

Chair of the Ravensbourne Valley Residents' Association – Job description

The main tasks of the RVR Chair are:

to chair the regular bi-monthly open meetings of RVR

to organise and chair the AGM and occasional closed committee meetings

to collaborate with other residents' associations, particularly the Shortlands Residents' Association and Copers Cope Area Residents' Association, in various ways, including occasional joint local charitable endeavours and running joint Hustings for local elections

to oversee succession planning

to liaise with the Councils (Bromley and also Lewisham) and Councillors as needed. (The RVR area covers parts of the following Wards: Shortlands and Park Langley; Beckenham Town and Copers Cope; Bromley Town; and Downham)

To attend on behalf of RVR, when officially invited, meetings in Bromley, Beckenham and Lewisham

The Chair is expected to ensure good governance within RVR, to liaise regularly with all RVR officers and committee members, and to encourage them in their various roles and activities.

As the Chair normally invites speakers to give talks at RVR meetings on topical and interesting subjects, there is considerable scope for creativity within the role, both by encouraging RVR members to suggest possible speakers and by the Chair finding speakers.

While the main focus of RVR remains detailed attention to planning issues related to housing and traffic and to maintaining and improving the environment with the RVR area, the present Chair has encouraged the strengthening of social activities within RVR.

This has included: the holding of annual parties to thank Street Friends and Road Reps; holding garden parties for RVR members; organising occasional visits and outings for small groups of members; and occasional Sunday forums with speakers.

Strictly speaking, none of this necessarily falls within the job description of being Chair – it is purely part of the joy of being Chair and making the most of the opportunities which this exciting role provides.