

## "Bounds Green & District Residents Association"

The Association has been in existence now for over 78 years, having been founded in 1933. At the beginning, membership was limited to owner occupiers only of homes, but in October 2000 at a special General Meeting it was decided that all residents within the Association's catchment area could join. Even in 1933, it was felt that there was a need to protect the environment and the Association continues along that path today.

The catchment area of the Association is bounded by Rhodes Avenue in the north, Albert Rd. + Durnsford Rd in the east; Gordon Rd, Parnmore Gardens & The Drive in the south; and Hillside Gardens in the West. It has a few members in the roads off Albert Rd and at least one member in Rhys Avenue. Altogether the Association has members in at least four hundred homes.

The Association is governed by four officers and a Committee, which at present consists of five members. The officers are a Chairman - a Vice Chairman, secretary and a Treasurer. I am currently the Chairman. The election of officers and Committee members meet once a month in the George Young Cabin in Scout Park.

Only a modest fee is charged for membership of the Association, £1 per annum per household, and just 50p. per household which principally comprises of pensions - donations are always gratefully accepted.

A large amount of effort by the Committee of the B&DRA is put into supporting the challenging by residents of those planning applications which are damaging to the environment, and it can be stated that this has resulted

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in the rejection of the greater majority of them

At a recent Committee Meeting eighteen planning applications were discussed.

At the same meeting the other topics discussed included 1) Conservation Area status for some of the roads in the Association catchment area.

2) How the "Section 106" Environment Contribution of £500,000 in respect of the building of 260 Flats + 19 Business units on the former Middlesex University site at Bounds Green has been spent.

3) Progress on putting back into use derelict properties along that part of the North Circular Road adjacent to Bounds Green.

4) A Web site for the Association

5) Car Rat runs.

6) The need for Dog Mess Bins

In recent times the Association has helped the Safer Neighbourhood Team for Bounds Green to stop windscreen washers operating along the North Circular Road near the junction with the Bounds Green Rd. also supporting the successful campaign in the No. 2. listing of the Bounds Green Underground Station and the adjoining parade of shops, and ~~improving~~ obtaining improvements in the slips (green grass areas) in front of the Drive roadway. N.11

In not so recent times the Association took Court action in support of the "Planning Application" to build the "GARDEN CENTRE" on Dunsford Rd. and for obtaining two Pelican Crossings along the stretch of Bounds Green Rd. from the Underground Station

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to the North Circular Rd. and requested and obtained the closing of the North Circular Rd end of Jewkesbury Terrace which was constantly being used as a 'Rak-run'.

Our Treasurer and myself are members of the 'Ward Panel' which sets the priorities for the Bounds Green Safes Neighbourhood Team. The Association has strong representations on the "Bounds Green Focus Group" which has prepared plans (inter-alia) for dealing with the Rak-run along Bidwell Gdns - Winton Ave. and Blake Rd., and a safe crossing at the Bidwell Gardens entrance to the Colbest Rd. recreation grounds. A Pedestrian crossing on Dunsford Rd adjacent to the Bus Stop which lies between Crescent Rise & Woodfield Way, and improvements to the very busy junction at the Bounds Green Underground Station.

I have been a member of the Alexandra Park & Palace Committee for over eighteen years.

Yours  
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