



From the Chair

Dear Neighbours

This year's pleasant summer is now over and autumn is with us. Our HOME in Bloom competition was run successfully again with some fine front garden displays in evidence. Details of the winners can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

You will be pleased to know that new street signs are being devised in collaboration with the Council. These will clearly state that we are in the East India Estate Conservation Area and will serve as a reminder to both residents and would-be

developers that appropriate procedures need to be followed, for instance regarding the placing of satellite dishes, the preservation of trees, the fact that front gardens can no longer be hard-paved as in the past. For more information please see page 4 below.

I am sure you will all have noticed that the new conservation area street lights are here and have generally received good comments. If, however, you have one of the new lamps sited close to your residence and find the amount of light intrusive, you can ask the Council to have a rear shield installed. The contact for that is: John Algar, PFI Contract Manager, Place Department, Croydon & Lewisham Street Lighting PFI, Client Monitoring Team
Tel: 0208 394 4717; Mob: 07917 555 216; E-mail : john.algar@croydon.gov.uk or john.algar@workingwith.skanska.co.uk



Do keep an eye on our website - <http://www.home.addiscombe.net/> – where, among other things, you will find news on planning applications and an update on anything we have done or are planning to do. One recent planning application has stirred us into action. This relates to the property at 6 Ashburton Road, a fine family house given a favourable comment in our



6 Ashburton Road

Conservation Area Management Document. The new owner is seeking to extend and convert the property into 7 apartments, including the demolition of the existing garage, the partial replacement of the roof and a two-storey extension to the rear and side. There has been a separate e-mail about this and flier is being produced for delivery to households in Ashburton road. HOME has objected to the proposed development for the reasons given in the e-mail and flier and would urge those of you who agree with us to do likewise. You can view the plans and supporting documents online at

<http://publicaccess2.croydon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=OCDCHYJLH4K00> and write your comments by **6 October 2016** at <http://publicaccess2.croydon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=OCDCHYJLH4K00>

Watch out for our next, hard-copy newsletter closer to Christmas. This will include information about our New Year's Social which is being planned for the first part of January.

Mira Armour

Havelock Road, Outram Road, Mulberry Lane, Elgin Road & Ashburton Road/Close/Gardens

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HOME IN BLOOM

This year's Home in Bloom competition attracted a good range of nominations. We should like to thank our judges, Leslie, Lucie and Anne, for undertaking their task so well.



Here are the winners:

The shared garden of **38 Havelock Road** particularly shone out to us, not only because of its well-chosen, colour-coordinated flowers and immaculate lawn, but also because of the team effort that was involved in its creation. The residents in the flats of number 38 worked collaboratively to transform their green space into a harmonious and charming front to their building, and in a very short amount of time too. For these

reasons it warmed our hearts. Congratulations for pitching in together and making something beautiful as a community!

60 Bolney Grange has nurtured a show-stopper of a front garden! Their garden is barely 4 square metres in size, and the residents have made the most of every inch! It's brimming with hundreds of flowers and arranged perfectly symmetrically; even the front door is framed with two cascading hanging baskets. The residents have made fantastic use of height, with fuchsias planted against the wall of the house in the back of the flower beds and delicate ground cover flowers closer to the front, allowing all of this beautiful display to be perfectly presented to the viewer.



89 Outram Road is a fine example of British horticulture: with evidence of having been planned out throughout the year, with Lacecap Hydrangea and Hypericum stealing the show at the moment. The bedding is unusual with tall Nicotiana - overall a classy front garden that stands apart.



We were stopped in our tracks at **59a Outram Rd** by its commendable efforts in utilising the limited space available - a concrete staircase – where they have created a welcoming, colourful and beautiful journey up to the front door. It's right next door to the building site on the corner of Mulberry Lane, so the residents' efforts are a welcome distraction to the neighbouring rubble and scaffolding. We appreciated their care, effort and positive impact on the area, and nominated it instantly. Congratulations to all whose gardens were nominated. It was a pleasure to judge and to see all the time and care that our H.O.M.E residents have made, which enriches the whole area as a neighbourhood! Thank you all, and keep gardening!

ADDISCOMBE WARD – ROAD WATCH

Are you fed up of speeding vehicles in your area? Would you be able and enthusiastic enough to help the police with this issue? Would you be willing to spare a few hours of your time to help?

Addiscombe Safer Neighbourhood Team are looking for volunteers to help our Roads and Transport policing team in cracking down on speeding. The Scheme involves residents being trained on a speed gun by PC's or PCSO's who then record all the car registrations the volunteers clock with the speed gun. Once recorded the offenders will receive a warning letter in the post but if the same person is caught 3 times or more they can then be fined.

Important- Please be aware that if you are to participate you will not be allowed to perform checks in your own road but will be able to do checks on neighbouring roads. This is to avoid any unnecessary disputes with people you may know.

should you wish to take part please supply your name, address, email and phone number to the Addiscombe Safer Neighbourhood Team using their contact details below.

PCSO 7308 Angela Kilden, Addiscombe

Email - Addiscombe.snt@met.police.uk Tel - 020 8721 2473

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications - How to see what applications have been made

Planning applications are regularly updated on the HOME website (<http://www.home.addiscombe.net>) or you can register on the Croydon Council Planning website (<http://publicaccess2.croydon.gov.uk/online-applications/>) and then create and save a search in your road and / or neighbouring roads so that the council will send you and email every time there is a new application or a decision that meets your saved search criteria.

THE NEW CONSERVATION AREA ROAD SIGNS

As mentioned above, HOME have been consulting with the Council on the design of new road signs. These have to be of an approved standard type for conservation areas within the borough. So, while HOME submitted some suggested designs, the Council in return have produced signs of the following type which will be part of an overall improvement of the street landscape in Croydon:



These designs will need to be approved by the Highway Department and the emergency services. The good news is some ward money has been promised to cover the costs for producing the new signs. The company producing signs will do so as part of its corporate social responsibility. Any contributions from HOME members will be welcome as well. Your contributions can be put in an envelope with "Street Signs" on the outside and handed or dropped off to

2 Ashburton Road – Phil Emerson

74 Outram Road – Stan Goron

6 or 27 Havelock Road – Ellen Forester or Mira Armour

7 Mulberry Lane – Simon Thompson

44 Elgin Road –Norman Young

FOR YOUR DIARY

Drinks and nibbles at 31 Havelock Road from 18.30 on Thursday 24 November 2016 in connection with the new road signs and hosted by Irmela

The New Year Social from 3 to 6 pm on 8 January 2017, venue yet to be decided

Birth of a house – at the corner of Outram Road and Mulberry Lane a house has arisen



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Annual subscription request for the H.O.M.E Residents' Association. Membership runs from AGM-AGM, AGMs are normally held at our summer social in June.

The association is funded by voluntary annual subscriptions and any funds raised by raffles or donations. Contributions are at your discretion, A subscription of £5.00 (or more if you wish) per household would be very welcome. These help to cover expenses incurred in maintaining the website, printing newsletters, corresponding with the council and others regarding planning applications, the conservation area and wider issues affecting residents as well as our bi-annual social events.

Subscription Form:

Name (Title, Initials & Surname).....

Called Names (of all members of the household).....

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Mobile.....

Email.....
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I enclose a cheque/cash for £_____ Please make cheques payable to The HOME Residents' Association.

Please post to our Treasurer (Deirdre Rainbow, 16 Ashburton Road, CR0 6AL)

Please note that the personal information you give here is confidential to the Committee and will not be passed on to any other organisation or individual.

Thank you for your continued support of HOME.