

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2004



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As many of you know, Liz Huggins, our excellent Permanent Beat Officer, gained promotion to Sergeant and subsequently has been moved to Hounslow.

At the moment we are without anyone but you can still contact Martin Watts, who came to our Neighbourhood Watch meeting in September, on 8246 9764, if you want to speak to an individual.

Liz Dendy is chasing the appropriate Chief Inspector for a replacement and we will publicise a name as soon as we have it.

We are also promised a better service from Ealing Neighbourhood Watch. Street Co-ordinators now have a folder of relevant leaflets and a UV marker pen that you can borrow to mark your property.

PLEASE KEEP VIGILANT AND REPORT ALL CRIMES TO THE POLICE

***URGENT CALLS 999
NON-URGENT 8810 1212***

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This newsletter gives you advance notice of our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday, 3rd March at 8pm at Acton Green Church, Cunnington Street. Please try and come and support the work which your Committee is doing on behalf of the residents of Acton Green.

Our present membership is 182 and we need to increase our numbers so that we can adequately represent our residents. Our subscription is still only £5 per household and £2 for Senior Citizens.

**A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS TO ALL
OUR MEMBERS**



PLAYGROUND ON ACTON GREEN COMMON

You will all have noticed the colourful new playground that has emerged from behind the fencing on the Common. It was inaugurated at an event held on 24th November attended by local families, the Caterpillar Montessori School and Cllr John Delaney.

Ealing Parks and Countryside Service conducted an extensive consultation exercise in June to which they had an excellent response from the local community. The results enabled them to design an exciting new play area, targeting a range of age groups.

It includes two pieces of climbing equipment with slides, swings and two types of roundabout set on a brightly coloured soft surface. There is also a wooden adventure trail for older children, picnic tables and new soft planting.

The £75,000 cost was met from the S106 Money received from Chiswick Business Park.

S106 MONIES

The first allocation has now been spent and you can see the results in the new street lighting on the eastern side of our area, and the newly refurbished playground.

The second allocation has been made and, by a decision of the Acton Area Councillors, the majority of the money has been allocated to South Acton, leaving only £10,000 for our area. Discussions on the allocation of this money are ongoing.

STREET LIGHTING

We have been monitoring the two phases of lighting with Mouchel Parkman, the lighting contractors. Phase 1 has been subject to major delays but the Street Lighting Department is trying to finish this by the end of the first week in December. Phase 2, which started in October has gone on at a great pace and hopefully will be finished at about the same time. If you see a streetlight not working, please report this on 8825 6555

SOUTH ACTON REGENERATION SCHEME

Although this does not directly affect us, Committee members visited the Public Display. Of particular interest were plans for new buildings by South Acton Station north of the railway line and improvements to the footbridge. We have indicated our concern and interest in these developments.



WEST LONDON TRAM

The Public Consultation closed on 8th October and it will take several months to analyse the results from the 17,000 questionnaires which were received. After due consideration and active participation in the local discussion groups, AGRA decided to oppose the current schemes and has formally written to Transport for London outlining our objections. Our main concern is the threat of displaced traffic through our streets which we feel would be the inevitable consequence of closing parts of Acton High Street. At a recent meeting called by AGRA about 95% of those present agreed that we should oppose the scheme.

Ken Livingstone is still heavily in favour of the scheme arguing that the Uxbridge Road will soon be gridlocked if the tram project does not go ahead. However, the Public Enquiry is unlikely to take place before 2006 and the final decision will be taken by an independent inspectorate and the Minister of Transport.

CPZ

Residents in Zone M should have received a CPZ Monitoring Questionnaire from London Borough of Ealing. Please complete and return it by 13th December. If you have not received a copy ring LBE on 8825 8052. If you live in Fletcher Road you should have received a Consultation Document.

ACTON GREEN COMMON

The Senior Park Ranger responsible for Acton Green Common came to our Committee Meeting in July and it was felt that this provided a good exchange of views.

A Rangers' Working Party has cleared the area around the old hut by the rose bed. We have been told that there is no money for new bulbs on the Common or in the area near the 94 bus terminal.

PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES

During recent months we have invited candidates from the principal political parties to our Committee meetings to ascertain their views on local issues and to advise them of our concerns. When a date has been called for a General Election we propose to hold a meeting for members to have an opportunity to listen to and question candidates from the three major parties.

LOCAL HISTORY

Ealing Library and Information Service is arranging a series of talks about the history of various parts of the Borough. They will be held at 7 pm every Monday during January and February in the Reference Section of Ealing Central Library. Tickets are £4 and can be obtained from the Library on 8825 5600.

The list of talks is on the AGRA website: www.actongreen.org.uk