

# Belsize Residents Association

## CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2016

Thanks for your support of the BRA during 2016.

After a very busy 2015 on the planning front – with BRA's efforts against the major development at 100 Avenue Road – the Association has continued to be involved in local planning matters. With Camden, we co-defended the status of the Sir Richard Steele pub as an Asset of Community Value in the independent Tribunal and won. The judge was persuaded by the case made by members of the Association who gave evidence and spoke in support. The key issue was whether the owner could reduce the use of the pub's function room by the community and the use of the garden by pub customers. Following the judge's decision, there has been a planning proposal accepted that preserves the community value.

During the year, the Association made representations around HS2 and the proposals for Cycle Superhighway 11. Our responses reflected concerns about the traffic impacts of these proposals. We also supported the listing of the Belsize Library at Grade II. We have continued to monitor the developments on neighbourhood planning, especially as nearby areas have established Neighbourhood Forums.

We continue to monitor local tree applications, commenting on or objecting to 34 out of 167. We examined around 130 planning applications, commenting on or objecting to 22 of them.

Our financial position reflects a period of consolidation following the expenditure on the 100 Avenue Road planning appeal in 2015. However, we were still able to make two substantial donations to support local activities.

There have been several successful events. We had a sunny day for the annual summer garden party and this year's carol singing was very well-attended, raising a considerable sum for Marie Curie. In the summer, we had a pleasant day for a tree walk around Belsize. In the autumn, we were treated to a guided tour of the Wallace Collection.

We have refreshed the Association's notice boards, which needed a clean-up and general refurbishment. In addition to our quarterly newsletters, we continue to send electronic communications to members. The 2016 edition of Tradesmen You Can Trust involved adding new categories.

During the year, 35 new member households joined but, after taking account of those not renewing there was a net decrease of eighteen members. This brings the total paid membership to 537. We held a well-attended new members event early in 2016.

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 2016 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 2016

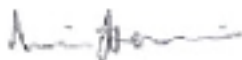
### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2016	2015	2014
<b>INCOME</b>			
SUBSCRIPTIONS (£485 in respect of 2017)	£5,170.00	£5,270.00	£5,700.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£5.00	£15.00	£0.00
INTEREST	£28.32	£43.28	£51.20
DONATIONS (includes 100 Avenue Road)	£0.00	£16,050.00	£450.00
OTHER (transfer made in error)	£0.00	£1,102.43	£0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£5,203.32</b>	<b>£22,480.71</b>	<b>£6,201.20</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£37.66	£120.87	£247.75
STATIONERY	£283.56	£96.63	114.01
PRINTING	£1,349.99	£1,589.57	£1,700.65
PHOTOCOPIES	£204.30	£247.02	£0.00
POSTAGE	£223.58	£212.58	£234.94
PRIZES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£333.00	£209.90	£0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00
WEBSITE	£158.40	£469.40	£246.87
*DONATIONS (see below)	£300.00	£900.00	£1,150.00
ENTERTAINMENT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£209.00	£202.00	£202.00
NOTICEBOARDS	£261.46	£0.00	£0.00
OTHER (HoL HS2 Petition Fee)	£20.00	£25,251.23	£1,177.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£3,380.95</b>	<b>£29,299.20</b>	<b>£5,083.72</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£1,822.37</b>	<b>(£6,818.49)</b>	<b>£1,117.48</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET AT:</b>	<b>31.12.16</b>	<b>31.12.15</b>	<b>31.12.14</b>
BANK BALANCES	£10,487.84	£8,665.47	£15,483.96
LESS UNPAID EXPENSES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL NET BALANCE</b>	<b>£10,487.84</b>	<b>£8,665.47</b>	<b>£15,483.96</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£8,665.47	£15,483.96	£14,366.48
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£1,822.37	(£6,818.49)	£1,117.48
<b>SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>£10,487.84</b>	<b>£8,665.47</b>	<b>£15,483.96</b>

### \*Donations made:

Christmas lights for Belsize Village	£100.00
Royal Free Hospital Planting Programme	£200.00

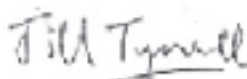
Neil Harris  
Treasurer



Date 16.1.2017

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 2016.

Jill Tyrrell  
Independent Examiner



Date 16.1.2017

