

Belsize Residents Association

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2015

The BRA has had an active 2015.

We were particularly involved with the proposed major development at 100 Avenue Road. The developer's proposals were rejected by Camden and we were a "Rule 6" party at the subsequent appeal. Our concerns about the proposed tower block at Swiss Cottage were shared by other residents groups who were also parties to the appeal, particularly the Save Swiss Cottage Action Group. Through the support of the BRA membership, we raised sufficient funds to be represented at the hearing by a barrister and to commission two expert studies highlighting the impact of the proposal on heritage and on the Swiss Cottage Open Space. Our experts gave oral evidence and we also called evidence from the local residents. At the time of writing, we await the decision by the Secretary of State.

We successfully applied for the Sir Richard Steel pub to be an Asset of Community Value. At the time of writing, the owners are appealing to the independent tribunal against the listing and we are a party to the appeal.

We continue to monitor local tree applications, commenting or objecting to 32 out of 188. We examined 77 planning applications, commenting on or objecting to 12 of them.

We appeared before the HS2 Hybrid Bill Committee and presented our Petition. Our concerns centred on the traffic effects of the construction works and the detriment to the Adelaide Road nature reserve. Camden, HS2 and TfL did agree some improvements to the construction plans in December and these reflected local concerns. Through a consortium of local residents associations, we have highlighted the problems people face with basement development which has led to Camden improving its policy.

Our financial position reflects expenditure on the 100 Avenue Road planning application. However, we could still support Christmas lights in Haverstock Hill and Belsize Village.

BRA member John Doggart hosted an excellent event at his green SuperHome. 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.

We updated the website. In addition to our popular quarterly newsletters, we continue to send electronic communications to members. The 2015 edition of Tradesmen You Can Trust was better than ever.

During the year, 21 new member households joined us, a net increase of seven. This brings the total paid membership up to 553. We held one new members event early in 2015.

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 2015 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 THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2015

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2015	2014	2013
SUBSCRIPTIONS (£710 in respect of 2016)	£5,270.00	£5,700.00	£5,770.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£15.00	£0.00	£0.00
INTEREST	£43.28	£51.20	£145.41
DONATIONS (includes 100 Avenue Road)	£16,050.00	£450.00	£25.00
OTHER (transfer made in error)	£1,102.43	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£22,480.71	£6,201.20	£5,940.41

EXPENDITURE	2015	2014	2013
PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£120.87	£247.75	£207.12
STATIONERY	£96.63	114.01	£363.97
PRINTING	£1,589.57	£1,700.65	£1,894.80
PHOTOCOPIES	£247.02	£0.00	£0.00
POSTAGE	£212.58	£234.94	£138.94
PRIZES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£209.90	£0.00	£209.90
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£0.00	£10.00	£0.00
WEBSITE	£469.40	£246.87	£63.69
DONATIONS (see below*)	£900.00	£1,150.00	£1,050.00
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)	£25,251.23	£1,177.50	£250.90
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£29,299.20	£5,083.72	£4,381.32
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	(£6,818.49)	£1,117.48	£1,559.09

BALANCE SHEET AT:	31.12.15	31.12.14	31.12.13
BANK BALANCES	£8,665.47	£15,483.96	£15,366.48
LESS UNPAID EXPENSES	£0.00	£0.00	(£1,000.00)
TOTAL NET BALANCE	£8,665.47	£15,483.96	£14,366.48

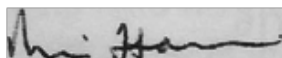
REPRESENTED BY:	2015	2014	2013
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£15,483.96	£14,366.48	£12,807.39
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	(£6,818.49)	£1,117.48	£1,559.09
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	£8,665.47	£15,483.96	£14,366.48

*Donations made:

Marie Curie (in respect of Philip Vince)	£200.00
Christmas lights for Belsize Village	£100.00
Christmas lights for Haverstock Hill	£100.00
Swiss Cottage Action Group	£500.00

100 Avenue Road Fundraising	£15,940.00	included in "Donations"
100 Avenue Road Expenditure (Fees)	£24,148.80	included in "other"

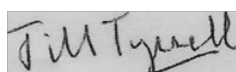
Neil Harris
Treasurer



Date 21/1/2016

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

21/1/2016