

Wembley Central & Alperton Residents' Association
For the Community by the Community

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Notable Dates

Local Elections – May 3rd.

Dear Residents,

We have a lot to report in our newsletter, for a start we are now official. We are keen to keep the momentum and we are forging ahead on a number of fronts.

1. Public Meeting.

At the public meeting on 19 March, we became a properly recognised residents' association. You elected the Committee and adopted the Constitution.

The public meeting was a great success in bringing together residents, Brent Council and the Police. There were 160 people present in a school hall on a cold March evening. That takes some doing and is a testament to everyone's determination to try and improve our local environment.

Do look at the photographs on our Facebook page and watch the introductory video. The minutes of the meeting are on the website and can be sent to you on request. We know that not everyone is on the internet or uses email. If you are a member and we do not have an email address for you, we will deliver a copy of this newsletter to your address.

We now have just over 200 members – impressive for an Association just starting out. But we know there is more to do in reaching out to all of our households, in particular in the Alperton Ward. If you are not a member, please do join us. It takes a minute – a phone call, an email or online – and costs nothing.

2. Street Reps

Key to becoming an effective force in the community, we need to involve residents at the street level. We are looking to develop a network of **street representatives/co-ordinators**.

Important Links

Brent Council

www.Brent.gov.uk

www.keepwembleytidy.co.uk

Please let us know if you are interested – all it means is having someone to represent the interests of residents on their street – asking neighbours to join us: delivering newsletters, getting in touch with us about local issues.

3. Neighbourhood Watch

Also at street level, we are developing WhatsApp groups. The street rep or another resident on the street is the co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch (NW). All that means is that neighbours send a WhatsApp message to the group if they see anything suspicious. Or perhaps a burglary has been reported in the area and people need to be alert and take precautions. It can make a real difference in terms of safety and security – people feel safer and supported, knowing that their neighbours are looking out for each other.

There is more information and advice on our website for setting up a WhatsApp Group. **Please let us know if you would to set up a NW group or be a street rep.** We can talk you through what is involved: put you in touch with others; and include you in the network. Just send an email to info@wcara.org.uk

As streets come on board, we will update our list of active streets. **We also plan to hold a meeting for street reps/NW co-ordinators to share experience and good practice.**

To date, these are the active NW Streets: Basingham Road/Queen Victoria Avenue/Stapleford Road/Thurlby Road/Scarle Road.

And these roads have street reps: Bowrons Avenue, Lyon Park Avenue.

4. One Tree Hill Open Space

We know from the public meeting that many residents living near to One Tree Hill Open Space are concerned about the level of public drinking and anti-social behaviour. The Council has assured us that action will be taken to tackle these issues. We will be working with them and keeping this high on our list of priorities. We met with Brent Council, on 24th April to discuss proactive solutions and will report back the constructive meeting which we held. In the meantime, please report any concerns to us.

5. Police contact (Our SNTs)

Safer Neighbourhood teams (SNTs) were introduced by the Metropolitan Police in 2004. The police, together with the Council and other partner agencies, work with local communities to identify and tackle local issues of concern such as tackling anti-social behaviour and disorder.

As SNT is aligned to each ward, and has two dedicated Police Constables (PC) and and PCSO (Police Community Support Officer). SNTs are



Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Alperton SNT

Sergeant Yu ZHANG (also supervises Sudbury & Northwick Park)

PC Manjit Aulak
PC Nick Harpas
PCSO Raj Sahota (full time)

Email: Alperton.SNT@met.police.uk

Twitter: @MPSAlperton

Tel: 020 8721 2964

M: 07920 233757

Wembley SNT

Sergeant Toby WALTON (also supervises Tokyngton & Preston Wards)

PC Jake Bhanji
PC Terry de Meyer
PCSO Aida Alem (Thu & Fri)

Email: WembleyCentral.SNT@met.police.uk

Twitter: @MPSWembleyCentl

Tel: 020 7161 8027

M: 07843 291101

Wembley Police Station: 020 87333 125

For emergency phone 999, non-urgent enquiries Phone 101

supervised by a Sergeant. Officers may also be deployed to tackle issues across the local ward boundaries within their area and may in emergencies be used for operational duties.

Our two SNTs are Wembley Central & Alperton. We are grateful to PC Jake Bhanji and Terry de Meyer for attending our public meeting on 19 March and giving helpful crime prevention advice. For more information on SNTs and how they operate, visit our website.

6. Local Elections

WCARA is an independent, non-affiliated and non-political residents' association. We do not endorse any politician or party. However, we believe it's important for you to be aware of the Local elections are taking place in London Borough of Brent on Thursday 3 May. To vote in a local council election you must be registered to vote, 18 years old or over on polling day, and be one of the following:

- a British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the European Union
- resident in the UK
- not be subject to any legal incapacity to vote

The local elections on Thursday 3 May are for you to choose who represents you on your local council.

Brent Council is responsible for the following areas: Council housing, Education services, Electoral registration, Environmental health, Leisure and recreation facilities, Libraries, Local planning. Local transport, Parks and public places, Regulation of local business, Roads and footpaths, Social services, Waste and recycling.

As politicians' canvas for your vote, do ask them how they intend to work for the area. It's important that we exercise our right to vote and hold the elected politicians to account.

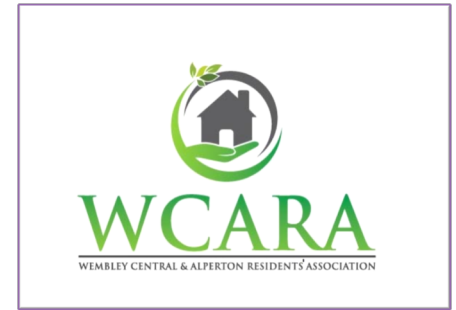
Long newsletter this month as there is a lot going on and without your support, we cannot continue to raise these issues with elected and non-elected officials at Brent Councils. Please visit our website for regular update.

Kind regards

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Chair

Email: chair@wcara.org.uk



Local Election Candidates

Alperton Candidates:

1. Allie, James Borbor. Labour
2. Appiah Fordjour, George. Conservative
3. Brown, Daniel Edward. Liberal Democrats
4. Chohan, Bhagwanji Hari. Labour & Cooperative
5. Chowdhury, Shamin Ahmed. Conservative
6. Johnson, David Clement. Liberal Democrats
7. Kerr, James William. Liberal Democrats
8. Linne, Andrew James Edward. Green
9. Patel, Vikas . Conservative
10. Sangani, Trupti. Labour & Cooperative

Wembley Central Candidates

1. Brewis, Adin Jack. Conservative
2. Brown, Valerie Lydia. Liberal Democrats
3. Butcher, Lacey Eve. Conservative
4. Fergusson, George. Conservative
5. Mitchell-Murray, Wilhelmina Castila. Labour
6. Patel, Jyotshna, Liberal Democrats
7. Patel, Rohan Bharat. Green
8. Patterson, Luke. Labour
9. Sheth, Krupa. Labour
10. Wharton, Robert. Liberal