

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter – October 2007
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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

OGRES CAROL SINGING
THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER at 7.00PM

More details will follow

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!

Carol Singing Charity Fundraiser

This year's carol singing will be held on Thursday 20 December commencing at 7.00pm. More details of the route and starting point will follow closer to the time.

All singers, non-singers and musicians are welcome to join this annual charity event. All money raised will be given to a local charity - Diamond Riding Centre, based in Carshalton. The charity provides therapeutic and recreational riding and carriage driving for children and adults with mental and physical disabilities.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 20 December!

Community Groups News

Sutton Council recently announced changes to the Area Committees and Area Forums meetings that are currently attended by members of the OGRES committee.

Going forward there will be six new local committees, one of which will be the Beddington and Wallington Local Committee, comprising the Beddington North, Beddington South, Wallington

North and Wallington South wards. (The OGRES area falls within the Wallington South ward.)

Residents and other community representatives will be encouraged to get involved with the new local committees and take part in the information discussions on issues affecting their communities.

The council has allocated £2 million for investment between 2007–2010 to be shared between the local committees who will decide how it is spent improving their local environment. The Sutton Plan states the money is to be used to: *“Develop our town, district and local centres, including parks and playgrounds to enable them to thrive and better meet the needs of residents and businesses, making them more attractive places to work, shop and live.”*

These meetings are open to the public, but at the same time OGRES has been asked to nominate two representatives to this committee and names have been submitted.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 October 2007, from 7.30pm at Bandon Hill Primary School, Sandy Lane South, Wallington.

OGRES Environment

- Residents have raised their concerns to committee members about the damage caused to footpaths and fences by some of the very large trees lining our roads.

Any concerns you do have should be raised directly with Sutton Council, but please keep OGRES informed so the committee can monitor the situation.

- Please be considerate and cut back any over hanging trees or shrubs from the public footpaths.
- Sutton Council empty bins in the OGRES area on Mondays. Please remember to move your bins back off the footpaths during the rest of the week. If left out they do cause a hazard for pedestrians using the footpaths.
- There have been some recent thefts of lead from roofs. The local police are aware of this but please remember to notify them if you do see anything unusual.

Safer Neighbourhood Team

(provided by PS 4 ZT Peter Le Shirley)

As you may be aware a number of changes have happened to the Wallington South Safer Neighbourhood team.

After 30yrs excellent service to the people of London Sgt. Kim Braybrook is about to retire and Pc's Doug Goodwin and Ger Geehan have moved onto pastures new within the MPS. I have now taken over from Kim along with PC's Liz Crickett and Mark Pearce. Our PCSO's Denise, Sara and James remain on the team and their local knowledge will be invaluable to me in the coming months. I have been in the MPS for 22yrs most of which has been spent on operational duties in Lambeth and on a firearms department in Central London. For the last couple of years I have been responsible for training probationary officers who were posted to Sutton.

It is my intention to carry on with the good work Kim has already done in the area. Following our latest ward panel meeting it is clear to me that youth disorder and anti social behaviour is the greatest concern to the residents in our area. I am very keen to tackle this issue head on with more high visibility patrols, particularly late in the evening, and dealing effectively with offenders. I am also very keen to tackle the causes of anti social behaviour and I will be keeping a close watch on outlets that sell alcohol. Also, I have asked the council to provide me with details of all

the youth clubs in the area so that I can promote them to the youngsters. I do think it is important to take notice of the views of young people and I am very keen to set up a youth panel that would be very similar to the ward panel but chaired and run by the youngsters in the area. If you know of any young people who might like to participate I will be very keen to hear from them.

I very much look forward to meeting you in the coming months and working with you to make our area the safest ward in London.

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

Planning Matters

There are two new planning documents due to be issued shortly by the Council. The subjects covered will be around travel plans and educational contributions. These documents should be available via the Sutton Council website.

Part of OGRES remit is to monitor planning applications submitted to the council that affect our area and act on your behalf.

You can also monitor planning applications by visiting the Sutton Council planning site: <http://www.sutton.gov.uk/environment/suttodeveloplan/mainpage2.htm>

Residents also need to remain vigilant. If you do see planning notices on lampposts or receive flyers in the post, please notify a committee member as soon as possible, either by contacting one of them directly or via the contact button on the OGRES website - www.ogres.org.uk

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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).