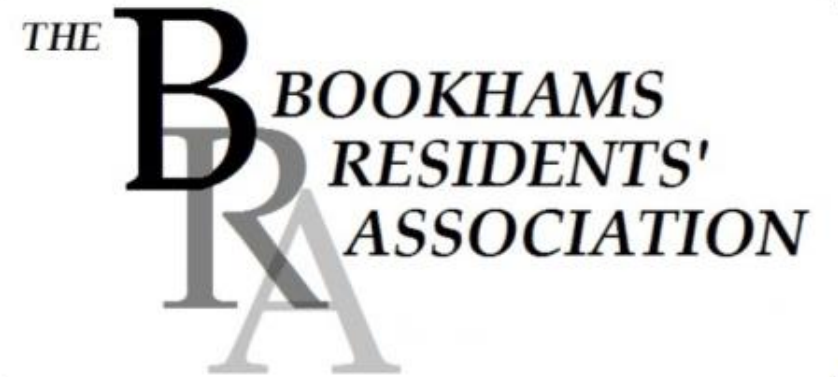


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A delve in to village events and issues
in the last two decades...

Les Huett – BRA Publicity

1992

Newsletter Of The **RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** Founded 1926
BOOKHAMS

The half yearly General Meeting will be held
in the Harrison Room, Barn Hall on Friday
20th November 1992 at 8 pm.

Chairmans Review

Guest speaker - Mr M Avery, Surrey County
Council Highways & Transportation
Department

Notice of motion for discussion at the meeting must be
delivered in writing to the Chairman by the 13th
November Mrs M Huggins, 9 Kidborough Down, Bookham
New members may join at the door

November 1992

ROAD AND PAVEMENT ACCIDENTS

BRA have difficulty in assessing the need for road improvements particularly as the police are only recording accidents which result in personal injury. We would welcome reports of all accidents on the roads and on the pavements (some of the pavements are uneven or have sections at different heights). Details should be passed to Mary Huggins, 9 Kidborough Down, Bookham (tel: 458838).

DOG COLLARS ARE ESSENTIAL

May we remind dog owners that straying dogs rounded up by the Dog Warden without collars will be taken to kennels and their return involves a payment of £64.

BRIGHTER BOOKHAM

In the previous Newsletter we told you of the Litter Pick planned for 28 June - 13 people turned out for this and collected 26 sacks of litter - splendid work.

It was a disappointment this year not to have repeated our previous success in the South East in Bloom Competition, in spite of the splendid efforts of very many shopkeepers, local residents and the Mole Valley District Council. I attended the prizegiving at Maidstone and was most impressed by the photographs of the winning villages, towns and cities. Talking to other entrants was useful and ideas were gleaned for future years. The Judges commented as follows:

This pleasant town has a very active committee backed by a strong community spirit. There was a distinct absence of litter and graffiti - the result of exemplary voluntary "litter picking". Despite a surprising increase in vandalism the community tries to rise to this particular challenge - and succeeds. All 4 public houses had played their part well. The sheltered housing and South Bookham School were very noteworthy. The many hanging

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Notice of
74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday 27th April 2001 at 8.00pm
The Harrison Room The Old Barn Hall Church Road Great Bookham

WANTED
CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE
IF
BRA IS TO CONTINUE

President
Chairman Vice Chairmen
Secretary Treasurer
Executive Committee

Agenda

Outgoing Chairman's Welcome

- Minutes of 73rd Annual General Meeting - 28/4/00
- Treasurer's Report, adoption of accounts
- Executive Committee's Report for the past year
- Election of Chairman for 2001/02
- Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2001/02
- Motion – If Chairman, Officers and Committee Members cannot be found the BRA shall be disbanded and it's assets distributed according to Rules and wishes of members at the meeting**
- Any other Business and Questions

THE BOOKHAM BROADSHEET APRIL 2001

Plea from Benda de Bruin for volunteers to come forward to keep the BRA going

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THE NEW COMMITTEE MAKES A START

Chairman's Message

This is my first newsletter since being elected Chairman of the Residents' Association at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in September.

In this issue we report, with sadness, the death of Jimmy Peck who was, since 1966, a member of the Residents' Association and in more recent years our President. We also pay tribute to Brenda de Bruin outlining her many achievements whilst Chairman of the Residents' Association.

At the EGM I'm pleased to be able to report that a full team of Officers was elected together with five Committee Members (a full list can be found below) resulting in a mixture of the old and the new. However, we are always looking for new members, road stewards and anyone else who has a little time that they can contribute to the work of the Residents' Association. So, if you are able to help, have some ideas on how the Association can work more effectively or, think there are areas in which the Association should be involved please contact any of the officers or members.

Frequent users of the Lower Road Recreation Ground will hopefully notice the planting of a number of trees sometime during November/December, three of which have been funded by the Residents' Association. We still have some funds in our "tree fund" so if anyone knows of an area or space within Bookham that would benefit from the planting of a tree or trees then please let me know.

And finally, may I, on behalf of all the officers and members, wish you and your family a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes
Andrew Freeman, Chairman

The New Committee

At the EGM in September eleven people were nominated and elected as Committee members of the Residents' Association. From these volunteers a full team of officers was then elected. The Committee officers and members are:

President:	Bob Foster	01372 454364
Chairman:	Andrew Freeman	01372 451357
Vice Chairman:	Erica Gillespie	01372 452130
Treasurer:	Tony Major	01372 451701
Secretary:	Anne Finn	01372 453824
Membership Secretary:	John Allen	01372 454555
Committee Members:	Gillian Davis	01372 453167
	Gordon Eisey	01372 458483
	Edmund Morgan Warren	01372 458136
	Derek Munson	01372 451552
	John Rose	01372 451445

Please feel free to contact anyone of the above if you wish to become a member, get more actively involved in any way or if you have an idea or concern that you wish to discuss. Or, if you prefer, you can write to the Chairman at Highlands, Crabtree Close, Great Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4PQ.

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Friendship Tree – Eastwick Park Avenue

On the 1st October an unveiling ceremony of a plaque took place outside 5 Eastwick Park Avenue and the wording reads as follows:- *The Royal Canadian Engineers planted this friendship tree, a red leafed maple representing Canada and a green leafed maple representing Great Britain in the grounds of Southey Hall whilst they were based in Bookham during the second world war (1939-45) – commemorated by The Bookhams Residents Association – 2005.*

There was a sizeable gathering including our MP, Sir Paul Beresford, and a number of our Councillors, together with a few people who had had relations serving with the Royal Canadian Engineers. Our Chairman, Peter Seaward, opened the proceedings and mentioned that the tree would have been planted adjacent to the drive leading to Southey Hall (previously known as Eastwick House – now demolished) and the gates of which can still be seen outside No. 182a Lower Road. Apparently the tree would have been near to the guardhouse at the entrance to the camp with a large tank park on the opposite side of Eastwick Park Avenue.

Ron Smith, a local historian, was very helpful when we were researching the subject and he very kindly agreed to unveil the plaque. However, before doing so, he gave the gathering a most interesting talk about his boyhood memories whilst he was billeted at Bookham during the war years, which including an unsolved mystery. 'D-Day' on 6th June 1944 was the largest sea invasion that has ever taken place involving over 5,000 ships and 200,000 vehicles. The whole success of this invasion depended upon absolute secrecy, especially the location of the landing beaches. MI5 were horrified to find that answers to the Daily Telegraph crosswords for the weeks before D-Day included not only the code words for the beaches but the secret words 'Mulberry', 'Neptune' and 'Overlord'. The writer of the crossword, who was arrested, was the headmaster of a London School evacuated to Effingham, with the pupils billeted in Bookham and Fetcham. These villages were the camps for the Canadian Engineers waiting to embark for D-Day, during which time they built the Leatherhead by-pass, called Young Street named after their commanding officer. How did the secret words get into the crosswords? Was the headmaster a spy? Did the Canadians leak words to the schoolboys or was it all a coincidence? Being a coincidence is very unlikely as in 1942, when the Canadians unsuccessfully raided Dieppe, with 800 killed, the word Dieppe had occurred in the Daily Telegraph crossword the week before.

After the war, in gratitude to the hospitality shown to the Canadians locally, they presented the friendship tree to Bookham and also one to Leatherhead at Thorncroft Manor. The tree can be viewed at any time but the marked colour difference of the leaves can best be seen in the spring. At the bottom of Young Street there is a memorial to the Canadians, and at the top a memorial to 50 years of peace.



13th November 2016 – The tradition continues with the boy scouts laying a wreath

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Proposed Supermarket

This edition includes articles, on the meetings held this summer about the supermarket proposal and on the Village Plan, which recruited many volunteers as a result. The Village Plan team, following the initiation by the BRA, now acts independently and we, like many others, will contribute to it.

On the supermarket proposal, there is little further to report at present. There has been no planning application and the only communication from the developer has been a response to Mole Valley's Local Development Framework. The comments made by him are on the MVDC LDF web site and if you do not have access to the internet then a visit to the library is another option.

We know that as a result of the meeting, the MVDC Councillor responsible for the property at Lower Shott has been in communication with the shopkeepers in respect of ongoing maintenance and repairs.

The very large turnouts at the meetings showed how concerned we all are about the future of Bookham. The organisations in the village, which promote and sponsor many aspects of village life, would all welcome any help you can afford. If you can be involved, please get in touch. The Bookham Community Association, Churches Together, The Bookham Youth and Community Association Limited and we in the BRA, all would welcome help however large or small.

The Village Plan – now known as Bookham Vision

The Bookham Village Plan is now underway and a very enthusiastic Steering Group (17 people) attended the first meeting on 11th September. The Steering Group agreed that the Plan be named "Bookham Vision" with a strap line "your voice shaping our future". The work will cover all aspects of village life (not just retailing!) under four broad headings. They are:- Economic and Employment Issues, Environmental Issues, Social & Community Issues and Travel & Transport Issues.

Four Working Groups, one for each of these headings, were established to manage and carry out the work. In addition a fifth group was set up to handle all matters relating to publicity, communications and PR. We are fortunate to have attracted some very qualified and expert people in these disciplines on the Steering Committee.

The Steering Group will be chaired by Trevor Sokell with John Tiffney as the Vice Chairman. Stella Brooks was appointed Treasurer and Bob Kelley is the Secretary. In addition to the Steering Group over 50 people had volunteered to help in whatever ways they could and they all, no doubt, will be approached in the near future. Bookham is indeed lucky to have such a large number of residents willing to commit themselves to making sure it has a successful future.

Produced on paper obtained from sustainable resources

Proposed supermarket in Lower Shott created much concern in the village. The BRA initiated public meetings which lead to the formation of Bookham Vision which in turn lead to Bookham Vanguard.

The Neighbour Development plan has been submitted to MVDC and will be reviewed and assuming approval there will be a referendum on the plan in May 2017.



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85TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 10TH MAY 2012
OLD BARN HALL, CHURCH ROAD, GREAT BOOKHAM. 7.30PM

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
2. Minutes of the 84th Annual General Meeting – 19th May 2011
3. Annual Report on the activities of the Association during 2011/12
4. Treasurer's Report – To receive audited Statement of Accounts
5. To appoint Auditor/s for 2012
6. Nomination and Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members
7. Any Other Business

Notice of motions for discussion must be delivered in writing at least 14 days before the meeting to: The Secretary, Andrew Freeman, Hylands, Crabtree Close, Bookham, KT23 4PQ. Those attending who are not members may join at the door. Subscription is £2.00 per household per annum. Tea and coffee will be served preceding the meeting and wine and soft drinks afterwards.

GUEST SPEAKERS: YOUR FUTURE - YOUR HEALTH

Trevor Sokell from Bookham Vanguard and Dr. Aalia Khan from the Fairfield Medical Centre.

Presentations on the work of Bookham Vanguard to date, followed by a Q&A centred on how the issues arising from Vanguard will interact with our Local GPs and our health needs.

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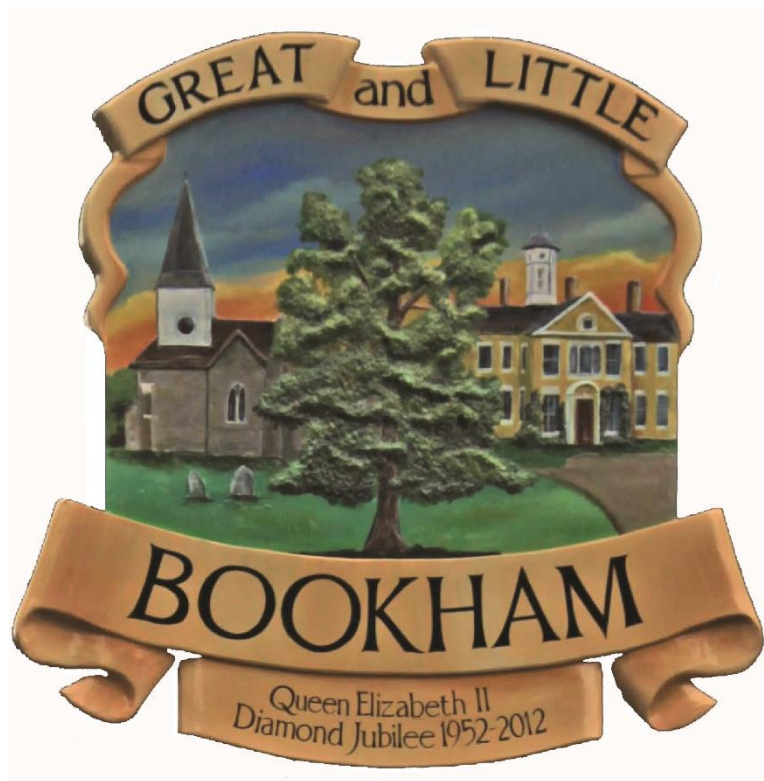



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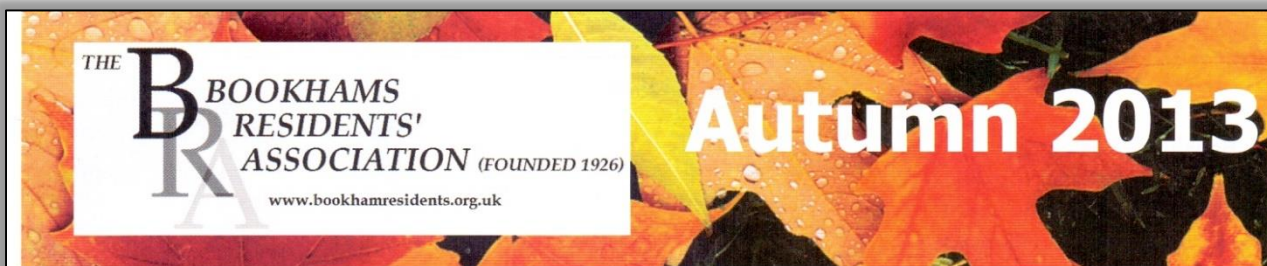
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Buses for Us	2	<p>Peter Seaward - Chairman</p> <p>As announced in the Spring edition of this Newsletter a Jubilee Beacon was planned for June 4th and a team of enthusiastic local people from Bookham and Fetcham got together to organise the event. This was led and coordinated through Polesden Lacey. A big thank you to Andrea Selley, the General Manager, as well as Victoria Pope and many other Polesden Lacey staff. Fetcham Residents Association, we in the BRA, Kate Rice from the Bus Stop pre-school group and Leatherhead and District Scouts were all part of the organising team.</p> <p>Steve Conisbee who is well known locally for his farming and meat products, together with the Young Farmers group, were major participants. Louise Furneaux, both in her own capacity and as a member of SCC did a great deal of work, especially in getting the excellent firework team, Mike Saxon of Brightfire Pyrotechnics, to carry out such a wonderful display. SCC through Clare Curran our Local Councillor helped in providing funds to cover much of the cost.</p> <p>The early summer weather, as we will all recall, was not the most exciting and the concern of everyone involved was whether or not we would have a dry night. As it happened all was well and over 4000 people attended what turned out to be a great evening. The mini bonfire and children's parade went well and as dusk fell the display began after a minor false start.</p> <p>Looking towards London after the display we could see burning brightly another of the 2000 Jubilee bonfires lit across the UK. There was much debate as to its location as people left after a memorable night of celebration at our very own local beauty spot. Whether this can be continued as a mid-summer annual event is something the organising team are now looking into</p>
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Spring 2012 - A first – photos in the newsletter!
 Autumn 2012 – the next first - colour

2013



Diamond Jubilee Village Sign erected in time for Tour of Britain cycle race



BOOKHAM IN BLOOM!

Bookham High Street and Church Road have been a riot of colour during the summer period with hanging baskets gracing the lamp posts and bedding plants in raised beds.



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Villagers turned out on the 21st September to watch The Tour of Britain Cycle Race as it swoops through Bookham. The riders had little time to appreciate the new Diamond Jubilee Village Sign which was erected a few days earlier!

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GENERAL MEETING - 13TH



Peter Seaward - Chairman

For the first time in many years the Chairman called the General Meeting of the BRA to order because at the AGM we allocated everyone on where Bookham was going in the future direction.



Bradley Wiggins!

2014

Sustained rainfall causes flooding around the village and on the Lower Road caused significant access problems to the Howard of Effingham.

The BRA lead by Michael Agius, Peter Seaward and Clare Curran initiated remedial works with MVDC, utility companies and contractors and access was restored.



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FLOOD FORUM

Michael Agius

On 10th February 2014 the Bookham Flood Forum held its fifth meeting. BRA met with representatives of SCC, MVDC, Thames Water [TW] and the National Trust [NT], under the Chairmanship of County Councillor Clare Curran. Also attending were residents Alan and Diane Pratt to expand on their ongoing problems at Mill Close and observer Paul Kenney from the Chobham Flood Forum.

As was to be expected, much of the meeting was taken up with the problems arising from spring water flooding both the footway and carriageway at the Lower Road Recreation Ground, at Manor House Lane and at The Vineries. The only site where a quick solution was possible was at The Vineries, where drainage grips were dug through the raised verge to release the ponded water on the footway. At Manor House Lane the surface water coming from

capacity to take the large flows from the springs in what was known historically as Seven Springs Field. The only solution to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety at this location was to restrict traffic to one lane. At the time of writing the footway along Lower Road has been closed and pedestrians diverted onto the improved footpath described in the Footpath section of this Newsletter. In addition a temporary footbridge over the footway is being considered. Long term solutions at all three locations will be discussed with SCC. Photos here show the problem areas.

At the February Flood Forum updates were given on the previously identified problem areas:

- at No. 8 Mill Close, where flooding had been experienced on and off for over a year but had been continuous since early December. After much discussion it was agreed to hold a separate meeting to try and find a solution. This may well involve drainage measures in The Park being necessary.
- the central area of the village i.e. Lower Road at The Crown PH, High Street, Church Road to Fife Way where SCC had carried out CCTV surveys but had yet to analyse the footage.
- Church Road, Fife Way to Bookham Common, where TW had lined the surface water drain from Solecote to Mill Close and carried out a CCTV survey from Fife Way to the Common, which needed final analysis. Lining of the remaining lengths might cost in excess of

Close where further investigation was required.

- Kennel Lane, The Glade and The Copse where further investigation was required.

The long standing drainage problems along Dorking Road are yet to be resolved and BRA continues to pressure SCC. Further areas where investigation was required were identified as Park Green/Greenacres and Fox Lane.



If anyone knows of areas which are subject to flooding as a result of drainage blockages, please email Michael Agius on: meagius@gmail.com

BRA Vice-Chairman and flooding supremo Michael Agius surveys the flooding on Lower Road and Manor Lane prior to remedial action.



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Peter Seaward - Chairman

Welcome to this our Spring Newsletter in what will be the BRA's 90th birthday year. I think that the Association goes back further as the War Memorial at St Nicolas Church was erected by the Bookham Ratepayers' Association around 1919. This must have been a forerunner to the BRA. Reading back through some of the older newsletters it is interesting to see how many familiar issues reoccur as well as new challenges. It says a lot for the village that our organisation has stood this test of time well and with our membership at over 3000 households is testimony to our effectiveness.

Reflecting the need to change, this year we will become a Company Limited by Guarantee approved at the EGM. The BRA AGM on May 27th will be our first as the new company and although this new status will not affect what we do it gives a more participative democratic process for all our members. More legal protection for Officers is also a benefit in this litigious age.

Please do nominate anyone who you would like to see as directors of the new company. All on the present committee will offer themselves for election and not one will feel in the least disappointed if new blood takes over the running of the BRA. Later in the Newsletter you will see how nominations can be made. It is worth realising that the BRA, unlike some other Residents' Associations, works "hand in glove" with our six Local Councillors who sit on the BRA Executive Committee and are involved in all we do.

During a recent discussion someone said that the BRA is "as busy as ever". Since the last newsletter we continue to deal with many issues, including flooding, through the Flood Forum, as well as new challenges, the latest being a problem in Little Bookham Street which when laid over resulted in a traffic issue. The Howard parking problem has been ongoing with discussions between us, SCC and the Eppingham Parish Council. Some alleviation is in sight but if more of us could be tolerant during the rush hours it would be a great benefit. By the time this goes to print Guildford Borough will have made a decision about the future of the school, although whichever way this goes expect an appeal.

We are working with GPs in seeking better solutions for our Health Practices, who deal with over 19,000 patients in a village of 11,000, and we try and do what we can about changes to Leatherhead Hospital and our other key major centres, Epsom

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Bookham Litter Pick Bookham Commons, 1st May.

The next litter pick will be on **Sunday 1st May at 11 am**. We shall meet at the National Trust car park near the station. Parking will be free for litter pickers. It may be muddy so please come prepared.

Please note the revised time and revised meeting place.

If you wish to adopt a road, or part of a road to keep litter free, please let the BRA know via the web site.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all residents who came on the litter pick on April 3rd and also to all those who are doing their litter collection in their locality. Bookham is already looking better, although we did manage to collect 20 bags of rubbish and one of our individual collectors also filled 6 bags of rubbish including very many bags of dog poo.



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

A huge "Thank You" to all who helped Clean For The Queen on the 6th March. We filled 19 bags with litter!

Our next litter pick will be on **Sunday 3rd April**. Meet at 10 a.m. at the top of the High Street. Gloves, grabs and high vis tops will be provided.



We are hoping that some residents will adopt a road, or part of a road, or footpath and will aim to keep that bit of Bookham litter free on a regular basis. If you feel able to do that instead of coming to our Sunday litter picks, or as well as, it would be VERY helpful. If you would let the BRA know of your plans by phone or via the website and then we won't tackle that area on Sunday mornings.



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2016 saw the start of the monthly Litter Pick following "Clean for the Queen" initiative lead by Margaret Lawson and the planting of 100th Tree by Frances Fancourt and the BRA Tree Wardens.

And every year in no particular order...

- Planning applications
- Hanging baskets
- Christmas lights
- Newsletter
- Web site
- Membership
- Noticeboards
- Tree Wardens
- Committee meetings
- Raising issues with MVDC and SCC
- Infrastructure
- Transport
- Environment
- Community
- Education
- And 101 other things!

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