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Editor's Update

Our chairman refers to this issue as “digital-only” as, due to the current Covid-19 related lockdown, we will not be providing printed copies to our road reps for

distribution to members who prefer them to emails.

We all hope that the situation will have eased by July when we plan to produce the summer bumper issue.

Chairman's Remarks

Welcome to our digital-only newsletter which I hope finds you well in these unprecedented and challenging times. Amidst the very real difficulties that many people are facing, there has been a remarkable sense of the community coming together, not just in the RVR 'patch', or indeed in Bromley but throughout the country which is heart-warming. In particular, I am very pleased to let you know that in no more than a week we have assembled a small army of helpers drawn from residents in our own area to help those in need. So, if you are self-isolating or having difficulties, please see our website here.

<https://www.ravensbournevalley.org/Corona-Help.php>

Also, please join the new RVR Facebook group for Mutual self-help here:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/200529804590700/>

If you or a friend need help but consider the situation particularly sensitive please contact Bromley here <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/requestforassistanceform> to get support from a DBS checked volunteer.

Beckenham Place Park

Development of Eastern Park

Lewisham Council is consulting residents on the future development of the eastern side of Beckenham Place Park (the Common and Summerhouse Fields). Please complete the [online survey](#) by **26 April 2020**. See [here](#).

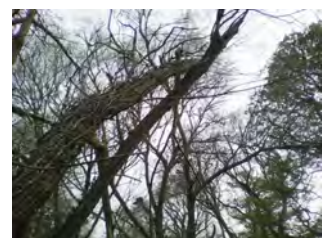
A Bachelor of Science project sponsored by Lewisham Council was done and accepted in April 2018 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a private research university in Worcester, Massachusetts, USA, on the Regeneration of Beckenham Place Park:

For further details and links to the report and presentation, see the news section of our website [here](#)

Location Identifier

<https://what3words.com/about-us/> This is a facility and app whereby one can identify, with a 3 word key, a location anywhere in the world to within 1.5 metres. Our chairman used it recently to report to the council the location of some fallen trees causing a hazard to walkers by Ravensbourne River.

viz: `///wedge.natively.draw` or what3words.com/wedge.natively.draw



Planning Issues

A summary of planning applications and their status, as at February 29th, is contained in the Officers' Reports to the RVR Annual General Meeting, 2020. The reports are in the members' area of our website [here](#)

In case you have forgotten the login details they are: Login = Ravensbourne Password = resident (note they are case sensitive)

Since the AGM, the following updates have been noted:

10th February

A planning application has been made for the erection of a single garage on land to the rear of 98 Farnaby Road, opposite 36 Madeira Avenue. We are objecting to this application and, so far, there have been over 30 objections. See [here](#).

20th February

A planning application has been made for the erection of a timber framed garage in the front garden of 2 Downs Hill. A previous application for a slightly larger garage was refused. See [here](#).

2nd March

The planning application for listed building consent for the removal of an external door on the south-eastern elevation and external repairs, together with internal alterations, at Southend Lodge, Beckenham Hill Road, Bromley, has been granted. See [here](#).

4th March

A planning application has been made in discharge of conditions in relation to the planning application for the demolition of garages to the rear of 10 Highland Road, Bromley and the erection of a single two storey 3-bedroom house. See [here](#).

13th March

A planning application has been made for the demolition of the existing chalet house and construction of a pair of two-storey semi-detached 4 bedroom houses with additional lower ground floor at The Chalet, Kirkstone Way, Bromley BR1 4JH. See [here](#).

Community Issues

Bromley Council

Things change fast at Bromley in response to Coronavirus, often with little notice, as residents will have noticed regarding waste collection. Keep up to date and sign up for newsletters here:-

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200109/council_news
and on twitter here: - <https://twitter.com/LBofBromley>

Waste and rubbish

Although recycling collections for plastic and metal restarted on week beginning 6th April they may be intermittent for a while. It will help if you make your storage space go further by stacking and flattening waste.



Did you know that a clean street reduces crime, engenders respect and just looks so much better? If everyone litter-picked outside their house, the difference would be incredible. Keep Britain Tidy!



Sharing our space during lock-down

Many people will be staying at home, and their garden will be very important. Please be thoughtful about noise and pollution especially from bonfires and woodsmoke – people with Covid 19 need the cleanest air possible! With regard to bonfires, Bromley has raised awareness that nuisance bonfires can lead to unlimited fines.

Personal Security

Many new scams have arisen during these strange times. Bromley Trading Standards have issued a warning letter. You can read it [here](#)



RVR MEETING

www.ravensbournevalley.org

7th May, 2020 at 8:15pm



@RVResidents

This will be an on-line ZOOM meeting. All members and Councillors are invited to attend. Zoom is easy to use but please ensure you are familiar with it beforehand and that your device is configured correctly. A link and password will be emailed to all members where we hold an email address.

AGENDA

Apologies, Acceptance of Apologies, Absence of Officers		Chair
Approval of Minutes of last meeting and discussion of matters arising		Chair
Finances including discussion and approval of income and expenditure		Treasurer
Community Projects		
a) Corona help scheme update: <i>feedback/suggestions from volunteers and users invited</i>		Chair
b) Update on Community Activities,		Tree Officer
c) 'Bromley Climate Alliance'		Chair
d) Shortlands Village Conservation Area proposal		
Planning Issues: Discussion and approval of action where appropriate for the following cases:		
Bromley Applications		Planning Officer
New applications:	Trees, Coniston Road The Chalet, Kirkstone Way Land Rear of 98 Farnaby Road, Madeira Road	
Appeals:	Land Rear of 48 Farnaby Road, Madeira Avenue 2A Downs Hill 87 Beckenham Lane	
Existing Applications:	1 Ethelbert Close Site 10 Draft Local Plan (formerly Opportunity Site G) 70 High Street (Old Maplins Building)	
Determined applications:	1 Blyth Road 17 Ullswater Close	
Enforcement:		
Lewisham Applications		Planning Officer
New applications:		
Appeals:		
Existing Applications	26 Hillbrow Road	
Determined applications:	37 Coniston Road	
Tree issues		Tree Officer
Transport Issues		Roads & Transport
Not used		Chair
Update from the Councillors		
London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF) Update on any issues relevant to our area		Secretary
Dates of Future Meetings		
Thursday, 2 nd July 2020 Thursday 3 rd September 2020		
Any Other Business		
12 Next meeting: Thursday, 2 nd July 2020 – expected to be on-line		

General News

Something different



For those who want something a bit more reflective and thoughtful at this strange time here are a selection of websites (which we aren't endorsing, merely offering)

St Ethelburga's was blown up by the IRA bomb in the City but re-emerged as a centre for peace and reconciliation and has original ideas in its blog. The Heartward Sanctuary offers an original perspective on the current situation.

<https://stethelburgas.org/blog/>
<https://www.heartwardsanctuary.org/blog>

St Bartholomew the Great, so old it predates the neighbouring hospital of the same name, offers more traditional perspectives as it continues on-line.

<https://www.greatstbarts.com/podcasts-and-broadcasts/>

And something to cheer you

This delightful garden has been created from wasteland by one of our members and is available to see halfway up Elstree Hill. Do pay a visit as part of your once-a-day socially-distanced exercise. A selection of other images is available at <https://www.ravensbournevalley.org/flowers.php>



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