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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association's AGM will be held on 13th April 2026
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 16th April 2025 (see SRA web site) and matters arising
- 4 Chairman's Report for 2025 and matters arising
- 5 To receive and adopt accounts for the year to 31st Dec 2025
(see SRA web site, printed copies will be available at the meeting)
- 6 Election of Officers and Executive Committee
- 7 Election of Honorary Examiner(s)
- 8 Rob Vale, Bromley Head of Safer Communities – 'Latest Scams and How to beat them'
- 9 Open forum – Q&A from the floor
- 10 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

I write this personal "Comment" conscious, first, that this year's AGM will be held in the lead-up to local government elections to London Borough of Bromley Council on 7 May and, second, that the SRA is a non-party political association. However, much of the Association's interactions with the Council and councillors about services and the local environment are, inevitably, of a political (with a small "p") nature. Having also been a councillor for Shortlands, albeit decades ago and in very different times, I know from experience how valuable and productive good working relationships between residents' associations and councillors can be to both sides.

There is much to indicate the electorate is even more disillusioned with, and alienated from, politics and politicians than usual, especially at a national level. Fairly or unfairly, this probably also affects attitudes towards councils and councillors. Most of the media report local elections in terms of their national significance; which party leader is "up" or "down", the overall gains/losses of council seats, is there a swing to the left or to the right, which new insurgent party is "cutting through" etc.

While our national governments, of whatever party, often extol the virtues of devolving responsibilities to local councils, often this is done without sufficient funding being made available for them to be carried out successfully and without affecting adversely the provision of other local services. The demands on councils like Bromley to provide "statutory services" is leaving many with little or no funds with which to meet desirable but discretionary local needs and is bringing some councils near to bankruptcy. It is notable that over decades, irrespective of the party in power at the Civic Centre or Westminster, central government funding to Bromley, per head of population, has remained almost the lowest in Greater London despite much lobbying and argument.

Arguably, in such circumstances, the party- political badge worn by candidates in the local elections may be of limited relevance to what they have to do, how they do it and how effective they can be; it was actually legislation in 1969 that permitted candidates in local elections to show a party affiliation on the ballot paper. Perhaps it would be fairer and more relevant to assess candidates on their experience, their dedication to the role, their understanding of and interaction with the community they have represented or aspire to represent. The Hustings to be held by the SRA on 29 April should provide us all in the Shortlands Ward with an opportunity to meet and hear from nominated candidates, whether standing on behalf of a Party or as an Independent, so we are better able to make a more informed judgement about the individual rather than their badge when exercising our right to vote.

Finally, it would be very remiss of me here if I failed to thank our current councillors for their service on behalf of the Shortlands Ward over the last 4 years, along with that of Mike Ricketts, our Association Chairman and to join with him in acknowledging with gratitude the work of the Executive Committee and LOs, especially those who are now no longer able to continue. I hope you will give a sympathetic ear to Mike's appeal for new Members to step forward and help fill the gaps on the Executive left because, as you will see from his report, there is always a lot going on in the SRA.

Brian Reading

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

2025 proved another successful year for the Association. Our membership continued to grow to nearly 570 households – meaning up to 900 members – and our income from subscriptions and donations was a record £3,654, an increase of 11% over 2024. I should like to pay thanks here to the tireless efforts of our Road Liaison Officers and that of our Membership Secretary Rob French. We hope to continue to build on this increase – the stronger our membership, the stronger our voice!

With the healthiness of our finances, we embarked in 2025 on a round of Community Grants, each worth £200, intended to help local schools and organisations. In the event we made five such grants for equipment inside and outside schools and for St Mary's Church. We aim to hold another round of these grants in 2026.

In the Village, a Parade Grant provided by the Council with our backing enabled new planters and benches to be installed at the Station end of the Village for the benefit of villagers and visitors alike. Proposals were put to the Council on the usage of some business forecourts. Finally, with the return of the Christmas Lights, partly SRA-funded, the switch-on was marked for the first time by a short St Mary's Choir carol concert around the Christmas Tree by Shortlands Green.

Road safety featured strongly in the work of the Association in 2025 and our Working Group continued putting forward strategies to improve safety on our local roads and around local schools. The Council is considering all our proposals and we shall continue to press for these measures be implemented.

Development planning is always at the top of our members' agenda. The Shortlands Village Conservation Management Plan, to which we had contributed, finally came into effect. The development of Bromley Town Centre continues to demand our attention, like the 1 Westmoreland Road site. We were very lucky to find a strong new Development Officer in the person of Patty Ploch in succession to Danny Miller who had done the job so effectively for 10 years.

We have worked together with local Councillors on a number of issues over the last year (such as lighting on the rail footbridge at the foot of Mays Hill Road) and I should like to thank them for all the work they do on behalf of our residents.

We have continued to help our members and other residents learn more about our area and its history during the year, including our guided walks through South Hill Wood and 'Historical Shortlands'; but, sadly, our tour of The Great House had to be cancelled with the closure of Bishop Challoner School.

Finally, I should like to express my deepest thanks to my fellow Committee members for all their work. Early last year we had a great injection of fresh blood to the Committee, but external factors have now caused our numbers to dwindle. We are in great need of a new Hon Secretary and a social media editor. Our work program continues to grow with more Open Meetings like November's 'What Future for Shortlands'. So, the Association's 'engine-room' needs to be in top gear.

Mike Ricketts

Liaison Officers as at 6 March 2026

Beckenham Grove	Wendy Scudder	40 Parkhill Road
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	Robert French	membership@shortlansra.org.uk
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
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	Linda Baldwin	59 Kingswood Road
Lancaster Close	Louise Couper	1 Lancaster Close
Martins Road	Bernadette Manning	48 Beckenham Lane
Mays Hill Road	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
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SHORTLANDS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

2025 Committee Members

President:	Brian Reading		
Chairman	Mike Ricketts	18 Den Road	8460 0395
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Hon. Secretary	Janine Austin	secretary@shortlandsra.org.uk	
Development Officer	Patty Ploch	planning@shortlandsra.org.uk	
Hon. Membership Sec	Robert French	membership@shortlandsra.org.uk	07817 490611
Committee members	Martyn Street	3 ^A Church Road	8460 8355
	Rachael Roberts		
	Richard Hart		
Hon Examiner	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 2026

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 membership@shortlandsra.org.uk

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

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) or Peter Berry at 50 Mays Hill Road BR2 0HT

Date	Name	Address (1 st 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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