

Society Overview

We are a residents' society covering an area of 1500 households of which nearly 500 are subscribing members. Our objective is to maintain and enhance the built environment and to generally enhance the area for the benefit of residents.

Details of the society's activities and the area covered can be found on our website:

<http://www.rvpsbromley.org/>

Our webmaster publishes planning applications and general news updates relating to our area on a very regular basis. I strongly encourage you to visit the website and see what information is available. Some content is restricted to society members; the password is provided when you join!

Residents' meetings are held on the first Thursday, every other month, at 8 p.m. at the Bromley Court Hotel. Please join us to find out more about how we operate. Dates for the year ahead are: 7th September 2017; 2nd November 2017; 4th January 2018; 3rd May 2018; 5th July 2018. Our AGM is at the same venue on 1st March 2018.

Join us! Either online via our website or fill in the form below and send it, with subscription, to: Linda Muller, 48 Bracken Hill Lane, Bromley BR1 4AJ Our subscription fee is £5pa or donation for pensioners.

Your records are kept on computer securely and will not be used for any other purpose.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

RVPS may hold and process my data for the purposes of running the Society in accordance with Data Protection regulations.

Planning Issues

Planning Applications

RVPS has been involved in monitoring all the planning applications, objections, enforcement orders, etc made in our area in the last year.

There is insufficient space in the newsletter to list them but there is a record of them all on our website at:

<http://www.rvpsbromley.org/>

Tree Roots and Drains

In the last year there have been several planning applications to fell trees because of problems with blocked drains. Chris Ryder, Principal Tree Officer, Planning Division, London Borough of Bromley, has given us permission to publicise comments he made in connection with one such a case:

Tree roots can cause problems by blocking drains. They do not usually cause the initial damage to the drain and will only enter drains which are already damaged and leaking. Therefore, if drains are watertight, roots should not normally affect them. If your drains are blocked by roots you will need a drainage company to assist. It is possible that the drains will require lining or replacing. Removing the tree seldom resolves the problem as the drain remains damaged and can leak or be infiltrated by the roots of other plants unless the drain is repaired.

Society Officers

Officers

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RVPS Newsletter



Working with the community

Summer 2017 Round-up

Issue 3/17

Welcome to the 'annual round-up' newsletter which we distribute to every household in our area. If you are already a member, thank you for your support during the previous year and if you are yet to be a member, please do join us either by using this newsletter or via our website www.rvpsbromley.org.

We continue to be very supportive of members in our area and have been involved in: -

- A second tree planting project making approximately 50 new trees altogether (please water any new trees if you can!);
- Opposing a number of unwelcome planning applications including that at 100 Madeira Avenue;
- Demanding that the Council ensures that new properties are built strictly as agreed and not to lower standards that developers try to get away with;
- Suggesting constraints on the proposed outdoor events licence in Beckenham Place Park;
- Tidying up some of our 'green' areas including in Crab Hill and the triangle of land at the bottom of Downs Hill;
- Reporting dozens of potholes and unswept streets to the council via www.fixmystreet.com/ ;
- Making representations about the flawed parking scheme in Crab Hill with its negative impact on surrounding roads;
- Commenting on the massive new building project opposite the Central Library.

All of this is carried out by a dedicated group of volunteers – do please get in touch if you would like to join in with our activities.

[Beckenham Town Centre Improvement Scheme](#)

You are no doubt aware of the works going on in the High Street. If you would like to get information about the scheme they are at the following link:

www.bromley.gov.uk/beckenhamimprovements

You can sign up for regular updates by email using the link on that page. It is for local residents as well as businesses.

[Oak Processionary Moth](#)

The Forestry Commission were at Beckenham Place Park at the beginning of this month, and have reported the presence of oak processionary moth. Please look out for it.

Forestry Commission and City of London advice leaflets are available via our website:

<http://www.rvpsbromley.org/oak-moth.php>

[Beckenham Place Park](#)

[Lewisham and Catford Flood Alleviation Scheme](#)

A decision has now been made on Bromley Council's planning application. Whilst no objection is raised in principle, concern is raised from the Environmental Health Officer regarding the location and duration of any emergency pumping. Concerns were also raised by Bromley residents.

[Park Improvements](#)

Planning applications for both the west and east sides of the park have also been approved and the process of selecting contractors initiated.

[Entertainments Licence Application](#)

Lewisham Council have applied for a premises licence in order to hold events for up to 5000 people at Beckenham Place Park.

We have submitted a number of concerns. Some of them have been answered but we have not withdrawn them as consultation continues.

For details of the above see our website:

www.rvpsbromley.org/beckenham-place-park.php

And Lewisham's website:

www.lewisham.gov.uk

[Ravensbourne / Downs Hill Triangle Tree Project](#)

RVPS Tree Friends have been involved in a new group project in collaboration with the London Borough of Bromley. The site is the triangle of common land at the junction of Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue. Local residents had reported their concerns to RVPS about dead branches overhanging the bus stop and a previous attempt at tidying the site by tree friends was difficult because of the heavy work needed to remove fallen and dead trees. Julian Fowgies, Arboricultural Manager, London Borough of Bromley, carried out a site visit and arranged nine jobs to be done by contractors, Gristwood and Toms. They completed their work and made the site safe for us to remove brambles and ivy and generally tidy up the area. Below are some photos before and after the work by the London Borough of Bromley and RVPS. We will have a further tidy up on 20th August.



[RVPS Tree Friends](#)

Our Tree Friends scheme is run by Monica Wiltshire. One or more Tree Friends have been appointed for each road in our area. Their duties include: basal pruning; loosening young tree ties; watering young trees in dry conditions; and maintenance of tree pits.

The list of Tree Friends is published on our website:

<http://www.rvpsbromley.org/tree-news.php>

If you would like to become a tree friend contact

Monica Wiltshire at trees.rvps@outlook.com

[Street Tree Maintenance](#)

Following our collaboration with Bromley Council, contractors have planted new street trees in our area. They have fulfilled their contract to water them for the first year and it is now up to us to continue watering them for 2 further years to ensure they are well established.

[Other Help needed](#)

We still require more assistance in dealing with planning matters to enable us to give residents the level of support we would wish. This is a very enjoyable role and the technical issues are very straightforward. Please contact the Chairman if this role interests you.

[Suggestions how to improve our area](#)

Here are a few things you might do to help:

- Sweep debris from behind parked cars or telephone cabinets to where the road sweeping lorry/pavement sweeper can get it;
- Better still, form a litter picking team for your street and socialise regularly with neighbours while clearing the street;
- Cut back shrubs that overhang the pavement and spray pavement weeds;
- Use www.fixmystreet.com to report other problems.