

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter – March 2009
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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

OGRES AGM
THURSDAY 16 JULY 2009 at 8.00PM

WOODCOTE ROOM,
AT THE BACK OF THE WALLINGTON PUBLIC HALL

Welcome to all the new residents in the OGRES area. We hope you settle into your new homes and enjoy the community environment that is Onslow Garden's Residents Association!

Annual General Meeting

The AGM for your residents' association will be held on Thursday 16 July 2009 in the Woodcote Room at the back of the Wallington Public Hall, from 8.00pm – 9.30pm.

OGRES works for you and the local community ensuring your rights as residents of Sutton are looked after. Please support the Association by coming along to the AGM.

Carol Singing Charity Fundraiser

Our thanks goes to all those who gave generously at the OGRES annual carol singing event. We raised £263 for the Diamond Riding Centre. The Charity, based in Carshalton, provides therapeutic and recreational riding and carriage driving for children and adults with mental and physical disabilities.

A big thank you must go to all the musicians, singers and collectors who give so freely of their time each year. Thank you also to Glenise Coxon who hosted this year's post-singing warm-up!

Planning Matters

Part of OGRES remit is to monitor planning applications submitted to the council that affect our area. In some cases these applications would

have a detrimental affect on our community and OGRES work with the local residents to raise these issues with the council.

If you are aware of, or have any concerns about, planning applications affecting your neighbourhood then please do not hesitate to contact the committee who would be happy to work with you.

- **Sutton Local Development Framework- Site Development Policies Preferred Options document**

Committee members have been attending meetings on the above topic over the past months. Another meeting was held on Thursday 19 February to discuss further the documentation. These documents are available for public review at the Library in Wallington and on line <http://consult.sutton.gov.uk>.

- **Hard standing / Driveway Planning Approval**

Did you know that if you plan to replace your front garden with a driveway larger than 5sq meters that you now require council planning approval. Your contractor should be aware of this change in the law, but you should discuss it with them.

If you are thinking about paving over your garden consider keeping as much shrubbery and unpaved area as possible and think about using a porous surface rather than solid paving.

Wallington Safer Neighbourhood Team – Update

Dear Resident,

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to give you an update about how Wallington South Safer Neighbourhoods Team are working to make your local area a safer and more secure place to live.

Just recently PC Phillips joined the team and I am pleased to say that we are now working at full strength with two PCs and four PCSOs. As a result I have been able to deploy more high visibility patrols across the ward and we receive lots of positive feedback from residents when they see us out and about.

I am aware that a number of residents are concerned about burglary in the area. The figures for this year are actually low but even one is too many as far as I am concerned. I have varied my team's working hours considerably over the past few weeks enabling us to work well into the night on plain-clothes patrols, which has certainly helped to detect and deter possible offenders.

I am also aware that some residents in your particular area are concerned about mini cabs parked in your roads waiting to be hired. This has to be a balancing act as the drivers need somewhere to wait whilst waiting for a fare but I understand that a number of you get frustrated by their presence. I have spoken to the mini cab company and they were very receptive to your concerns and have asked their drivers to vary their waiting areas and not to have more than two vehicles waiting at any one place. If any of you have any concerns regarding the cabs please don't hesitate to call me on 020 8721 2730.

I see from David Duncan that your AGM is set for the 16th July 2009 and I would be more than happy to come along again and give you an update as to what the team is doing and what our plans are for the future.

Regards
Peter Le Shirley PS 4 ZT
Wallington South SNT

If you have concerns about day-to-day crime and disorder issues, please contact a member of the local team either by phone on 020 8721 2730 or via email: wallingtonsouth.snt@met.police.uk. In an emergency call '999'.

For more information about the Safer Neighbourhoods Team visit their website: www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods

Community Groups News

OGRES representatives attend various Sutton Council meetings on behalf of you, the resident. These meetings are open to the public if you wish to attend and all the dates are published on the Sutton Council website. Links to the council site are also available via the OGRES website.

OGRES Website: www.ogres.org.uk

If you have any suggestions for material that could be included on the website please contact either David Duncan (david@wsigotwebsolutions.com), or Lisette Scott (lisettegraham@hotmail.com).