

# **Belsize Residents Association**

## **CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2014**

2014 has been another active year for the BRA.

We examined 142 planning applications, commenting on or objecting to 17 of them. We were particularly involved with the proposed major developments at 100 Avenue Road, voicing our concern about the proposed tower block at Swiss Cottage. With the Save Swiss Cottage campaign group, we funded an expert study of the heritage impacts of the development. We submitted this to Camden and spoke at the planning committee. Camden rejected the proposal, heavily swayed by the local objections. We were pleased that our suggestions for Camden's Local List of significant buildings were included in the list. We continued to monitor local tree applications, commenting or objecting to 27 out of 190.

We made a submission to the HS2 consultation, highlighting the traffic effects of the construction works and the detriment to the Adelaide Road nature reserve. We also contributed to a consortium of local residents associations to highlight the problems people face with basement development. This is influencing Camden as it considers policy in this area.

We have financially supported the first set of Christmas lights in Haverstock Hill, an initiative suggested at last year's AGM. We have also supported St Michael's and WAC Arts. The Association also benefitted from donations from film production companies using Belsize Park.

Averil Nottage led an excellent walk around Belsize. We also manned a stall at the Transition Belsize Green Fair. We had a sunny day for the annual Summer garden party and this year's carol singing was very successful, raising a considerable sum for Marie Curie.

In addition to our popular quarterly newsletters, we have continued to send electronic communications to members. The 2014 edition of Tradesmen You Can Trust was better than ever. We have started the process of updating our website.

We continue to attract new members, promoting the Association at events. During the year 43 new member households joined us a net increase of six. This brings the total paid membership up to 575. We are planning a new members event.

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 to contribute to our work in 2014 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

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## ACCOUNTS FOR 12 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2014

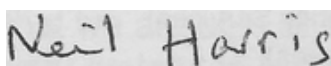
### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
SUBSCRIPTIONS (£980 in respect of 2015)	£5,700.00	£5,770.00	£5,280.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£0.00	£0.00	£6.00
INTEREST	£51.20	£145.41	£186.10
DONATIONS	£450.00	£25.00	£35.01
OTHER	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£6,201.20</b>	<b>£5,940.41</b>	<b>£5,506.11</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£247.75	£207.12	£471.23
STATIONERY	114.01	£363.97	£227.64
PRINTING	£1,700.65	£1,894.80	£1583.90
PHOTOCOPIES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
POSTAGE	£234.94	£138.94	£144.10
PRIZES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£0.00	£209.90	£298.52
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00
WEBSITE	£246.87	£63.69	£47.44
DONATIONS (see below*)	£1,150.00	£1,050.00	£696.46
ENTERTAINMENT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£202.00	£202.00	£202.00
OTHER (Ave Rd expenditure £24,148.80 & error repayment £1,102.43)	£1,177.50	£250.90	£375.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£5,083.72</b>	<b>£4,381.32</b>	<b>£4,046.29</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£1,117.48</b>	<b>£1,559.09</b>	<b>£1,459.82</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET AT:</b>	<b>31.12.14</b>	<b>31.12.13</b>	<b>31.12.12.</b>
BANK BALANCES	£15,483.96	£15,366.48	£12,807.39
LESS UNPAID EXPENSES	£0.00	(£1,000.00)	£0.00
<b>TOTAL NET BALANCE</b>	<b>£15,483.96</b>	<b>£14,366.48</b>	<b>£12,807.39</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£14,366.48	£12,807.39	£11,347.57
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£1,117.48	£1,559.09	£1,459.82
<b>SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>£15,483.96</b>	<b>£14,366.43</b>	<b>£12807.39</b>

#### \*Donations made:

Christmas lights for Belsize Village	£50.00	
Christmas lights for Haverstock Hill	£100.00	
Winchester Project	£500.00	cheque reissued from 2013
St Peter's Church Garden Appeal	£500.00	cheque reissued from 2013
WAC Arts	£500.00	
St Stephen's Restoration Appeal	£500.00	

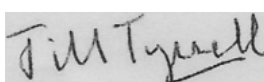
Neil Harris  
Treasurer



Date 3/1/2015

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 2015.

Jill Tyrrell  
Independent Examiner



Date 3/1/2015