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St Helens Residents Association St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

Our AGM on Thursday 18th September

Our August newsletter included the date and time for the joint AGM of the StQW Neighbourhood Forum and the St Helens Residents Association. This will be on **Thursday 18th September at 6.30pm** and at our usual venue of St Helens Church Hall, St Helens Gardens.

The agenda is below. We will keep brief the update on local planning issues, to leave time for a discussion on what has changed in our neighbourhood – for better or worse – over the past decade.

When we started preparing a neighbourhood plan for the area, in 2014/5, we circulated a survey to all households asking for views on what they liked, or disliked, about living in the area. The questions covered the

main elements of the finalised neighbourhood plan, such as traffic and transport, the 'street scene', shopping and health facilities, green spaces and what should happen on the handful of potential development sites in the area.

Since then there have been many changes, affecting the whole of London as well as our local patch. It will help in the process of revising and updating the StQW Plan to gather some views on new issues we should be trying to address. So this will be part of the agenda for Thursday. As usual there will be a glass of wine and a chance to chat with neighbours at the end of the meeting.

Agenda for the AGM

- Update from the Met Police Safer Neighbourhood Team on local crime trends and the new Met Engage information system.
- Elections for the management committees of the StQW Neighbourhood Forum and St Helens RA (no changes proposed – no expressions of interest were received to stand for election in response to last month's newsletter). Plus receipt of SHRA accounts for the year.
- Planning Update – covering the latest news on the Kensal Canalside applications from Sainsbury's/Ballymore and Berkeley Homes St William, Kensal Cemetery update, the further delayed date for the opening of Old Oak Common station (Elizabeth Line and GWR as well as HS2) and the more local proposals in Latimer Road (Volunteer pub, Units 9 and 10, underpass).
- Update on the future of Pembridge Hospice.
- What has changed in our neighbourhood in the last decade – gathering views to help in updating the StQW Neighbourhood Plan.

Our committee members are preparing some slides with prompts for this last item. Some initial questions are below. We will use swift hand votes to give an idea of strength of feeling on each that has led to the most discussion.

Positive changes (or status quo maintained)

- Development proposals fended off on our three Local Green Spaces
- CCTV reducing shoplifting/improving safety in North Pole Road
- Underpass in Latimer Road finally approved – improving public transport options

- Resident parking bays not in as short supply as for most parts of RBKC
- Fewer vacant shop units in St Helens Gardens and North Pole Road
- Some more amenities in Latimer Road (Playground Theatre, Lloyd Williamson Upper School)
- More cafes (Adriana's, Mug Café, and the Queens Bar at the Playground Theatre)
- More events/activities at the thriving West London Bowling Club at 112A Highlever Road
- Annual St Helens Festival has been revived
- St Quintin Health Centre still in place (and not sold for redevelopment).
- Memorial Park improvements (albeit café could have had a better design)
- Little Wormwood Scrubs well maintained and ecology improved under RBKC management.

Negative changes

- E-bikes and scooters – dumped on pavements and illegal versions with dangerous users.
- All forms of cyclists ignoring traffic signs and using pavements
- Dog-walkers meeting together on the Scrubs
- High rise development all around the Scrubs
- Threat of more towers and contaminated sites at Kensal Canalside
- Traffic on North Pole Road
- Drivers ignoring 20mph limits
- Street tree problems (not replaced or replaced by Lime trees/inappropriate species)
- Zebra crossings at unsafe locations
- Flash flood risks increased from front gardens paved over
- Increased fly-tipping and lack of street cleaning

On agenda item 2 (elections) if anyone would like to join either of the management committees, please email sthelensassn@aol.com. The current membership of the Forum is at this [link](#). Membership for St Helens RA is Maggie Tyler (Treasurer), Wallingford Avenue), Fiona Withey (Kelfield Gardens), Catherine Mannheim (Highlever Road), Henry Peterson (Chair) (Highlever Road), Pat Healy (Oakworth Road), David Marshall (Finstock Road), Tania Martin (Secretary) (Highlever Road).

The two bodies have always shared the same membership (currently 380 residents and a few local businesses) and have the same aims. This history is because the residents association was formed first, and in 2012 applied to RBKC for 'designation' of the neighbourhood area and forum. This gave us the

legal powers to prepare and update our 2018 neighbourhood plan, which now forms part of the Borough's Development Plan and is used when planning applications are decided.

News on local events Cafe Bridge and Portobello Stories

Café Bridge

The Clement James Centre have asked us to publicise another of the bridge playing sessions on Wednesday 24th September 2025 11.00 - 4.30pm. Details below:

A friendly duplicate pairs bridge game is set up in six nearby cafés and restaurants. Pairs move to a new venue after each round of 4 hands, guided by a movement card. Six rounds, 24 boards. The fee which covers all the organisation plus lunch at the players' chosen venue and a contribution to the ClementJames Centre, is from £80 - £120 per pair. (£40-60 each)

TO REGISTER: [brianbridge.net/nhillb2025](https://www.brianbridge.net/nhillb2025) Early registration secures a place plus your choice of lunch venue.

FOR MORE INFO: <https://www.brianbridge.net/cafe/> or email Michael Brown michael@cafebridge.org

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