

Belsize Residents Association

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2017

Thanks for your support of the BRA during 2017.

On the planning front, BRA's efforts regarding the major development at 100 Avenue Road continued with the focus turning to the Construction Management Plan. We have made comments and participated in meetings about the Plan. The Association has continued to be involved in other local planning matters and has contributed to a consultation about the revising of the local planning guidance.

We continue to monitor local tree applications, commenting on or objecting to 24 out of 186. We examined around 130 planning applications, commenting on or objecting to 42 of them.

We made a significant investment in our two noticeboards last year, which needed refurbishing. The costs were partly met by a successful application to Camden for the funds derived from Community Infrastructure Levy.

Our financial position remains healthy, improving somewhat from last year and reserves are now back to the levels before the expenditure on the 100 Avenue Road planning appeal in 2015. We were able to make donations to support local activities, including the Belsize Festival, Belsize Village Christmas Lights and local charities.

There have been several successful BRA events; we had a sunny day for the annual summer garden party and this year's carol singing was well-attended, despite the rain. We welcomed a new lead for the carol singing, Matthew Watts and raised a considerable sum for Marie Curie. In the autumn, we could extend a kind invitation to members to attend the launch event for the book "Belsize Remembered".

In addition to our quarterly newsletters, we continue to send electronic communications to members. There have also been improvements to the website and members received the 2017 edition of Tradesmen You Can Trust.

During the year, 31 new member households joined the Association but, after taking account of those not renewing, there was a net decrease of two members. This brings the total paid membership to xxx. We held a well-attended new members event early in 2017.

It is thanks to all the hard work of the committee and many other members that we are able to maintain our wide range of activities successfully. We are very grateful to everyone who continued their work for us in 2017 and to all those who took on new tasks. A list of candidates standing for election will be circulated at the AGM.

Prabhat Vaze – Chair

BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2017	2016	2015
SUBSCRIPTIONS (£690 in respect of 2018)	£5,645.00	£5,170.00	£5,270.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£15.00	£5.00	£15.00
INTEREST	£8.11	£28.32	£43.28
DONATIONS	£20.00	£0.00	£16,050.00
OTHER	£35.00	£0.00	£1,102.43
TOTAL INCOME	£5,723.11	£5,203.32	£22,480.71

EXPENDITURE

PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£144.84	£37.66	£120.87
STATIONERY	£60.55	£283.56	£96.63
PRINTING	£2,034.86 *	£1,349.99	£1,589.57
PHOTOCOPIES	£11.94	£204.30	£247.02
POSTAGE	£185.48	£223.58	£212.58
GIFTS	£85.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£192.00	£333.00	£209.90
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
WEBSITE	£518.40	£158.40	£469.40
DONATIONS (see below)	£650.00	£300.00	£900.00
ENTERTAINMENT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£213.00	£209.00	£202.00
NOTICEBOARDS	£149.10	£261.46	£0.00
OTHER (Carols' Leader Fee)	£150.00	£20.00	£25,251.23
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£4,395.17	£3,380.95	£29,299.20
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£1,327.94	£1,822.37	(£6,818.49)

BALANCE SHEET AT:	31/12/2017	31/12/2016	31/12/2015
BANK BALANCES	£11,815.78	£10,487.84	£8,665.47
LESS UNPAID EXPENSES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL NET BALANCE	£11,815.78	£10,487.84	£8,665.47

REPRESENTED BY:			
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£10,487.84	£8,665.47	£15,483.96
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£1,327.94	£1,822.37	(£6,818.49)
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	£11,815.78	£10,487.84	£8,665.47

* £242.42 in respect of printing for noticeboards

Donations made

Christmas Lights for Belsize Village	£100.00
Swiss Cottage Action Group	£200.00
Belsize Music Festival	£150.00
CARIS Camden Homeless Project	£200.00

Neil Harris
Treasurer



Date 16/1/2018

Having examined the documentation and bank statements I confirm that the above figures are an accurate and true representation of the state of the accounts for the 12 months to 31 December 2017.



Jill Tyrrell

Independent Examiner

Date 16/1/2018