

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2004

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 11th May in the Hurst Park school hall. We look forward to seeing you there. You can renew your 2004/2005 membership at the door.

The annual subscription is now £3 per household; the first increase anyone can remember. We hope you feel it is still remarkable value for money.

Please arrive at 7-45 pm, so that we can enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles before the meeting. Thames Landscape Strategy will be at the meeting to talk about their plans for our riverside landscaping.

Danny Bond our local CPSO, is also expected to attend and we are hoping to have a Tesco representative attending as well.

RESOLUTIONS

To comply with the HPRA constitution, resolutions from members for discussion at the AGM must include the names of the proposer and seconder, both of whom must be current members of the Association.

Resolutions should be sent to the Secretary Mrs Pat Wilkinson at 36 Thames Court to arrive no later than 6th May. Voting on any formal motions that are proposed as a result will be by a show of current membership cards.

HPRA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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NEWSLETTER SPRING 2004

Hello and a very warm welcome to the Spring Newsletter. What mixed weather we are having at the moment, but don't the spring flowers look wonderful! The daffodils we planted look especially good, thanks to all the hard work put into planting them by our Committee members. Also a big thank you to MRA for giving us the bulbs and particularly to Ernest Mallet for the snowdrops and shrubs at Sadler's Ride. They are much appreciated.

HERITAGE MARKER

Great news!!! We have secured sufficient funds to complete the project, now scheduled to be officially opened by the Mayor of Elmbridge at 7pm on Friday 28th May.

This will also be the closing event of the Elmbridge Cultural Festival which runs from 17th -28th May. Come along to the riverside for the festivities, near the ferry on the 28th May, when light refreshments will be available. We are confident that you will be favourably impressed by our Heritage Marker, which will suitably commemorate the truly remarkable history of our riverside area stretching back over 6,000 years.

Nearly 80 of the 96 name plaques, which encircle the Marker, have been bought by local residents. If you would like to have your name, or the name of a friend, relative or other loved one commemorated on a plaque please contact Elizabeth or Anne – their phone numbers are on the back page.

THE PRECINCT

The Sullivan Close garages have already gone and demolition proper will commence in May, but the One-Stop Shop will remain open until the end of June. The rebuilding programme aims to hand over the new store to Tesco in October and complete the first of the fifty-four flats by next spring. There will inevitably be local disruption during construction. We have pressed hard to minimise this, including that the new landscaping be completed at the outset, and that construction vehicles should access the site direct from Hurst Road. Interim shopping arrangements are discussed later in this newsletter.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

We have been successful in securing a number of important improvements, including a new roundabout at the Hurst Road/Buckingham Avenue junction and traffic calming measures for Victoria and Buckingham Avenues. When Tesco is operational there will be no access to Victoria Avenue from Buckingham Avenue, and no access to the Tesco car park from Victoria Avenue (i.e. no supermarket traffic in Victoria Avenue). No waiting of Tesco's delivery vehicles will be allowed in Hurst Road, Buckingham Avenue or Victoria Avenue, and before and after studies of traffic movements must be undertaken to see whether any further measures are required. A planted mound will be raised in front of the houses at the eastern end of Victoria Avenue to improve the residents' outlook and shield

them from noise etc. We have been unsuccessful in securing a new pedestrian crossing in Buckingham Avenue but there will be a raised table across the road to assist pedestrians.

OPERATION OF THE NEW TESCO.

We are pleased to report our success in ensuring that the new store unlike most Tescos, will be required to include a full dispensing pharmacy and a post office. It will also include newspaper and off-license sales, as well as the full range of Tesco food and convenience products. The planning approval permits the store to open from 07.00 – 23.00 Monday to Saturday; 10.00 – 18.00 on Sundays and 09.00 – 19.00 on Bank Holidays.

These opening times are similar to those that have always applied at the Precinct, but they are more restrictive for Sundays and Bank Holidays.

All delivery vehicles will be required to access the store via the new roundabout.

There have in the past been no restrictions on delivery times to the Precinct, but deliveries to the new Tesco will be permitted only from 07.00 – 23.00 Monday to Saturday; 09.00 – 19.00 Sundays and 09.00 – 20.00 on Bank Holidays.

No waiting of delivery vehicles will be allowed in Hurst Road, Buckingham Avenue or

Victoria Avenue, and no more than two deliveries will be permitted 22.00 and 23.00 Monday to Saturday.

No unloading will be allowed outside the enclosed service area and the doors must be closed at all times except for vehicle access. All waste will have to be stored within and collected from inside the service area.

External noise levels must not exceed 55db from 07.00 – 23.00 and 45db from 23.00 – 07.00. Noise from any plant, machinery or equipment serving the store must not exceed 45db at any time.

The fifty-four flats will be one and two bed roomed, with fourteen affordable units for key workers (i.e. NHS, Emergency Services, Teaching, Local Authority, Transport, Postal and other key workers). Seven of these units will be for shared ownership and seven for rent.

OTHER BENEFITS.

The developers will contribute £18,413 for a local play space; £15,000 for bus shelters and travel vouchers; and £5,000 for “Percent for Art” which will go to our Heritage Marker Project. They will also install CCTV linked to the Elmbridge Police monitored system.

INTERIM SHOPPING ARRANGEMENTS .

There will be no shops or Post Office on the estate from July until October. Arrangements will

be made for medical prescriptions to be collected from Dr. Dhalla’s surgery in Buckingham Avenue.

Residents with access to private transport will need to shop elsewhere for groceries, etc, until the new Tesco is opened. Those who collect their pensions or other benefits from the Post Office will need to make arrangements as soon as possible to collect them from another Post Office (e.g. in Walton Road or Central Avenue). In order to make suitable arrangements to assist those without access to private transport we need to know how many there are and where they live. If you will need assistance with essential shopping, collecting your pension etc during the interim period (July- October) please complete the tear off slip below and return it to Anne Byass at 138 Buckingham Gardens.

GRAFFITI REPORT

More graffiti has appeared around the estate. There are two or three little gangs doing the rounds. Now we have another social inadequate called POKER.

What a depressing little bunch they are. What bears of little brain!!! The Council is now helping with particularly big jobs but do the parents of these moronic vandals realise how much this is costing you and them, the ratepayers.

Thank goodness we have our trusty graffiti man and his helpers to clear up the rest.

Since this article was written Inspector Knight has told us that a number of arrests have been

made, one of which resulted in 12 offences being detected.

DOG MESS

It has been brought to our notice that some dog owners are not clearing up after their dogs. We do appreciate that the great majority of dog owners are very responsible people, especially those using the towpath. However some socially irresponsible owners are allowing their dogs to foul the verges and footpaths along Kelvinbrook and other areas without clearing up the mess.

This is not only very unpleasant and a health hazard, it is also a criminal offence and the offenders are liable to be prosecuted by the Council.

POLICE

The Police are willing to chair a public meeting to discuss the anti-social and petty criminal behaviour by some teenagers on our estate, including recent also the damage to cars and property. HPRA are very happy to book a hall for this event, as we are sure local residents would welcome the chance to air their views, and discuss solutions to the problem.