

Charlton Central Residents' Association AGM - October 2019 Secretary's Report

It has been a busy year for CCRA; and a busy year for me as well after becoming your Secretary. I would like to begin this report by thanking everyone, especially members of the Management Committee, for making me feel so welcome and for helping me to get to grips with all things CCRA. I would also like to express my thanks to those members who have generously hosted committee meetings: your hospitality has been greatly appreciated – thank you.

My role as Secretary is to keep records of meetings of the Management Committee, Officers' Meetings and the Annual General Meeting; I am also responsible for keeping the CCRA Archive. This work has helped me to understand just how much we do and just how hard members work to help us deliver the aims we set out for ourselves in our constitution, in particular, 'to create a closer community with a focus on local issues and promoting community spirit.' The fact that community spirit is alive and well in Charlton is surely a testament to the practical neighbourliness of members of CCRA.

I will pause here to say a special thanks to Jacqui Mitchell, our wonderful Membership Secretary, for her incredible work over the past year to support our growing membership. This has been no easy feat, not least because of the impact of the new General Data Protection Regulations Jacqui advises as follows:

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“On behalf of the Management Committee we would like to thank you for your support this year. Your generous contribution is much appreciated and really is important to CCRA as it gives us a budget to produce the Grapevine and put on CCRA community events.

“Membership numbers continue to rise. We have seen a good rate of renewal of membership in almost all roads as well as 24 new members. There was expressed an appreciation of the introduction of the new Family/Household category of membership at £12.00. We also appreciate that many make a donation, often small when renewing but all these small amounts add up and make a big difference to how we are able to operate. Thank you again.

“We hope to launch a discount scheme for members with select shops, businesses or tradespeople in January. If you would like to take part, or could suggest a business for example please contact Jacqui Mitchell, our Membership Secretary, email membership@charltonresidents.net.

“In 2020 we hope you will continue to support and help CCRA; we could not do it without you. One thing you can do is to note that membership subscriptions are due in January and it would be really helpful if all members renewed in January or February as it helps us better plan our work and events. If you would like to renew tonight please see Jacqui.

I echo these thanks to our Members; and encourage you to renew your membership early, so that our association can continue to go from strength to strength in 2020.

Jonathan Sanders
CCRA Secretary, October 2019