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 Residents' Association**

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NGRA News

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Welcome to the latest issue of NGRA News - keeping you up to date with local issues in your neighbourhood.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 11th March – 11am to 2pm

Clean Up Norbury! See panel on the right for further information.

Saturday 18th March – 7pm to 11pm

SERA Barn Dance at St Philip's Church Hall, Beech Road, Norbury SW16 4NN - with Fish and Chip Supper, Bar and Raffle. Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door. Contact Ian: 07712 672546 / chair@sera-norbury.org.uk

Thursday 30th March – 7:30pm

NGRA Annual General Meeting. See panel on the right for further information.

Saturdays 8th April and 27th May – 11am to 2pm

NATHRA Community Clean Up Day. Meet outside Kensington Autos, 98 Kensington Avenue CR7 8BZ
 For more information visit:

www.nathresidentsassociation.wordpress.com

April

NGRA Spring Garden Competition. Spring is here and it's time to spruce up your front garden ready for the Summer. Our volunteers will be out and about doing the judging around Easter time.

Sunday 11th June – 12 noon to 4pm

Love Norbury in Bloom, Community Festival.

St Helen's Road triangle. See our next newsletter for more information.



PLEASE NOTE: Instead of holding our usual Big Lunch this year we will be supporting the Love Norbury Festival on Sunday 11th June.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30pm on Thursday 30th March

Leonard Memorial Hall

Norbury Baptist Church

Semley Road - SW16 4PL

Guest Speaker

**Cllr Stuart Collins – Deputy Leader and
 Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon**

Free Refreshments - Raffle

Please join us to...
**CLEAN UP
 NORBURY!** 
LOVE
 NORBURY

**SATURDAY
 MARCH 11, 2017
 From 11am until 2pm
 MEET AT NORBURY EDGE PUB
 from 10.30am for registration
 ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
 TEA AND COFFEE FOR VOLUNTEERS
 STAY FOR AS LITTLE OR AS LONG AS YOU WANT!**

SEE INSIDE FOR NEWS ON:

- Steve Reed MP meets Norbury residents
- My Croydon App
- Report on Croydon North Streets Summit tackling litter and fly-tipping
- BEWARE! £80 littering fines – Banners coming soon to a lamppost near you
- Take Pride in Norbury

Thank you for your support – please spread the word about NGRA and increase our membership

Steve Reed OBE MP met with constituents at Norbury Manor Primary School on 28th January



Attendance was by invitation to those who vote at Norbury Baptist Church. Each month Mr Reed meets constituents from a different polling station. His opening remarks showed he was very aware of the concerns of residents: fly-tipping, litter, abandoned vehicles, crime, Southern Rail and the NHS.

Refuse and fly-tipping: Mr Reed outlined the efforts being made by the Council in negotiating a new contract with Veolia, who hold the waste management contract, and its investment in state-of-the-art equipment to help Veolia deliver an improved service. He informed the meeting of a Streets Summit to which representatives of Residents Associations and Action Groups would be invited. The Council is cracking down on fly-tippers – 21 vehicles have been crushed and one fly-tipper has received a 12-month prison sentence.

NHS: Mr Reed reported that Croydon has 10% less funding per head of the population than the London average. He is campaigning for equal funding for Croydon.

Mr Reed went on to say that the A&E Department at Croydon University Hospital is scheduled for closure. £21m has been spent on building a new A&E Department which has not yet opened and he is lobbying to prevent its closure.

He urged everyone to write to Health Ministers of all parties to voice their concerns/problems/experiences with the NHS. These include The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP (Con), Philip Dunne MP (Con), Nicola Blackwood MP (Con), David Mowat MP (Con), Lord O'Shaughnessy (Con), The Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP (Lib Dem), Jon Ashworth, MP (Lab), Barbara Keeley MP (Lab), Justin Madders MP (Lab) and Julie Cooper MP (Lab). Write today!

Crime: Mr Reed is organising a meeting to be held at Crystal Palace FC to discuss Policing and Gangs. He had already met with Chief Superintendent Jeff Boothe, Croydon's new Borough Commander, to discuss some of the many concerns of Croydon residents.

Education: Croydon North Schools receive £600 per pupil less than the London average and it is proposed to take another £300 per pupil from the budget. He is campaigning against this and also for equal funding.

Southern Rail: Mr Reed said that Southern had proved incapable of running a train service and he is supporting the Mayor of London's bid to take the Southern Rail 'service' into TfL's operation.

Other subjects discussed included Youth Services, TfL buses, Brexit, Planning and Regeneration.

Windsor House, 1270 London Road, SW16

Windsor House is currently being used by Croydon Council for emergency housing for families. We have received reports of inadequate refuse and parking facilities which are having an impact on the surrounding area. If you have evidence of this or are affected by it please let us know via 07864 538044 or contact@norburygreen.co.uk and contact your local Councillors and MP. Contact details are on the back page.

Get the My Croydon app to report things fast:



The My Croydon app is a faster way to report issues to Croydon Council using your smartphone. It's free and easy to download.

How to report

Reporting issues using the My Croydon app is as simple as 1, 2, 3!

1. Provide the details
2. Take a picture of the incident
3. Send

You can report a number of issues using the app directly into the Council's systems, helping to speed up the processing time and get it dealt with.

What can I report?

- Abandoned vehicle
- Blocked drains and gullies
- Dead animal
- Dog fouling
- Empty properties
- Fly-tipping
- Front garden waste
- Graffiti
- Illegal campsite
- Illegal street trading
- Pavement defects
- Potholes and road defects
- Skip issue
- Street furniture issue
- Tree or hedge obstruction

Croydon North Streets Summit – 18th February

Steve Reed OBE MP – MP for Croydon North

Lizzie Kenyon – Keep Britain Tidy

Nero Ughwujabo – Croydon North Streets Commission

Cllr Stuart Collins – Deputy Leader, Croydon Council



Mr Reed opened the meeting by saying that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the sea by weight than fish. The plastic breaks down to small particles which are eaten by fish and eventually eaten by us. It is a very serious problem that needs to be addressed.



Lizzie Kenyon briefly outlined the history of Keep Britain Tidy. It is a very small organisation but has the ear of the Government. It was formed in 1954 by the Women's Institute. Keep Britain Tidy sets national standards, e.g. Blue Flag

(beaches), Green Flag (parks), and campaigned to bring in the 5p carrier bag charge which has taken 6 billion plastic bags out of circulation. The UK produces 3 million tons of litter each year and 80% of litter in the oceans comes off the land. £1 billion is spent each year by local authorities in cleaning up litter. This could finance public libraries or other services or savings could reduce Council Tax. We clearly need to be better citizens and stop littering.

There is a Government initiative to introduce a Duty of Care on householders to recycle more and produce less landfill; and penalties for fly-tipping will carry an unlimited financial fine and up to 12 months in prison.



Mr Ughwujabo reported that the Croydon North Streets Commission is an independent initiative created by Steve Reed MP in 2013 to tackle the dirty and unkempt streets in the North of the Borough. Following consultation 19 recommendations were made in February 2014 to effect improvements and put to the Council. To date 16 of the 19 have been implemented or partially implemented and the Council has made a real effort to address the problems. The 'Don't Mess with Croydon' initiative has been and continues to be very effective and not just a five minute wonder. He said that pressure needs to continue to be put on the Council and local people need to be supported and educated in the best ways to deal with litter and household waste.



Cllr Stuart Collins reported that the work with traders to ensure they had waste agreements had made a lot of difference on the high streets and the fact that waste has to be put out for collection before 9am or after 6pm has improved the

appearance during the daytime. Operatives who have the dirty job of going through black sacks to identify who has dumped them have enabled many prosecutions. The number of fly-tips that have been picked up within 48 hours of reporting has increased from 3% to 81%. Refuse trucks will have 4-way cameras to check on rubbish left behind. There have been 143 prosecutions for environmental crime, one fly-tipper has received a 12-month custodial sentence for a 2-ton tip and Croydon has crushed 21 vehicles involved in fly-tips – more than any other Borough in the UK.

Croydon has invested in 80 Big Belly Solar Compactor bins for high footfall areas (including Norbury), 25 vacuum cleaners to enhance 25 street sweeping beats (including Norbury), 2 x 18 tonne refuse vehicles, 4 Compact Sweepers and there will be a dedicated weekend resource for removing fly-tips. Other initiatives include a schools education programme on litter and recycling.

The meeting broke into groups to brainstorm solutions to eradicate fly-tipping which produced a variety of suggestions and Cllr Collins took these away for consideration and possible adoption into the programme going forward.

And before the meeting closed Cllr Collins offered Croydon as a guinea pig for any of Keep Britain Tidy's future initiatives. Good news indeed!

And coming to a lamppost near you ...

Cllr Collins advised that banners are appearing on lampposts in high streets warning people of the £80 on-the-spot Fixed Penalty Notices to be issued for dropping litter – including such items as chewing gum, cigarette butts, fast food and wrappers. Where these are in place operatives will be patrolling and issuing FPNs.

BEWARE! Banners have been ordered for Norbury!

If you would like to join the NGRA Committee please make yourself known at our AGM on 30th March!

Take Pride in Norbury – A plea from one of our Committee Members

Are you happy with the quality of cleaning in your road? Have you been affected by fly-tipping? These are just a couple of the issues that NGRA have contacted the Council about - but it is a constant battle and we could do with your help.

It is not uncommon for selfish individuals to discard rubbish in our streets or to fly-tip. This makes the area look dirty and uncared for. I know there are many residents who feel as fed up about this as we on the committee do. I often clean up my patch and put street rubbish in my bin. However, I appreciate that not all householders would be happy to do this. Please can I encourage you to contact the Council if you see any rubbish or a fly-tip. They clear 81% of fly tips within 48 hours of reporting. **Report via the hotline 020 8726 6200 (option 2) or the My Croydon app.**

I have heard a few local residents tell me that they feel the area has gone downhill. If we all pull together we can make a real difference and make Norbury a place to be proud of.

If you are dissatisfied with the level of street cleaning or any other issue involving the Council you can discuss it with one of our local Councillors who hold a surgery at Norbury Library on the first Saturday of each month between 11am and 12 noon. Please try to make time to see them and air any concerns you may have.

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