

Belsize Residents Association

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2018

Thanks for your support of the BRA during 2018. It has been another busy year.

On the planning front, BRA responded to the consultation as Camden has developed its planning policy. BRA continued to participate in meetings about 100 Avenue Road. We continue to monitor local tree applications, commenting on or objecting to 13 out of 150 that were reviewed. We examined around 80 planning applications, commenting on or objecting to 35 of them.

We have initiated a pollution monitoring project in the Belsize area with Camden's sustainability team. Volunteers are being co-ordinated by the Association, collecting air samples from 10 monitoring sites each month. The costs are to be met by funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

The Committee have successfully applied for charitable status for a new incorporated organisation, the Belsize Society. This is following last year's AGM decision to explore changing the organisation's status. Applying for this has paralleled other reviews such as work improving the Association's constitution.

Our financial position remains healthy, improving somewhat from last year, and reserves are continuing to rise towards 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 Music Festival, Belsize Village Christmas Lights, Hive Project, Royal Free Hospital Charity and the CARIS Camden Homeless Project.

There have been several successful BRA events. For the local elections, BRA hosted a husting with representatives from four political parties. We had a sunny day for the annual summer garden party and this year's carol singing was well-attended, raising a considerable sum for the Marie Curie Hospice. In the autumn, members attended the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama's production of Flare Path. In April, there was a new members event introducing recent joiners to the BRA's work. Many of the events were accompanied by cakes and teas provided by members,

The quarterly newsletters covered the usual diversity of local news and events and members received the 2018 edition of Tradesmen You Can Trust with the May newsletter. We continue to send electronic communications to members and considered the full implications of new data protection legislation on our work. There have also been improvements to the website.

During the year, 22 new member households joined the Association. The total membership remains above 500.

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 2018 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 2018

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2018	2017	2016
SUBSCRIPTIONS (£640 in respect of 2018)	£5,145.00	£5,645.00	£5,170.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£15.00	£15.00	£5.00
INTEREST	£0.83	£8.11	£28.32
DONATIONS	£510.00	£20.00	£0.00
OTHER	£0.00	£35.00	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£5,670.83	£5,723.11	£5,203.32

EXPENDITURE

PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£24.34	£144.84	£37.66
STATIONERY	£0.00	£60.55	£283.56
PRINTING	£1,470.00	£2,034.86	£1,349.99
PHOTOCOPIES	£0.00	£11.94	£204.30
POSTAGE	£168.36	£185.48	£223.58
GIFTS	£0.00	£85.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£443.00	£192.00	£333.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
WEBSITE	£161.40	£518.40	£158.40
DONATIONS (see below)	£1,000.00	£650.00	£300.00
ENTERTAINMENT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£213.00	£213.00	£209.00
NOTICEBOARDS (Inc. Printing)	£219.92	£149.10	£261.46
OTHER (Carols' Leader Fee)	£150.00	£150.00	£20.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£3,850.02	£4,395.17	£3,380.95
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£1,820.81	£1,327.94	£1,822.37

BALANCE SHEET AT:	31/12/2018	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
BANK BALANCES	£13,836.59	£11,815.78	£10,487.84
LESS UNPAID EXPENSES	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL NET BALANCE	£13,636.59	£11,815.78	£10,487.84

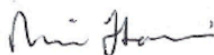
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SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£11,815.78	£10,487.84	£8,665.47
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£1,820.81	£1,327.94	£1,822.37
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	£13,636.59	£11,815.78	£10,487.84

Donations made

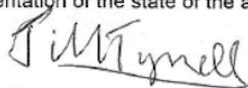
Christmas Lights for Belsize Village	£100.00
Royal Free Hospital Charity	£100.00
Belsize Music Festival	£150.00
CARIS Camden Homeless Project	£250.00
HIVE Project	£200.00
St Mary's Primrose Hill	£200.00

Neil Harris
Treasurer



Date 21.1.2019

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 2018.



Jill Tyrrell
Independent Examiner

21/1/2019

Date