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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Association's AGM will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
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 10th April 2024 (see SRA web site) and matters arising
- 4 Chairman's Report for 2024 and matters arising
- 5 To receive and adopt accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024  
(see SRA web site, printed copies will be available at the meeting)
- 6 Development and Planning report
- 7 Election of Officers and Executive Committee
- 8 Election of Honorary Examiner(s)
- 9 Councillor Will Rowlands – 'Bromley Council's environment policy and priorities'
- 10 Open forum – Q&A from the floor
- 11 Any other business

**Refreshments will be available at the end of the meeting**

All residents are welcome to attend  
*Please note that only SRA members are entitled to vote on resolutions*

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Last year's Comment, written on the SRA's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, highlighted some of the many changes that residents of Shortlands had experienced since the Association's inception in 1934 - social, environmental and political.

Now, into the SRA's 10<sup>th</sup> decade, events prompt reflection upon some of the "big picture" uncertainties which may have loomed increasingly large in the minds of our predecessors during the 1930s, especially given what currently dominates international news headlines. As we know, that decade was dominated by the consequences of economic depression, the rise of dictators, especially in Europe, and their military incursions into previously independent countries - quarrels "*...in a far away country between people of whom we know nothing*" according to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. This was accompanied by the increasing ineffectiveness of the international order to maintain the post WW1 peace through the League of Nations, the isolationist stance of the USA and, ultimately, by decisions to rearm. It all sounds unsettlingly familiar does it not?

Notwithstanding this challenging backdrop, it is worth also reflecting that at the same time local residents experienced the huge interwar expansion of housing, together with the creation of parades of shops, parks, cinemas (eg Beckenham Regal 1930, Odeon and Gaumont Bromley 1936), schools (including Beckenham and Penge Grammar, 1930), libraries (Beckenham, 1939), civic centres (Beckenham Town Hall 1932, Bromley Town Hall extension 1939) and of course the founding of residents' associations, such as ours. So much of our familiar suburban environment was established or enhanced in the 1930s.

Today, with the dominance of the often depressing 24-hour news cycle and the challenge of distinguishing fake news from fact, it is all too easy to feel overwhelmed. Yes, as individuals it is difficult to affect the "big picture" but, as is demonstrated in Mike Ricketts' Chairman's Report, it is still possible to influence for the better what happens in our immediate community and environment. Indeed, environment is a key feature of the SRA's future planned priorities and also the subject of the guest speaker at this year's AGM.

It is so encouraging to hear that a number of residents, having attended one of the SRA's Open Meetings, have been stimulated to become involved as helpers, Liaison Officers or to join the Committee and we thank them for their time and commitment. As the Chairman reports, there is currently a specific opportunity to help the Association fulfil its planning and development monitoring function now that Danny Miller is to stand down after a long, distinguished record as the SRA's Development Officer. This really is an important opportunity for one or more individuals to potentially make a real difference to our environment by helping the SRA to ensure the priorities and concerns of Shortlands' residents are heeded by those charged with making decisions that can have a long-term impact on our environment and quality of life. If, however, this particular opportunity is not for you, but you would still like to help, do please let us know; you would be very welcome.

To all Members of the SRA, thank you for your continued interest and support which will ensure the SRA remains a positive and effective voice for Shortlands even when the "big picture" appears depressing. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM.

**Brian Reading**

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

2024, the 90th year of the Association, proved a very successful and busy one. Our membership continues to grow from well over 500 households and our income from subscriptions and donations was a record £3,324, enabling us to strengthen our commitment to community projects.

We marked the Anniversary by holding an Open Meeting on 'Shortlands – Past, Present and Future', which gave us some key pointers and priorities for action as we move towards our centenary, like the future of the Village, housing and traffic calming.

It was a busy year, too, on the political front and we organized two hustings, one tied to the election of a successor to our local Councillor Aisha Cuthbert, and the other in the lead-up to the General Election. Both were very well attended.

As to community-focused schemes to which we have given funding, the new equipment supplied under the Queensmead Playground Regeneration project was installed last Summer and has proved very popular. This Spring should see the results of the Parade Grant we backed in the form of new benches and planters to beautify the Station end of Shortlands Village. We are also pledging help for local schools by way of books and equipment...as part of our strategy to build closer relations with them.

The Village businesses, despite the difficult economic climate, contributed really positively to the purchase of new Christmas Lights in 2024, and we are very supportive of Councillor Turrell's plan to establish a local Village businesses group. On that front, too, we have been asked by Councillors to come up with ideas for the use of a group of shop forecourts, now the Council have clarified that they own those in front of the shops between the Station and Le Chic.

Road safety featured strongly in the work of the Association in 2024. The new Working Group set up at the start of the year met several times and, with great conscientiousness, produced a set of strategies which were put to the Council covering the key areas of pedestrian crossings, speeding and managing the traffic around the Shortlands Rail Bridge junctions.

Development and planning continue to remain very much at the top of our agenda and a principal concern of local residents. The installation of the Station lifts was a key issue, as has been the consultation on the new draft Shortlands Village Conservation Area Management Plan, which will ensure greater clarity for local residents as to what they can/cannot do in developing their property. The future planning of Bromley Town Centre also continually raised local concerns.

Very sadly, Danny Miller, our Development Officer over the last 10 years and the fount of great knowledge and wisdom on planning issues, is moving out of Shortlands and we are therefore seeking a successor for this key role.

Our local Councillors have been very supportive of many of our initiatives and I should like to pay tribute to and thank them for the help and advice they have given us. We continue to build our relations with them, as we do with our neighbours the Ravensbourne Valley Residents, co-operating with them on road safety, the blueprint for the Village's future and other initiatives.

We have continued to help our members and other local residents learn more about our area and its history during our Anniversary year – running our annual guided walks through South Hill Wood and 'Historical Shortlands', and our August visit to the Great House (now Bishop Challoner School). These will continue into 2025.

Lastly, I should like to thank my fellow Committee members and all our Road Liaison Officers for all the work they do for the Association. Whilst we have increased the numbers of both groups in 2024, we continue to need new members to help take forward our work to support the residents of Shortlands.

**Mike Ricketts**

## Liaison Officers as at 28 February 2025

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	Helen Scholfield	15 Caygill Close
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	Sue Sangster	78 Cumberland Road
Den Road & Close	Mike Ricketts	18 Den Road
Druids Way	Linda Baldwin	59 Kingswood Road
Durham Avenue	Dieter Gramlich	18 St Mary's Avenue
Durham Road	Joanna Bridges	116 Shortlands Road
Dykes Way		
Farnaby Road	Brendan Donegan	7A Farnaby Road
Foxes Dale	Angela Susilovic	17 Foxes Dale
Fyfield Close	Linda Baldwin	59 Kingswood Road
Green Close	Keith Mills	14A Bromley Grove
Hengist Way	Kevin Smith	5 Romanhurst Gardens
Highfield Drive	Gill Charnley	8 Highfield Drive
Hildenlea Place	Danny Miller	16 Hildenlea Place
Hillside Road	Robert French	membership@shortlandsra.org.uk
Iden Close	Peter Berry	50 Mays Hill Road
Kingswood Avenue	Kevin Smith	5 Romanhurst Gardens
Kingswood Road (2-85)	Mark Dempsey	61 Kingswood Road
Kingswood Road (rest)	Linda Baldwin	59 Kingswood Road
Lancaster Close	Louise Couper	1 Lancaster Close
Martins Road	Bernadette Manning	48 Beckenham Lane
Mays Hill Road (North)	Peter Berry	50 Mays Hill Road
Mays Hill Road (South)	Peter Berry	50 Mays Hill Road
Parkhill Road	Wendy Scudder	40 Parkhill Road
Queen Anne Ave	Robert French	membership@shortlandsra.org.uk
Queens Mead Road	Suzanne Ricketts	15 Queensmead Road
Ravensbourne Ave	Robin Hogg	30 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	Keith Mills	14A Bromley Grove
Shortlands Gardens	Bernadette Manning	48 Beckenham Lane
Shortlands Road	Joanna Bridges	116 Shortlands Road
South Hill Road	Ashley Ratchford	22 Shortlands Road
St Marys Avenue	Dieter Gramlich	18 St Mary's Avenue
Station Road	Bernadette Manning	48 Beckenham Lane
Tavistock Road	Robert French	membership@shortlandsra.org.uk
Tootswood Road	Dieter Gramlich	18 St Mary's Avenue
Valley Road	Guy Peasley	26 Den Road
West Point	John Needham	West Point
Winchester Close	Robert French	membership@shortlandsra.org.uk
Winchester Park & Road	Robert French	membership@shortlandsra.org.uk

**SHORTLANDS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**2024 Committee Members**

<b>President:</b>	Brian Reading		
<b>Chairman</b>	Mike Ricketts		8460 0395
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Keith Mills	14a Bromley Grove	8464 2977
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Peter Berry	50 Mays Hill Road	8466 1134
<b>Development Officer</b>	Daniel Miller	16 Hildenlea Place	8460 3247
<b>Hon. Membership Sec</b>	Robert French	membership@shortlandsra.org.uk	07817 490611
<b>Committee members</b>	Martyn Street	3 <sup>A</sup> Church Road	8460 8355
	Rachael Roberts		
	Richard Hart		
<b>Hon Examiner</b>	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 Chair,  
Mike Ricketts ***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 time commitment needed, please  
contact Mike Ricketts for an informal discussion – 020 8460 0395.**  
(PLEASE COMPLETE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / OFFICER NOMINATION FORM 2025**

*I wish to put forward my name for election as:*

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>PROPOSED BY</b>		<b>SIGNED</b>
<b>SECONDED BY</b>		<b>SIGNED</b>

## 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 [membership@shortlandsra.org.uk](mailto:membership@shortlandsra.org.uk)

Please debit my account (Name)	Bank Name:	Branch Name:	Sort Code:
Account Number:	The sum of: £	On (date)	and <b>annually</b> credit the
<b>Payee Account Name</b> <b>Shortlands Residents Association</b>	<b>Bank:</b> <b>Santander</b>	<b>Branch:</b> <b>Bootle, Merseyside L30 4GB</b>	
Account Number <b>82504600</b>	Sort Code <b>09-01-55</b>	<b>Ref (Your surname &amp; 1st line of address)</b>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. By bank transfer to 'Shortlands Residents Association' (SRA)**

**Santander Bank, Bootle, 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 send this information to Robert French ([membership@shortlandsra.org.uk](mailto:membership@shortlandsra.org.uk)) or Peter Berry at 50 Mays Hill Road BR2 0HT

Date	Name	Address (1 <sup>st</sup> line)	Amount paid £

### **3. By cash, or cheque payable to 'Shortlands Residents Association.'**

Please complete this form and send it with your payment to Peter Berry at 50 Mays Hill Road, BR2 0HT (or via your Road Liaison Officer)

Name			
Address			
e-mail address			
Date	Amount enclosed £	Signature	Cash? or Cheque?

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