

Octavia Hill Residents Association Newsletter

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Update on Ufford Recreation ground



Before work started

Your association have worked tirelessly in the past 2 years to secure improvements to the Ufford Street Rec.

We formed a Park sub committee and took part in consultations between Groundwork and Lambeth Council, where we had been putting forward the concerns and wishes of our members. In early December, the Association decided that we could no longer put over our members views with the present set up for consultation through groundwork and withdrew our support.



Cutting begins

We immediately went into correspondence with Lambeth Council and found them to be most helpful and sympathetic to the concerns and priorities put forward by Octavia Hill Residents Association. After stating our case we were very pleased to learn that the tree's in the Rec would be pruned back and during the week of the 10th December this work was carried out and has already made a difference to the appearance.

We welcome this direct dialogue with Lambeth Council Parks Dept and we are pleased that the views of our members are being taken into consideration and work to upgrade the swings will begin in March and hopefully will be finished before the start of summer.

Octavia Hill Residents Association welcome new members from Ipsden Buildings

When the Church Commissioners sold our estate and we changed our name to Octavia Hill Residents Association it was always our intention to open up membership to residents of Waterloo who did not have an Association of their own.

The committee of OHRA have been very active over the past few years in fighting local issues on behalf of residents, participating in various forums and being members of the local Safer Neighbourhood panel for Bishops Ward.

We have worked very closely with other like minded groups in the area and during such an exchange of views we offered membership to Tenants of Ipsden Buildings and are pleased to say that so far 5 residents have joined.

It is hoped that as time goes on more people will want to become members and this will enable OHRA to have a much stronger voice in decision making and fighting local issues.

We will not be representing Tenants on any issues involving Peabody but will concentrate on issues such as licensing, street lighting, planning and rubbish disposal.

Warning on Security passes for workmen

Following some recent incidents when workmen attended premises to carry out repairs, when challenged for their ID passes, various excuses were made why they were unable to produce. Your Association took this up with Pathmeads and would like to reiterate previous advice given that no one should be admitted to your premises without current photo ID.

If there is any doubt please call 0208 150 4720 for verification of workmens ID

Better to be safe than sorry

Over 60's Xmas Tea

The now annual over 60's Xmas Tea was held at St Andrews Church Short St, on 15th December 2007.

A most enjoyable afternoon was had by those who attended and everyone managed to go away with a prize. In the free raffle.

Members of the Blackfriars Settlement Choir started off with some carol's and the got everyone joining in with some olde time favourites.



This is a good opportunity to meet other like minded members of the association in a friendly atmosphere at this time of the year.

We hope that next year the numbers will increase , so those who attended and had a good time, please pass on the word for Xmas 2008.

A word of thanks to all those who made this event possible and special thanks to Doreen Gilbert and Joan Tuppen who arranged all the food.

Extension of 20 mph zone to Ufford Street, Mitre Road and Short Street

Your association has worked tirelessly for the past 2 years to persuade the council and TFL to bring in traffic calming measure and a 20mph zone to Ufford Street, Mitre Road and Short Street.

This has involved taking to Lambeth Council and carrying out Traffic Counts at different times of the day.

The last count we did was on 13th November and in the half hour between 14:30 and 15:00 89 cars, 67 taxi's, 40 Lorries or Trucks, 9 Motorbikes, 3 coaches and 7 other misc vehicles used Ufford Street as a through route , having no business in Street.

You will know that we were successful in persuading the Council and that work will start on this scheme in February 2008.

The Association is grateful for the continued support of our Bishops Ward Councillor ,Peter Truesdale

Other problems in Waterloo

The work in The Cut has caused disruption to traffic, noise and dirt. It has resulted in our not being able to use the pavements, loss of parking bays and general disruption to our lives.

On the question of working hours, movement of materials we have had some limited success, which we hope has lessened the disruption to people's lives.

There have also been several licensing issues, bars and restaurants completely blocking our pavements with customers and table & chairs.

The committee have been very active together with Councillor Truesdale and have been successful in ensuring that licensing laws are adhered to by participating in walk rounds at crucial hours. We will not accept cliental of bars blocking our pavements and causing danger to pedestrians

Working in conjunction with Licensing department we have been successful in stopping nuisance caused by music from one establishment in the early hours of the morning.

The committee are grateful for the continued support we have received from our MP Kate Hoey, Councillor Peter Truesdale of Lambeth Council and also on one issue to Councillor Danny McCarthy of Southwark Council

Membership Fee's for 2007/2008 and membership applications

May we remind all members that your membership fee's for 2007/08 were due on 1st October 2007.

The cost is £4.00 per household and can be paid in cash or by Cheque payable to Octavia Hill residents Association and we welcome new members .

Cheques or cash can be sent to Mike Tuppen , 21 Ufford Street, London SE1 8QD or telephone a committee member and we will arrange to collect

Persons wishing to join please call 0207 928 0224 or e-mail mike@tuppenfamily.com