

Environment Report for 4 July Meeting of the LRA

24 June Sub committee-Meeting

Attendees: Ann Cardew, Louise Herrity, Cheryl Allen, Patty Harrison
Apologies: Caroline Brown, Tim Hall, Tony Severs

Agenda items:

Open Gardens: In spite of the rain the Open Gardens had a degree of success. With £922.25 taken from all sources and £73.10 in expences each of the organisations received £424.57. There will be a £200 donation to the legal fees of Friends of Leach Grove Wood. The remaining money will go into our fund to brighten the High Street.

Planting the High Street

Ann Cardew reminded us that it was time to invoice Nat West for the £100 contribution they promised. CA will ask Paula Sabine to do that.

We are pleased with the planters that we all helped prepare and place at Nat West corner. They do truly brighten the West end of the High Street. We discussed what should happen (if anything) at the east end of the High Street. One possibility is to replant the planters near the Duke's Head since the owner has promised to water the plants. The institute could also use a few other plants after the area was replanted with standard roses. It was generally thought that the Institute should take that responsibility.

Pathway impeded by overhanging grass Several people have brought to my attention the pathway in front of the Parish Church. Some years ago it was planted with wildflowers. It is supposed to work to benefit biodiversity. Over the years tall grass has overtaken the wildflowers. If this planting scheme is to work the wildflowers need to be replanted. In the meantime, a strip of grass needs to be cut to expose the pavement for walking. I have registered the matter on line and written to Tony Wynn. (NOTE: Tony Wynn sent a note to apologise and arranged that the grass would be cut within 24 hours) Additional Note. The a strip was cut and the path was cleared within 2 hours.

Norbury Park Liaison Group The tour of the park showed the excellent work that is being done there. A full account has been reported for the summer newspaper. As a result of the report written after the visit, Andrea Neal, Park Ranger, has agreed to contribute regularly to our newsletter.

Sutton and East Surrey Water Company Consultation A report will be published in the LRA newsletter.

Leatherhead Station i have once again contacted the Complaints Department of Southern Railway. There were promises and we remain optimistic.