



REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2011

ONGOING PROJECTS

Cambridge Road Estates Play Scheme – There was a meeting of this Working Party (WP) on 13th January (Minutes will be sent under **CREPs** (Cambridge Rd Estates Play Scheme) when they are available.

As a brief summary, the Marathon Trust Grant Offer was noted along with the grant restrictions . The WP agreed plans to submit a funding proposal to Kingston Town in an attempt to secure additional funds that would allow the project to expand its remit to include the '**Fresh Air Fitness**' scheme previously discuss at the original 'Playbuilder' meetings and perhaps also include some funding for the CRE Gardening Project which, after several years of planning, is now on the verge of becoming active in partnership with Transition Town Kingston (TTK). Any updates will be given at the CREst meeting. Des and Jill agreed to work together to draft a funding bid for 'The Bill Funds' through Cllr David Ryder-Mills Chair of Kingston Town committee. This has now been done and is with Simon Oelman for 'tweaking'

Our next step will be to agree a document which will be sent to invite companies to bid in an effort to secure the contract to Manage this project. This will include costings, deadlines and ideas as to the format the Play Scheme will take. In addition we need to agree a format that will ensure that the future maintenance of the Play Areas are agreed and will be incorporated in to the costs.

CRE Gardening Group At our last meeting, Mary and I invited Hilary from TTK to attend to confirm with us the latest updates. In addition we have planned to hold an initial meeting for the 'CRE Diggers' on 5th February in Piper Hall .Posters and leaflets plus a Newsletter item have been circulated (attached). We aim to encourage as many residents as possible to get involved with project and, as such we have placed a questionnaire in each January 2011 Newsletter seeking the opinions of CRE residents.

We have also donated £100 to 'kick-start' this project which has been so long in the planning. We urge as many of you as possible to attend in Piper Hall from 10am – 12noon this Saturday

AFC Wimbledon training and match sessions / Fulham FCC Kickz. The initial response to the AFC project has been slow. However, we have included the adverts in our Newsletter, added it to our website and I am trying to send details to the local school Cluster Groups. In addition we have included in our Newsletter the schemes that Jen Emeny discussed at our last meeting. I am currently setting a date to meet with Fulham FC and AFC to draw discuss co-ordinating activities on the CRE rather than risk duplications. If you would like to be party to this please let me know.

Fit as a Fiddle This project has been very successful – so much so that those who attend at present are keen for us to find a way to extend the sessions beyond the 6 weeks that have been agreed. Doreen plans to report on this at the meeting.

Royal Wedding Street Party Organising Committee . This turned out to be a positive meeting with DG, JH and I for CREst plus Cynthia Brown and John Valles and Alan Griffiths as CRERA delegates. We co-signed a basic agreement confirming that costs and workload are to be split 50/50. The draft budget is £500 in total – £250 each. The plans include holding a kids' activity during Easter making

the bunting and other decorations . We are also planning to encourage residents to prebook to try and reduce wasted food (and money!)

Community Choir. We recently met with representatives from the Euphonix Community Choir when it was agreed that we would work in partnership with them to encourage Norbiton residents to become involved in this venture. As a result, Queen Mary's Hall has been booked and we have arranged two 'taster' sessions for residents to attend choir rehearsals. Interest has been shown from quite a few residents (possible because there are no auditions!) I am hopeful that this will be a successful project. A copy of the flier for this is attached.

ESTATE MATTERS

Site Inspections – We have now agreed a set schedule for site inspections both here and on Cambridge Gardens. John and Doreen have recently gone round one evening to check the lighting situation – this will be reported on at our meeting this evening. In addition, through Sheila Griffin we have established a system via 'Fix my Street' which allows residents to report problems directly to RBK through an internet link. A similar system is being reviewed by Sheila for working with the local police.

Madingley Fire update - Gas supplies to surrounding blocks – This is a situation which has been going on since the Madingley Fire in July. I have been in touch with Cllr Steven Brister in an effort to resolve issues surrounding this and he plans to raise this matter with Simon Oelman

OTHER MATTERS

Newsletter - We have just distributed the January 2011 issue , the first one with our Editor Jenny Pitt in sole charge. She has made some changes which have attracted a fair amount of positive feedback. The April issue will include an updated 'Activity Mapping' chart showing residents what activities are going on where – be that sports, childcare or health-checks. Once again, a key point made in the 'You Can' report was not only the need for services but the need for residents to be aware of what facilities are available to them.

Training – CREst has made a determined effort to get trained in the many issues that surround working in the community. Doreen and I are booked to attend a 2 day 'Outcomes Focus ' training course subsidized by KVA and we have plans for Governance & Finance training with a view to becoming a registered charity.

ECET CREst are delighted to welcome Martha Earley back from maternity leave to resume her duties with ECET. We look forwards to a positive and mutually beneficial relationship in the future.