

# RAILWAY COTTAGES

## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### **Railway Cottages Residents Association AGM**

**30th May 7.30 Wood Green Social Club**

In Attendance

Frank Hanly (Chair) Lisa Sharp ( Secretary) Helen Thornhill, Susan Tully, Sharon Tully

Sending Apologies

Wayne Libonati, Mick Yates, Roslyn Byfield, Annie Faulkner

### **UPDATE ON IMPROVING OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANT**

#### **Pavement Planters - Ringslade and Warberry Rds**

Our initial attempt to site three pavement planters was met with a refusal by the council planning/highways department but with the backing of our local councillor Pete Mitchell we are asking for a site visit with council officers to show them where we want to place the planters.

Parkside Malvern Res Assoc and Palace Gates Res Assoc - both of whom have put out pavement planters - emailed to say persevere with the plans as the highways dept always say no to anything like this when first approached.

#### **New Trees - Bradley Rd**

We can go ahead and order the two trees for Bradley via the council 'adopt a tree' scheme. Of the available trees listed it was put to the vote and the choice of flowering cherry was unanimous. The trees are only planted between November and April so we'll have to wait til next year to put them in.

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/parks-and-open-spaces/improving-parks/sponsorship/tree-sponsorship>

## **Tree surrounds**

We're trying to source square boxes that fit at the base of trees. Once we've done this we can go ahead and order them for all the trees in our area.

## **Form a Gardening/Planting Group**

It was proposed to form a gardening group. Parkside Malvern and Palace Gates have gardening groups which meet on the first Sunday of every month in spring and early summer to maintain their community gardens. We'd like to set up a similar gardening group - looking for maybe 6 - 8 volunteers. Not everyone has to attend every Sunday. Then we can maintain our own planters and make a bid for taking over the garden/raised beds outside Wood Green Works (see below). Requests for volunteers will be put on Facebook and via email/website.

## **FUTURE PLANS TO IMPROVE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**

### **Bid to take over garden area outside Wood Green Works**

It was proposed we put a bid in to take over the beds outside Wood Green Works that face out to Cumberland Road. We'd apply to do this once we've got our gardening volunteers group going.

### **Mural**

We still want to find a site and apply for grants to do a local mural similar to the many murals going up in Walthamstow. See below for examples.

<https://inspiringcity.com/2017/04/29/the-street-art-murals-of-wood-street-in-walthamstow/>

### **Decorated Junction Boxes**

We propose to get in touch with the Turnpike Art Group (see link below) to get advice on decorating the BT Junction boxes.

<http://www.turnpikeartgroup.co.uk/>

We're looking at maybe trying to get a council/BT initiative similar to what happened in Southwark (see below).

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2339434/Banksy-faces-competition-anonymous-street-artist-brightens-London-street-furniture-incredibly-detailed-paintings.html>

## Book Swap Box

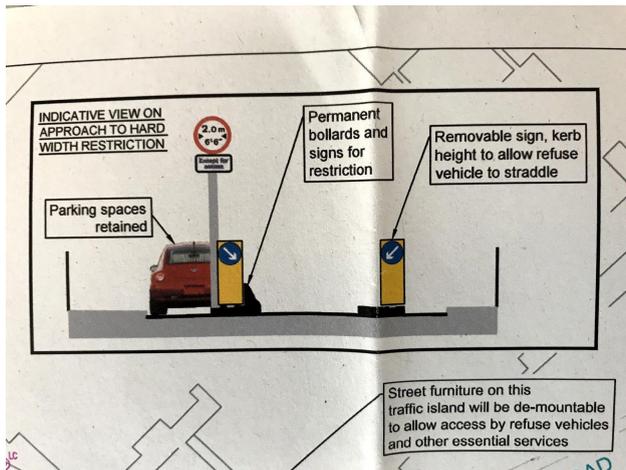
Residents have suggested we set up a book swap box in the area. We thought the best site for this would be Warberry Road as it's less likely to get vandalised. We're looking for a resident on Warberry who would be willing to host a box maybe on their wall or in their front garden. We're also looking to see if Cafe Corso would host one.

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/start/>

## RINGSLADE/WATSONS RD RAT RUN

### Soft Width Restriction on Watson's Road





We feel the soft width restriction on Watson's Road is not fit for purpose as lorries just straddle the central raised section. With the aid of our Ward Councillors we want to get the council to review it. We'd like to propose a hard width restriction further down Watson's where it joins Ringslade. Also we want to submit a FOI request on how many lorries have been served with penalties for breaching the width restriction.

## **Bid for Low Traffic Neighbourhood**

Working with Parkside Malvern RA, Palace Gates RA and Haringey Living Streets we propose to lobby for a low traffic neighbourhood in our areas which would include the closure of rat runs and the reduction of motor traffic.

## **SUMMER PARTY**

We need more goods for the Street Party Tombola. Please drop off to Sharon and Susan @ No 13 Cumberland Rd & we will be fundraising for the Residents Association at the party to cover our costs.

## **Arriva Bus Garage/River Park Road**

We noted the raw sewage coming out of the Bus Station on River Park Road and the littering by the parked cars and intend to raise the matter with the council and the garage.

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