



CHAIR'S REPORT FOR MAY 2011

Cambridge Road Estates Play Scheme - This will be reported by Sheila Griffin (SEE ATTACHED)

Treasurer – You will have heard by now that Georgie has had to resign as our Treasurer due to time constraints. Thankfully we shall not be losing her completely as she has promised to continue helping out with Newsletter deliveries and the odd event. I have written to thank her for all she has done for the group.

I have also asked Kingston Volunteers Centre to put a request on the volunteer finder website in the hope that we can recruit a replacement.

AFC Wimbledon / Fulham FCC Kickz We continue to liaise regarding current and future projects – Fulham FC have emailed to say that they are likely to run out of funding for the Girls' Project before another funding source can be found. I have asked that they let CREST know approximately how much it would cost to fund this once a week project whilst alternative funding is sought so that we could discuss the possibility of helping out in the interim period to save the project having to close and then restart at a latter date.

Fit as a Fiddle - This has halted for now but we are working hand in hand with Grace from Age UK to re-introduce this scheme in the Summer.

Gardening Project - This is now up and running with the garden located behind Fordham Block. Sessions have been planned for the second Saturday of every month and Tuesday afternoons and they are open to anyone who is interested. There are posters encouraging locals to participate – especially in the weekend sessions - and details of these sessions in the Events Calendar and Newsletter.

Fun Day – This year the event will take place on Saturday, 20th August. Planning for this is well in-hand, and we are currently searching for prizes for both the Raffle and the tombola stalls.

One Norbiton - Doreen Gardiner and I attended the last meeting of *Building Bridges* where we participated in the discussions surrounding the *One Norbiton* consultation with Jamie from 'Turning Point.' CREST members also attended the 'drop in' event held on 19th April. We have been actively encouraging as many local residents as possible to complete the questionnaire being run on Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GX3GTFP> from the *One Norbiton* Facebook page 'Norbiton Working Together' and have found it useful to print off copies and seek a response from local people that way. We have added a link on to our website and included an item in our recent Newsletter to further encourage residents to put forward their point of view.

This project was discussed at the CRE Community Partnership meeting on Monday, 16th May and it was stressed that the key to this becoming a successful project will be ensuring that a broad spectrum of Norbiton residents and service users voice their opinions.

Newsletter - Funding for this is now becoming a priority.

Facebook – Thanks go to Jenny who has created a Facebook Page for CREST – we now need to make sure that as many people as possible find out about it!

CREst Summer Trips – Doreen has organised two awayday trips for this year – one in June to Brighton and the other in August to Littlehampton. I wonder if we should perhaps look at other destinations that residents might enjoy? For example there is a park in Giggs Hill where they offer a family day out which includes rides on miniature steam engines, or perhaps we could look in to the cost of reduced entry to Hampton Court? There are also several markets locally that residents may wish to explore. Let me know what you think – especially if you have any ideas of your own!

As well as trips, we have booked 'Enjoy a Ball' once a week for the six weeks of the summer holidays. Raj came to the estate and ran a session over Easter and is very popular with the younger children.

CAMBRIDGE ROAD ESTATES PLAY SCHEME

The last full meeting of the CREPs working party was held on 7th April. This was the day after Kingston Town Committee had met and agreed to set aside £41,000 of 'The Bill' money towards this project, retaining £18,000 for other projects or emergencies.

At the April meeting, Rob Waite provided an approximate timescale for future works – this has been converted in to a simple colour coded planner (see attached) It was also agreed that key committee members met to discuss appointing a company to manage the project from the 3 who had submitted bids:

NPS Group, Keegans and Quadron Services Ltd.

On 27th April Des Gordon, Rob Waite and Jill Preston met to evaluate the bids and selected Quadron to manage the project using RBK's standard selection criteria. Although Quadron did not submit the cheapest bid, they offered greater understanding of what was needed and demonstrated through their previous proven track record that they are able to fulfil the brief.

The next meeting is planned for 19th May where a representative from Quadron will be invited to attend a way forward agreed.

One of our key aims at present is to consult with local residents about their needs and preferences. This is already underway with a number of surveys completed and I have undertaken to co-ordinate this further.

Sheila Griffin

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