details at section 2 to Peter Berry, 50 Mays Hill Road, BR2 0HT, or email them to robertfrench3@outlook.com

Please debit my account (Name)	With (Bank Name):	Branch:	Sort Code:
Account Number:	The sum of: £	On (date)	and annually credit the
Account Name Shortlands Residents Association	Bank: Santander	Branch: Bootle, Merseyside L30 4GB	
Account Number 82504600	Sort Code 09-01-55	Ref (Surname)	Ref: (first line of address)
Signed:		e-mail:	
		Date:	

2. By bank transfer to ‘Shortlands Residents Association’ (SRA), Santander, Bootle, Merseyside (sort code 09-01-55, account number 82504600). If you have arranged a BT or passed your completed SO to your bank, so we can identify your payment, please email this information to Robert French (robertfrench3@outlook.com) or send to Peter Berry at 50 Mays Hill Road BR2 0HT.

Date	Name	Address (1 st line)	Amount (£)

3. By cash, or cheque payable to ‘Shortlands Residents Association.’ Please complete this form and send or give it with your payment to Peter Berry at 50 Mays Hill Road, BR2 0HT (or via your LO)

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