

VPERA AGM and all-residents' meeting
18/06/19

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hello everyone, thanks for attending. My name is Pete Sampson, I'm the chair of the residents' association, I live at number 80 Combe Avenue.

As you can see on the agenda, the first part of the meeting will be the annual general meeting for the Vanbrugh Park Estate Residents' Association.

And the second part will be the regular all-residents' meeting. So if you have any items to discuss, please wait until the second part of the meeting.

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The residents' association is a group of residents who meet 10 times a year to plan community events and discuss issues arising on the estate.

Our aims are to promote the rights of all residents on the estate, to help foster community spirit, and to ensure it's a pleasant place for us all to live.

Once a year, at the AGM all committee members resign and all residents at the meeting are asked to nominate new members for the coming year. We're always keen to get new voices on the committee so if you're considering it please do put yourself forward when we ask for nominations.

Committee members who have served over the past year have been:

Myself, Pete Sampson (Chair);
Martina Perkins (Secretary);
Louis Alexander (Treasurer);
Virginia Clements;
Mick and Ray Cooke;
Laura Chinnery;
Alex Wheeler;
Stephen O'Toole;
Gill Fairbanks.

Thanks to all for their time and efforts over the year.

I'm now going to move on to the chair's report, a summary of the residents' association's activities over the last year.

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Over the past year the residents' association has worked on a variety of events, fundraising, and projects.

EVENTS

We held our annual **summer party** last July, which was really well attended and included a bbq, face painting, and a visit from the local fire brigade.

We also held an informal **late summer drinks** one evening one which residents' brought along chairs, tables, drinks and snacks and we chatted into the night.

In December we had a great turnout for **Christmas carols** and lots of participation in the raffle.

FUNDRAISING

Moving onto other fundraising for the committee, one of our members, Stephen O'Toole ran a **sponsored 10k** in Greenwich Park and raised over £300.

And our resident Gill Fairbanks created a wonderful series of **greeting cards** featuring her hand-cut lino prints of scenes around the estate. These are really lovely, unique pieces of work and are available to buy as a set of 6 for £5. I'll pass this set round so you can all have a look. Let us know if you'd like to buy a set.

PROJECTS

This year saw the culmination of the estate **greening project**, led tirelessly by Christoph and Laura. The aim was to introduce more greenery into the estate, and after much planning the new areas of grass and soil were laid last summer. Many residents joined in planting them

together. Now it's been almost a year and they're looking fantastic.

In the last year we've also created a **website** for and about the estate, as well as matching posters for the noticeboards.

The aim was to both provide useful information for new and existing residents as well as to highlight the history of this unique piece of architecture. We wanted to create a design that reflects the boldness of the buildings but also the optimism and openness of the design.

Another project we've started that was stimulated by our research for the website is to install a plaque to commemorate the site of Emily Davison's home. **Emily Davison** was a suffragette who fought prominently for women's rights and died when hit by King George V's horse when she walked onto the track of a horse race in protest. Her home was on Vanbrugh Park West, roughly where the swings are. We're liaising with the council to get a plaque installed there to commemorate the estate as the site of her home.

Based on discussions from past all-residents' meetings the committee conducted a **survey** to gauge support for speed bumps inside the estate, marked car parking spaces in the main parking square, and CCTV around the garages. We've passed the response on to the council and who are monitoring the situations before deciding how to progress.

Members of the committee joined the members of Greenwich Council and our local councillors in an **estate walkabout**. This involved walking all over to discuss the state of estate and highlight issues that need attention.

Finally, we've started to focus on how we can improve our **recycling** on the estate to prevent contamination and waste, and avoid overspill and rubbish on the ground. We've been in touch with the council and they're going to have a stall at our summer party to help us all get involved.

Our committee member Virginia has even created an online game that we'll be adding to our website soon, and we'll be putting up posters on all the bin doors to make it really clear what can and can't go in each bin.

A big part of this work is that it's on all of us to make sure the estate is clean and safe for us everyone. If the estate looks messy that only encourages people to leave more mess. So we all need to make the effort to only leave bulky waste in the designated spots, and not to leave rubbish outside if a bin store is full.

FUTURE PLANS

Our plans for this year include:

- our upcoming summer party (Saturday 13 July);
- we're hoping to repeat last year's late summer drinks;
- we're currently gauging interest for a coach trip at the end of the summer;
- we'll hopefully hold Christmas carols in December;
- we're also looking into applying for National Lottery funding that's available for projects of architectural heritage. This could be used to help fund the restoration of parts of the estate that most need it.

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Thank you, I'll hand over to Louis for the treasurer's report.