

The Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground

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BBQ Cancelled

Please note that the planned Friends' BBQ in the park 9th July has had to be cancelled. This is a real shame but we simply didn't receive sufficient enquiries to make it a viable event. If members have ideas for alternative events or activities, please do let us know.

Decant Village

The decant village is now nearing completion and we are pleased to see that the trees are well protected and the fence has helped the building to blend into the park. Let's hope the new fence stays graffiti free for a while and the council can stay on top of it.

We have yet to receive any detail relating to any rental income from the decant village. We will continue to ask for this funding to be invested in the park.

Security

We believe that the new scheme where the security guards (and their dogs) lock up at night is working well. Members have phoned the help line on occasion and response has been good. However, there do seem to be considerable periods in the evening when there is no council presence in the park. We want the council to reduce those times to an absolute minimum especially during the summer months.

Operational Issues:

Disappointingly, we have no progress to report on the new drinking water fountain but it is still promised. Meanwhile we are frustrated that the drinking fountain is switched off because some children fill balloons with water that are subsequently thrown around the flower beds. Similarly, the unsightly anti-climb grease on the railings has yet to be steam cleaned by a specialist contractor.

More positively, the council did provide a small supply of plastic bags that were then issued free to dog owners who forget to bring their own bags.

Chair

Due to personal reasons, I have decided that I will resign' as chair at this November's AGM

I have told the committee now as I want to see a smooth handover to a new chair. Everyone on your committee has worked so hard to develop the Friends Group from its inception and it's been a real pleasure to be involved. I would like to hand over the reigns to a new chair who can really get behind a range of important issues that face the park.

So we need a volunteer from within the membership to come forward. Ideally we will have several volunteers and members can vote. The new chair will be well supported by the committee members and by me.

May I invite any members who are interested in putting themselves forward for the position to contact me to discuss. Please contact me on the telephone number below. I would be very pleased to talk through what is involved.

David B Chair

Next committee meeting will be held on 28th September 2005.

Contact us with comments, suggestions or contributions for the next newsletter:

Please contact David or Va/ on 020 8289 6989 or email