

Broomfield

House-Owners' and
Residents Association



**Celebrate 80 years of
the life of the Association**

A Message from Our Chair, Mrs Gillian Yeung

I am delighted to be able to welcome you to the Broomfield House Owners and Residents' Association 80th Anniversary party at Broomfield School on the afternoon 23rd August.

Over a drink and a piece of birthday cake, you can talk to many of our associates who will be present, including local traders the Police, other activist groups, and local councillors.

We have kept going through all these years, although many of our former activists have retired or passed on, because we think there is as much need for the Association as there ever was in the days between the two wars.

We are still not getting the services we need, and plans are always being made without consulting us properly, so we need to remain strong to make this area better.

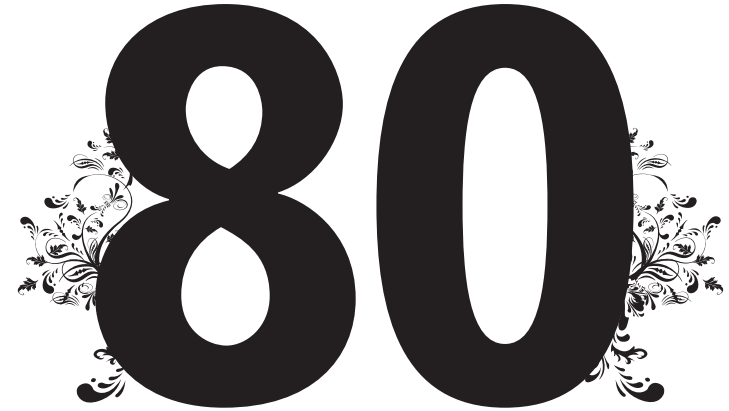
The area has suffered considerable blight in the years while the development of the A406 has been uncertain, resulting in squatting, rubbish dumping and a rise in low level crime.

We need to work with our colleagues in other organisations to combat these nuisances and make this a pleasant area to live. We hope you will agree to that and, if you can offer to help us in practical ways that would be most appreciated.

Gillian Yeung
Chair of BHORA

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80th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday 23rd August 1 – 4 pm

**Celebrate 80 years of
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**Special party to mark 80 years in the life of one of
the Borough's oldest residents' groups.**

We will be raising a glass to the continued long life of the Association, in company with various allies and colleagues, and invite you to join us in the hall at Broomfield School to see us cut the anniversary cake, take a glass of wine or a soft drink and find out what we have been doing to help the area. You may even decide to offer your own services!

We welcome all previous residents and all newcomers to the area. There will be stalls by the Metropolitan Police, local political and special interest groups and community traders.

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• If you would like to come along, please reply to Mrs G Yeung at 10 Kelvin Avenue,
• London N13, or to Mr Tony Newton on RICHTONE@aol.com or 020 8888 1851
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80 years of service to the local community

This residents' association is now 80 years old having been founded in 1929.

Many years ago it was a very different organisation, with a gardening section, a social committee arranging parties and events, and a set of sub-committees dealing with various aspects of local life- health, transport, and the local Council services and so on.

During World War II members clubbed together to send presents to serving soldiers: the accounts show that quite large amounts for the day were spent on cigarettes for example.

The gardening committee acquired tools for members to borrow for a small fee and there was a local event annually with prizes. Nowadays such activities only occur in country villages.

When it was set up, the rules, which haven't changed much, though we can't quite abide by them nowadays, allowed for 20 representatives to serve on the Executive committee and there

was a president, vice presidents, chairman, a deputy chairman, secretary, treasurer, assistant secretary and so on.

Well over 60 other people served as local Road Stewards, one or two per road to collect subscriptions and take up local people's issues to the committees.

It was almost as if the area was the Association, everyone belonged to it. In its heyday, the association had almost household in membership and that meant well over 1000 households.

The Association was a force to be reckoned with, local councillors attended its public meetings and some of the chairmen and secretaries were fairly tough cookies who knew how to hold elected officials and paid officers of the council to account.

In those days local councils were local. There was a Southgate Town Hall at Palmers Green, and affairs were managed locally. Broomfield Park still had Broomfield House standing and life was much more elegant in this area.

Gradually the north London suburban world changed, and many houses became converted into flats, the nature of the population became more cosmopolitan, and some of the old community spirit began to fade. In the 1960s and 1970s, people began to look less and less to staying at home and tending gardens enjoying all their social life locally. Cheap holidays, more wine bars, more restaurants and much more entertainment came in, and local communities such as this began to lose some of their heart.

Broomfield House-owners' and Residents Association incorporated the fact that not all residents would actually be house-owners into its name, although in practice our members are house or flat owners, but not tenants. We have never set ourselves up as a body that can support people under landlord and tenant legislation.

We have always been more concerned with preserving all the amenities and beauty of a residential area in order to maintain property values and enjoy the best possible living environment.

Some distinguished local people had a hand in the running of the Association, many of them becoming experts on the issues that concerned them. Most of those who were active in the 1990s, when your current Chair and Treasurer took up the reins, had already served for many, many years and were well into their retirement. Over the course of the last few years they have finally retired from community involvement too, sometimes well into their eighties and nineties. The last of these were Mr Arthur Field and Mr Joe Hunt, both of Ashridge Gardens and both former accountants who acted as auditors and advisers to the Association until just a few months ago, when they sadly passed away.

Anyone of a historical turn of mind, who would like to research the 80 year old history of the Association, should contact the treasurer for access to the papers s going back over many of those years.



Ladder and Garden Pruner available for loan

The Association owns a lightweight aluminium double ladder, extending to 24' 6", and members may borrow this for a period not exceeding 14 days at one time.

We do not make a charge but suggest a donation of at least 50 pence a day for each additional day, to assist our funds and maintain the equipment.

Please notify your wish to borrow the equipment in advance, and return it promptly, arranging your own transport.

Your current year membership receipt should be produced when borrowing the equipment. Enquiry should be made directly to the members holding the equipment, to whom the Association is grateful for their assistance.

The ladder is kept by:

Mr. Tony Newton, 134 Brownlow Road
Tel: 020 8888 1851 e: RICHTONE@aol.com

The Association points out that no responsibility can be accepted for accident or injury arising out of and connected in any way with the use of these implements.

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Long standing problems in this area

For many years, stretching into decades, the Association has kept up the pressure on a few issues, thanks to the efforts of a number of members.

RUBBISH

The chief of the problem issues is rubbish. No matter how much we complain about the inadequacy of the clearance of rubbish tipped in various wrong places, and however the Council tackles the problem, the rubbish keeps building up. This is due significantly to the way that the area has been seen by casual dumpers as a place they can get away with it with impunity. The area along Telford Road is not elegant; it is an open invitation to dumpers to offload any rubbish they wish. This problem is closely associated with the issues over the planned improvements to the A406.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & CRIME

In some part of our area, drug-related crime and prostitution, adjacent to a rash of hostels that have sprung up to accommodate more single people than any area should rightfully have, are but part of a disorder problem.

We are fighting to avoid the Green Lanes part of our area becoming known for late night drinking, persistent low level crime and anti-social behaviour affecting the right of the residents to peaceful enjoyment of their surrounding environment...

This extends to the ill-use to which a minority put the riverside walkway off Whittington Road, where despite our protestations people have relatively free access and which some abuse constantly, with human fouling, damage and hooliganism.

We look to the Police to support us for the Council to carry out its enforcement powers on noise and nuisance, but outbreaks are frequent. The southern part of the ward is never short of issues about which we are needing to be constantly vigilant.

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PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH URBAN BLIGHT ALONG THE A406

(between Bounds Green and Palmers Green).

The uncertainty about the development over many years has led to a massive deterioration in the housing along the route of the road, and issues about ownership and responsibility for the housing.

A history of squatting has yet to be fully resolved by a determination between Transport for London, the Council and proprietors about making the area good for residential use again.

The association views this continued problem as the inevitable result of the authorities' neglect of the area despite barrages of complaints.

The association has benefited enormously from the work of the Bowes Telford Community Action Group on the Road, and we have been pleased to support them including financially as they have continued the fight to get the road developments more aligned to the needs to residents.

They have sought to make the area more suitable for our needs, including protecting the shops at Bowes road, ensuring safe crossings and arguing for safety measures in all side streets as part of traffic calming.

BROOMFIELD HOUSE

The house in the park stands, as it has for many years, covered inadequately in canvas and scaffolding, as a monument to municipal failure to solve a relatively small problem.

We have spent over 20 years awaiting an outcome that suits the Council. Frankly, the Association's base policy – that it should be demolished if it cannot be restored soon – is becoming a more attractive proposition.

The artefacts that need to be preserved could be removed from the site, in which very few people are now interested.

It is always a shame to see a fine building fall into a decline, but as far as this place is concerned, it's over... there is no solution possible which does not involve

the public sale of drink, food and entertainment, and the local infrastructure does not support this, with a park on one side and pleasant houses on the other of a relatively narrow road..

It is not just the Council that has failed to find a problem; English Heritage is intransigent about not letting it be demolished. The wreck of the house detracts from the beauty of the park, spoils the outlook from neighbouring roads, and is potentially dangerous.

The Association will continue to keep an interest in its future, and are interested to know what residents now think.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

We very much welcome some new developments in our area

POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

The Metropolitan Police have set up a neighbourhood support network on line, whereby they inform subscribing members of the public and residents' associations of local happenings and developments in crime.

Recent communications have covered:

- Warnings about burglars operating in Evesham Road
- Advice on home security following actual burglaries
- Community Cashback initiative giving communities more say in how recovered criminal assets are spent locally. All Local Criminal Justice Boards can submit community projects up to £95,000.
- Alley gating applications
- Details of vans used by criminals and criminals' descriptions

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THE FUTURE STARTS HERE

We have plans now to improve the service that the Association gives to its members.

Increasingly a higher proportion of potential members will have access to the internet; we no longer seem to be able to enthruse anyone to go house to house collecting subscriptions and so we will need to accept that we need to scale out income to that which we can raise at meetings or by electronic payments.

We will need to keep in touch with members over email and through a website and we have begun to take steps to set this up. The first task is to get as many member's email addresses as possible. We have funds that can go some way to meeting these plans and some willing helpers on the technical side.

What we really need are more people to join us on a regular basis (as a local committee) to discuss issues as they crop up, to help us in writing emails and letters, and to visit councillors surgeries and to begin to take

part again in the federal organisation that supports all the borough's residents' associations (FERAA -The Federation of Enfield Residents and Allied Associations

- Look out for our website over the next few months
- Attend our celebration afternoon on 23rd August at Broomfield School.
- Think about joining our committee and let us know whether you would like to give it a go, on RICHTONE@aol.com
- Let us know of any skills or knowledge you have about local issues, or in relation to communications and administrative work, so we know how best to use your willingness to take part.
- It would be ideal if someone from every road in our area (See Map) could be represented at our meetings in the future.

ACCOUNTS

We have suffered a diminishing income for some years as we have lost older people who were willing to collect subscriptions from members' homes. However we do have some funds available that members have always advised us to hang on to, as we may need to spend money on campaigns.

COUNCILLORS AND THE MP

We enjoy cordial relationships with several councillors and the MP David Burrowes. Our constant theme with them is to too often the same one, Look this way. They all have wider areas to deal with, we accept that, but we do want them always to be aware that our patch is in quiet a lot more need to attention from the authorities than some of the neighbouring streets in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, and Southgate.



Happy Language Learning

Coming in the Autumn/Winter to the local area

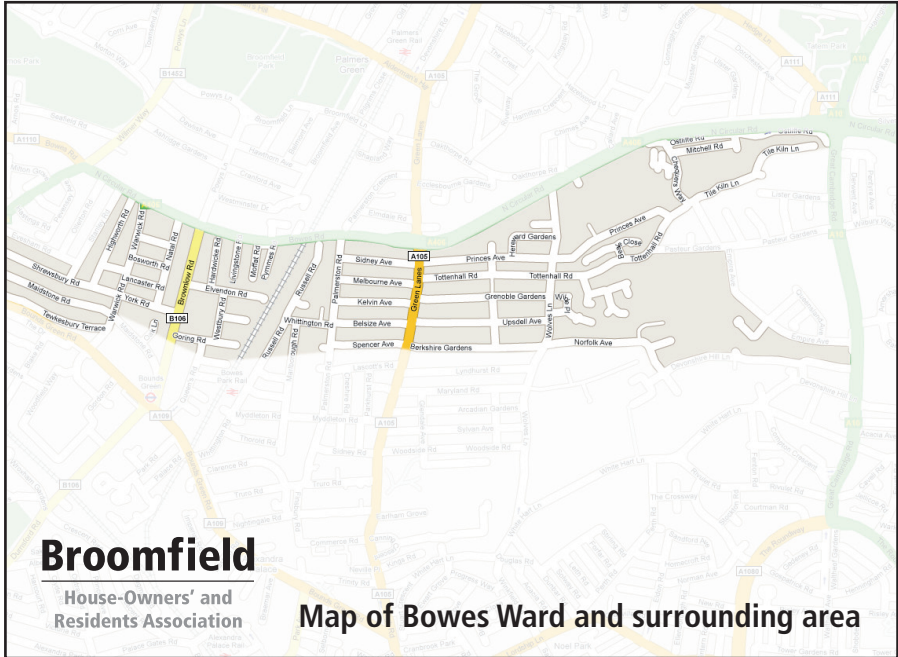
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The Rules of the Association

1. The name of the Association shall be the Broomfield House-owners' and Residents' Association. **2.** Any house owner or resident within the boundaries as may be from time to time determined, and whose application shall be approved by the Committee, shall be eligible for membership. **3.** The object of the Association shall be to protect and advance the interests of its members by such means and in such manner as shall be from time to time determined. **4.** The Association shall be independent of Party Politics, but this Rule shall not preclude the Association from participating in local affairs. **5.** The Officers shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Hon. Solicitor, Hon. Consultant Surveyor, and Hon. Social Secretary, and they, together with a further 20 members, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting as the Executive Committee. With the exception of such matters as by these Rules require the authority or approval of the Members in General Meeting, this Committee shall have the power to do all such things it considers necessary to carry out the objects of the Association; and to appoint Sub-Committees, including the Social Committee, with power to co-opt additional members to serve on such committees, such co-opted members not to exceed in number the members appointed by the Executive Committee. **6.** A Road Steward shall be appointed for each road covered by the Association. **7.** The quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be one-third of the total number of both (a) Committee Members who have been elected at the Annual General Meeting and (b) co-opted members whose co-optation has been reported to the Half-Year Meeting, and for general meetings 25 members of the Association. **8.** The annual subscription shall be £2, but £1 for Senior Citizens if requested by a member in that category, payable in advance on January 1st each year. **9.** The Annual General Meeting shall be held within 16 weeks of January 1st each year, at which all Officers and members of the Executive Committee retire, but are eligible for re-election. **10.** At least one other general meeting shall be convened not more than 6 months after the Annual General Meeting, and at least 4 weeks' notice shall be given to all members. **11.** A Special General Meeting shall be convened at any time upon the request of the Committee or upon the request in writing signed by 25 members addressed to the Secretary, stating the object for which the meeting is requested. **12.** At any meeting each member shall have one vote, the Chairman having a casting vote whenever there is equality in voting. Voting may be by proxy if necessary. The proxy must produce a current membership receipt of the member for whom the proxy is so acting. **13.** A Committee meeting shall be held not less than every two months. **14.** The Chairman and Vice-Chairman on retirement shall, if they or either of them so desire, become ex-officio members of the Executive Committee for the year immediately following retirement. **15.** These Rules may be amended or added to at any such general meeting as aforesaid. Any amendment or addition to these Rules which it is proposed to submit to such general meeting must be notified in writing to the Secretary 28 days before such meeting. **16.** The Committee shall have power to co-opt a member to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee, until the next general meeting, when the appointment shall be confirmed or another member appointed. **17.** The funds of the Association shall be at the disposal of the Committee, but shall not be used for purposes other than the objects of the Association. Any proposal involving the Association in expenditure or liability of more than £150 on any one item, or any proposal for the granting of an honorarium to any officer or member of the Association for service rendered, shall be approved by two-thirds majority of the members present and entitled to vote at the general meeting at which such proposals shall be submitted for approval. **18.** Two Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting each year.