



## **March 2012 CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **1. ONE NORBITON WORKING TOGETHER [ONWT] PROJECT**

There was a meeting of the 'Community Working Group'[CWG] on 23<sup>rd</sup> February where the final details of the mail-out aimed at recruiting the 'Jury Panel' were agreed and we have started to receive reports from the 'Priority Sub Groups'. Minutes from this meeting will be circulated as soon as they have been confirmed. In addition to this you may want to visit the new One Norbiton website at: [www.onenorbiton.org](http://www.onenorbiton.org) where you can now view all of the key documents relating to this project, amongst other things.

One of the items on the agenda was a request from Norbiton Councillors to receive all One Norbiton papers. The group agreed that, given each Councillor is a Norbiton resident and that they can already access the information through the website it would be pointless to refuse. In addition it was felt that encouraging interaction between groups could only be a positive move.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 6.45pm in Piper Hall. Speaking personally (I get in to trouble if I am seen to 'speak' on behalf of the CWG!) it is vital that we attract as many Norbiton Community members as possible. 'Community' is defined as people who live, work or are actively involved' in Norbiton Community life. From the records we have at the moment there are approximately 15 voting members of the group, despite the fact that both the circulation list and the number of members that are reported stands at 30+. The CWG are taking steps to establish who are actual members. If you, or your neighbours would like to become involved please let me know. We are now 'autonomous' and are therefore we do not satisfy any previous criteria for attendance.

**Community Engagement exercise** - this is an ongoing project. The text for the leaflet aimed at recruiting a 'Jury Panel' was agreed in principal at the CWG meeting. The mailing list has finally been clarified and we now have the 'Random Numbers' of the addresses that have been identified as the first invited to make up the 'Jury Panel'.

As I write we are liaising with Carlos Quermel from RBK to arrange for the leaflet to be printed and also to agree the plans for the FREEPOST address. You will recall that CREst have offered our address as a reply venue. We are now trying to arrange a way for this to be the FREEPOST address. Initially it was hoped that we could simply use the account used by RBK but this would not be possible unless the return address featured RBK and therefore all responses were sent to RBK. We have just written to ask if RBK would be prepared to set up an account with Royal Mail on our behalf using the funding that was offered in January. This would allow us to use the Graveley address and also have primary access to the replies, as we already have with the text and website responses. Fingers crossed I will know more at our meeting.

### **2. ESTATE MATTERS**

- a) **Site Inspections** - I have just been sent a copy of the revised schedule for estate inspections from Claudia, I will forward these for your information
- b) **Lighting** - We had reported that there are serious problems with lighting in a number of areas on the estate. As an example we have the ongoing problem with Ely Court. (There are no electrical feeds to the lampposts!) In the same area, the alleyway between Graveley and Washington Road now has no working lights at all - neither is there lighting in the alley between Graveley and

Chesterton Terrace. The last 2 are of particular concern as they are known areas for drug dealing. I am happy to report that lighting on the alley between Graveley and Washington Road has now been mended.

- c) **Play Scheme** - The latest notes are attached. The key point is that we have now received applications from companies wishing bid for the contract. Doreen is part of the evaluation process and I am sure she will report progress at our meeting.
- d) **Safer Neighbourhood update** - I happened to run in to Jen and Tom from the SNT this lunch time and took the opportunity to ask them about the police bicycles. It seems that the problem lays with the fact that when we donated the bikes we did not also donate the funds needed to maintain them too! [ Yes, I know, that's what I said!] I have asked if we could receive some kind of update about costings etc. I was informed that the SNT plan to attend the meeting on Monday so we can discuss this further then.

### 3. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- a) **Cook and Eat** - Harman failed to attend our last meeting to discuss this
- b) **Cycling** - This is on-going
- c) **Drama** - Following the launch in our Newsletter, Jim reports that he has had several responses
- d) **Zumba** - Reports indicate that there have been in excess of 14 people attend the first meeting, which is very encouraging
- e) **Obesity Workshop** - I am very grateful to Veronica Storey for representing CRESt at this event to discuss what is an ever growing problem.
- f) **Mental Health 'drop'** - I hope that we will receive an update on Monday
- g) **Mental Health First Aid** - This is a topic which requires further discussion
- h) **Fun Day** -The First Fun Day working group meeting agreed the basic outline for the 2012 event -ie: 8<sup>th</sup> September with entertainment such as the Fun Fair, Mobile Farm, Charley Farley and the 'Hoola-Hoop' lady. We are planning to organise the event in a slightly different way. The idea is that we will form informal 'sub groups' with resident volunteers for areas such as the Tombola, Raffle, Refreshments, etc. The hope is that we can encourage more residents to help without frightening them with too much committee work and responsibility. If you would like to lead one of these groups, or you know someone who would please let me know asap!
- i) **Ticket costs for Coach trips and events** - This is a matter which I know Doreen is keen to resolve at our next meeting. Having initially discussed this at our February meeting where we agreed to increase tickets by 50p. Copy date for the April Newsletter is at the end of next week so decisions need to be made now about where the trips should be to. ( PS - Note my subtle reminder about Newsletter deadlines!)

### 4. ACCOUNTS

Kayhan and I are planning to meet with the Community Accountant in the near future

**Funding** - We are currently awaiting news of our recent funding application for the Newsletter.

### 5. TRAINING

I have now met with Sanja, our friend from Kingston Voluntary Action ( KVA) to outline our training needs at the moment. This includes a brief outline of the responsibilities of Charitable Trustees. In addition, Sanja has recommended that we meet with her to plan a 'skills audit' for CRESt committee members and also a future plan. She has suggested 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> April as possible dates - we need to decide this on Monday.

### 6. EASTER / JUBILEE PLANS

This is an open item up for debate.