

MISARA Newsletter Autumn 2024

On behalf of the Milner Street Area Residents' Association, we set out below the details of our forthcoming Annual General Meeting and a commentary on some topics since our last AGM in autumn 2023.

**Annual General Meeting 2024
Thursday 28 November at 7pm
St Simon Zelotes Church
Party afterwards**

Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our AGM on Thursday 28 November at 7pm in St Simon Zelotes church, at the top of Moore Street. This will include an open discussion to hear more about the matters mentioned in this newsletter and any other matters that you would like to raise.

We have two guest speakers again this year:

Cllr Cem Kemahli, RBK&C Lead Member for Planning and Public Realm since 2022. He was first elected to the Council for Royal Hospital ward in Chelsea in May 2018. In 2019 he became Lead Member for Environment and in 2020 Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health.

Sir Peter Bazalgette, noted television producer and arts and media grandee. He is a former chairman of Arts Council England, English National Opera and ITV and a former president of the Royal Television Society. He is currently co-chairman of the Creative Industries Council, a board member of the Department for Education and an independent member of HMG Arts and Media Honours Committee. He will talk about the achievements of his ancestor Sir Joseph Bazalgette who, as Chief Engineer to the Metropolitan Board of Works from 1856-89, was responsible for building many bridges over the Thames and, most famously,

London's sewerage system, in use to this day.

Joe Powell, our new MP for Kensington and Bayswater, has promised to come and introduce himself and say a few words, parliamentary commitments permitting. Together with Ben Coleman, the new MP for Chelsea and Fulham, he is the first Labour MP for any part of Chelsea.

He will be accompanied by his Community Organiser **Billy Beckett**, who has a brief to get to know all the Residents' Associations and is the best contact point if we need urgent help. This seems a most encouraging approach.

Mr Powell has set up a mailing list for recipients of his e-newsletter, to which one can subscribe by following this link:

<https://www.joepowell.org.uk/signup>

Police Inspector Greig Baker-Doyle, responsible for neighbourhood policing in the nine RBK&C wards south of Kensington High Street, has kindly agreed to come and answer any questions members may have arising out of the information paper already circulated (see below). The other six members of our local police team have also been invited to attend as guests.

We have also invited our three local ward councillors, **Walaa Idris, Sof McVeigh and Mary Weale**, to participate in our open forum discussion, together with senior representatives of the **Chelsea Society**.

There will be a party afterwards at the west end of the church, with wine, soft drinks and edibles provided by committee members and volunteers - a good opportunity to meet our new MP, our ward councillors, our local police team and our guests. We are delighted to accept the Vicar's kind offer to have it there once again.

We hope as many of you as possible will attend – and do please encourage your friends and neighbours to come too (if not already members, they can join at the door). We look forward to seeing you there.

Local Crime and Police

Our local ward neighbourhood police team comprises five officers (the largest of any ward in RBK&C): PC Ben Tivey, PC Chris Meade-King, PC Stephanie Mustard, PCSO Charlotte King and PCSO Duaine Layokun (who is currently off ward duties until further notice). The command structure above PC level has been expanded, with 10 Sergeants now covering the 18 wards in RBK&C; Sgt. Vinnie Costa is now responsible solely for our ward. The 9 wards north and south of Kensington High Street now report, respectively, to Inspector Charlie Legg and Inspector Greig Baker-Doyle, both of whom report to Chief Inspector John Hine and Superintendent Owen Renowden.

The Brompton and Hans Town ward panel last met on 10 October. We have already circulated the information supplied by the police for that meeting to all our members, and we are most grateful to Inspector Baker-Doyle for agreeing to answer questions arising at our AGM this year. The police information paper is here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/s1xn6dtbg62m6xrkv35lh/Police-Information-October-2024.pdf?rlkey=upyryi9cwvdwklx86t779ke7k&dl=0>

Priorities for police action in the ward are set by the panel, which meets in person quarterly and continues to be chaired by our committee member Hasi Aruni. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 9 January 2025 at 5pm. If you wish to attend the meeting, or would like further information, please contact Hasi on hkovesen@yahoo.com



Our local police at the 2023 MISARA AGM

Current priorities remain the same as before: robberies, burglaries and motor vehicle crime. The local ward team have been focusing their efforts and running special operations (including plain clothed policing) to tackle these priorities and we are glad to report that the crime figures for most categories in our ward have declined significantly. Comparing the year to mid-October 2024 with calendar year 2023, robberies are down from 120 to 68, -43%; theft from vehicles down from 412 to 277, -33%; theft of vehicles down from 107 to 54, -50%; residential burglaries 53 for both periods, so a slight increase on an annualised basis.

The particular measures taken this year are described on p8 of the police information paper, *How have we been tackling our ward priorities?*

As part of the Met's "Violence Against Women and Girls" initiative, PCSO Charlotte King has organised "walk and talk" events, about one per month, including First Street on 20 October and (coming up) Clabon Mews on 16 December at 10.00. A list of all scheduled events can be found on the Met's website: <https://www.met.police.uk/area/your-area/met/kensington-and-chelsea/brompton-and-hans-town/meetings-and-events/crime-map>

These events are subject to last minute cancellation for operational reasons.

There was a car crash in Moore Street on Christmas Eve, when a car at high speed collided with a number of parked vehicles; the driver made off on foot. Unfortunately, despite extensive forensic evidence and CCTV footage, the identity of the suspect has not yet been established.

The ward currently maintains 8 demountable CCTV cameras, including the one on the junction of Milner Street and Lennox Gardens, which has undoubtedly contributed to the reduction in crime compared with previously. Information on the location of the cameras is in the public domain, and we were hoping to show a map of them in this newsletter, but we were told to our surprise by a Council officer: *"We were advised by counter terrorism police not to publicise or promote them as it makes it easier for organised criminals to avoid surveillance and makes the borough less strong against terrorism."*

NextDoor remains the Met's primary – but unsatisfactory - mode of communication. We wrote to Superintendent Owen Renowden on 23 October to request improving the format of postings on NextDoor, and that key communications be sent to Residents' Associations by email. He replied on 2 November that the Police share our frustrations and agree with our recommendations and that action will be taken. Our correspondence is here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/v1re630wxtgg944fa1n0h/Correspondence-with-Police-re-NextDoor.pdf?rlkey=udoep06moldf0nik5sjfn3qx&dl=0>

For greater efficiency and speed, our local team have created a WhatsApp group to communicate directly with ward residents. Anyone wishing to be included in the group chat should contact Hasi on hkovesen@yahoo.com

Clearings

Planning permission for development of the John Lewis Clearings site was given in 2017. This project, which was originally scheduled for completion in 2024, has been delayed by at least 4-5 years compared with the timetable published in 2019.

We have been in contact this month with Citygrove, the developers, and they have told us that there is still no start date scheduled, but they are still hoping to start one day soon.

We will, of course, be in touch if we have further news.

Planning – general

The MISARA committee has reviewed all significant planning applications in our area since our last AGM in 2023.

We have seen, in the past year, 5 applications for planning permission (or applications to vary previous permission) for the installation of air conditioning units, of which 4 were to place units on the roof.

We were pleased to see that 3 of the applications to place units on the roof were either withdrawn or refused. (The fourth is awaiting a decision.)

The reason for refusal (or withdrawal) in each case was that placing them on the roof would have breached Conservation Area guidelines – and we agree with this.

There should often be a second reason for refusal – that the units will disturb neighbours. The planning rules require that all applications to install a/c units require a Noise Report showing that the Council's noise guidelines will not be breached. This is an important planning control. However, the

Council, including the Planning Applications Committee (PAC), have failed to respond to objections we have raised on flawed Noise Reports.

Acoustic (Noise Assessment) Reports not scrutinised

Planning applications which include the installation of machinery (e.g. a/c units or heat pumps) require an Acoustic Report, to show that the machinery will comply with the Council's Noise SPD (2009), so that the unit(s) will not disturb neighbours.

Acoustic Reports will calculate the noise level, based on the unit and its proximity to the nearest neighbouring window or garden, and compare this with the prevailing minimum background noise level at the site.

We have seen a number of such reports where the calculations or assumptions are patently wrong. Almost invariably, even if the errors have been pointed out by objectors, Environmental Health (EH) simply states that the units are "acceptable", without addressing the details of the objections, *and without explanation.*

The planning officers will then take this opinion from EH at face value (again without considering objections that have been made) and recommend that the application is granted anyway.

Members of the PAC normally do not ask the planning officers (in the absence of EH officers, who do not attend PAC meetings) to explain why the objections are wrong, or have been ignored; on the rare occasions when they do, the officers simply say that "EH consider the units acceptable", and PAC members likewise take this at face value.

We have seen only one case where this did not happen - when MISARA attended the PAC meeting and pointed out that objections had

not been dealt with - and the application was deferred, pending a revised Acoustic Report.

It is vital that Acoustic Reports accompanying planning applications are properly scrutinised, and any objections clearly and fully addressed. These reports are essential to effective planning control. Objections and inaccuracies should not just be ignored, and applications with deficient reports should be refused. Otherwise the whole process is meaningless.

We intend to raise this problem with the Lead Member responsible for Planning, Cllr Cem Kamahli, and ask for proper scrutiny and responses to all objections on Noise Reports that accompany planning applications - with applications refused if there is insufficient assurance that the unit will operate within the Council's noise limits.

Construction Management Team (CMT) not working

The Council imposes a standard condition on major developments: *"Code of Construction Practice No development shall commence until: An Appendix A Checklist and Site Construction Management Plan (SCMP) for the development have both been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Council's Construction Management Team [CMT], and then B) Copies of the approved Checklist and Plan, and their written approval, have been submitted to the local planning authority to be placed on the property record [the planning website]. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the Appendix A Checklist and SCMP so approved."*

We have discovered this year from two major developments in our area that neither the Council nor developers are fulfilling their responsibilities under this condition. In one case, the applicant had sought to discharge the condition by sending a (deficient) SCMP to Planning. We objected on numerous

grounds, but Planning said it was nothing to do with them, it was purely a matter for the CMT. Works commenced several months ago but there is no Appendix A Checklist on the website; it seems the CMT have done nothing.

In another case, works commenced earlier this year and neighbours complained to the Council about an unsecured hoarding (in June) and about noise (in July). We discovered in late August that there was no Appendix A Checklist or SCMP on the website and reported this to Planning, who ordered works to be suspended. Again, it seems the CMT had done nothing.

The result of approvals to discharge the condition being given by the CMT instead of Planning is that residents are cut out of the process: there is no e-notification and no method of objecting.

We have complained about this to Cllr Kemahli, and drew his attention to an appeal case (PP/22/03971, August 2023) where the Planning Inspector had amended the condition to require approval by the Local Planning Authority instead of the CMT. Cllr Kemahli replied that the Council would not change its procedure because, if approval were given by Planning, they would be unable to "secure the payment of a bond to fund the monitoring of the site by the CMT".

Money payable under the bond ranges from £5,000-£17,500 p.a. – serious amounts. But it is not clear what monitoring the CMT actually does. In the above case, over a year later, there is still no Appendix A Checklist or SCMP on the website, so there are no obligations to monitor!

The Council needs to ensure that the CMT does its job properly and communicates efficiently with Planning, and that work on any development is not allowed to commence until the condition (when

imposed) has been satisfied and the required documents placed on the planning website.

Video Screen in Milner Street

In May 2023 Allect (at 29 Milner Street) installed a large video screen in their front window, advertising their services.

This was a very unwelcome addition to the street, and can be seen not only across Milner Street but also down the entire length of Halsey Street, as the light from the screen is significantly more intrusive than normal shop window displays.

Because the screen is inside the building one metre behind the window, it has "deemed" planning permission – although this can be revoked by RBK&C if there is substantial injury to the locality.

RBK&C Planning Enforcement have visited the site and asked for the brightness to be reduced and have agreed with Allect that the screen should only be used on weekdays up to 7pm *and not outside daylight hours, if earlier*. Allect have agreed to reduce the brightness and not to use moving images.

However, Allect are not following the hours agreed with RBK&C. At the time of publication, with sunset at 4.10pm, the screen still remains on until 6pm. The screen also currently comes on at 5am on weekdays (with a blank screen) before the pictures start at 6am. This seems totally unnecessary and cannot benefit anyone

Neighbours have written and suggested that Allect adopt their previous weekday hours of 8-4.30 in winter and 9-5.30 in summer, but this request has fallen on deaf ears.

Knightsbridge School

We have three items relating to Knightsbridge School, set out below.

School buses

Residents of Lennox Gardens and Milner Street will have noticed over the past year a large number of coaches parked illegally and double-parked for long periods of time. These coaches are commissioned by local schools to ferry the pupils to and from activities off the school premises several times a day, every day, in term time.

Sometimes up to 5-6 coaches a time can be seen parked on both sides of Milner Street at the south end of Lennox Gardens, where pupils, mainly from Knightsbridge School, access the coaches.



Coach jam in Milner Street

Coaches are often double-parked or on yellow lines (also illegal), obstructing the carriageway and making it difficult and hazardous for other drivers and pedestrians. On some days coaches mount the pavement and are left parked until required by the School. Coaches also obstruct access to both doors of St. Simons Zelotes, an active church open all day long – it was even reported that the coaches had obstructed a funeral as the hearse was unable to access either of the church doors.

Using Milner Street as a parking lot for school buses is also an eyesore for those living nearby, and blocks daylight and infringes the privacy of residents with ground/ lower ground floor windows when buses park outside.

On 5 December 2023 we met the Knightsbridge School's Principal and Founder, and requested:

- Keeping the number of buses to a minimum
- Better scheduling – i.e. fixing an exact pick-up time and not making the bus drivers wait
- Telling bus drivers they must not turn up early.

We also suggested that the School should ask the Council for a yellow zig-zag area outside the entrance (as for other nearby schools) for coaches to stop. A 6 month trial bus space outside the school started in April and is expected to be made permanent.

However, the illegal parking problem has persisted despite the trial, so more needs to be done by the school to solve this problem.



Coach parked in Lennox Gardens

Out of hours expeditions

A problem has also arisen with coaches collecting pupils for expeditions such as overseas trips, resulting in parents congregating in Lennox Gardens for long periods as they see their children off, sometimes at anti-social times (e.g. 4am) causing disturbance to residents.

At our December meeting we requested that out of hours gatherings should assemble somewhere else (e.g. Cromwell Road), away from our quiet residential streets. We have written to the School several times to ask them to do this, but have not received a response.

Lennox Gardens road closure

On 17 October residents of Lennox Gardens were astonished to discover that the road up to Pont Street had been cordoned off, without any forewarning, for a private party hosted by the Knightsbridge School. Not only were cars unable to use the road, but pedestrians were turned away by private security guards.

We asked our councillors to investigate. A Council officer replied: *"This event was granted by our events team and I am advised that all the required road closure permissions were in place [and] that this event takes place annually at the school without complaint. I have advised the event's organisers that it may be prudent to give prior notice to residents who live in close proximity to the school in future. They will take this on board and apologise for any inconvenience caused."*

On 5 November we received a further communication from the Council's Utility Liaison Officer telling us that a Temporary Traffic Order to close the road from 06.00-23.00 had been issued, which was dated 11 November 2024 (i.e. only after the event!),

that pedestrian access must be maintained (it wasn't) and that residents must be notified at least 2 weeks before the event (they weren't).



Road closed to traffic and pedestrians

We have told our councillors that this is not good enough, and that for such an event in future, permission should only be given after consultation with all the residents of Lennox Gardens. Why can the school not hire a meeting place for its party, as other organisations do, e.g. in St Columba's church opposite?

We intend to pursue this matter further, and will keep members informed of developments.

Proposed bench in Lennox Gardens

In January the Council launched a consultation following a request by the Knightsbridge School Parents Association for the installation of a sponsored bench outside St Columba's church in Lennox Gardens opposite the entrance to the School. We were

puzzled by the request because the School already has a seating area within the premises, and no other school in our neighbourhood has benches outside.

We told the Council in our response that the proposal should be accepted only if both St Columba's, and a clear majority of the residents of Lennox Gardens responding to the consultation, supported acceptance.

We were surprised to discover that St Columba's had not been informed of the request before the consultation was launched. They told us that they strongly objected to the proposal on grounds of security, safety and possible noise nuisance at night, especially to the resident caretaker.

The Council reported back in April: 15 residents in Lennox Gardens had objected, as had our 3 ward councillors, and no-one had written in support. The proposed installation will therefore not proceed.

Parking in Milner Street

Residents may have seen yellow notices on the lamp posts in Milner Street detailing a proposed Traffic Management Order by the Council's Highways Department to convert a section of the street on the south side (between St Catherine's Mews and Halsey Street) to perpendicular parking, and inviting comments.

We understand that the Council's intention generally is to create more residents' parking spaces in the Borough, as some have been converted to e-bike bays, car club and electric parking bays, and the proposal for Milner Street is part of a much wider Traffic Management Order containing over 100 proposed changes across the Borough.

We believe this change would be the wrong solution in the wrong place.

It would create just two more residents' parking spaces; however members of MISARA have not asked for such additional spaces, nor did we request it at the RBK&C Streetscape meetings we attended.

Milner Street affords a beautiful open vista, from both ends of the street, which would be compromised by creating a perpendicular parking area in the middle of the street.

The new parking area would also protrude into the street beyond the line of other parked cars and create a new hazard for passing motorists travelling west down Milner Street, and make it harder for vehicles turning right into Milner Street from Halsey Street, as it would block their line of sight of traffic coming from the left.

Several residents in Milner Street (and others) have written to object to the scheme, and MISARA has also written. Comments were requested by 6 November, and the Council is now considering responses.

We hope that the Council will listen to these concerns and reject the proposal to change parking in Milner Street.

Dockless e-bike hire and parking

We reported last year on the Council's welcome introduction of dedicated parking bays for dockless e-bikes. In September 2024 54 new locations were added, so that RBK&C now has over 180 marked bay locations and 60 "virtual" bays (visible only in the suppliers' apps, Forest and Lime). The Council now has a webpage with a map of the locations at the bottom:

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/streets-and-transport/roads-and-pavements/e-bike-hire>

The ones nearest to us are the marked bay with a capacity of 10 bikes outside 2 Cadogan Gardens (the north east corner), 2 virtual bays with a capacity of 4 on the island at the

bottom of Lennox Gardens and 2 virtual bays with a capacity of 4 on the south side of Pont Street on the corner of Lennox Gardens.

Local authorities including RBK&C have asked the government to give them the legislative power to penalise users of improperly parked bikes or their suppliers. It is not clear how the government will respond.

We are glad to see that our MP Joe Powell has taken strong action in support, saying: "Local councils need the necessary powers to regulate e-bikes effectively and tackle anti-social behaviour where it occurs". He has launched his own survey of local opinion, which can be followed on his website.

Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

Some 10 years ago one of the problems in the borough was the nuisance caused by anti-social driving by "supercars" in the Knightsbridge area, especially around Sloane Street. Our campaign against this had two good results:

- In 2015 the Council brought in a PSPO covering "Knightsbridge" (including the MISARA area), prohibiting anti-social behaviour by vehicles between noon and 6am; this was renewed for a further three years in 2018 and extended borough-wide in 2021;
- In 2020 the Council launched a trial of acoustic cameras in hotspots such as Sloane Street, which were made permanent in 2021, and have done much to reduce the problems.

The Council is now consulting, through its website, on a further three year extension to the PSPO. This has our strong support, and we encourage our members to express their own support for the extension of the PSPO by email to pspo@rbkc.gov.uk. Consultation closes on 24 November.

Registration of short term rental properties

Owners of properties in London are allowed to engage in short term letting for a maximum of 90 days per year. This legislation is enforced by Airbnb in respect of bookings on its own website, but not by other booking sites. Owners find it easy to avoid the 90 day restriction by advertising their properties under different names on multiple websites, and acquiring the data to prove breach of the restriction in any given case is difficult if not impossible. Effectively these properties are operating as hotels, but without planning permission, without any staff on the premises, and in breach of fire regulations, health and safety and trading standards.

We described in previous newsletters some appalling anti-social behaviour at Robert Lodge in Milner Street, and at four houses in Hasker Street, which appeared to be in constant use as short term lets. We reported the problems to the Council, which was unable to help.

Fortunately a solution is at hand. S228 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 requires regulations to be made requiring or permitting the registration of specified short term rental properties in England. We wrote to the Leader of the Council, Elizabeth Campbell, to request that RBK&C set up a register, not so as to create unnecessary bureaucracy or interfere in the workings of the market, but simply to enable the Council to take action when things go wrong; we received an encouraging reply from Amanda Reid, Director Planning and Place. The correspondence can be read here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/mrth5fovpytfp7573xx95/Correspondence-re-short-term-rental-properties.docx?rlkey=ij9qz592ugzz8a5nx205nw3ii&dl=0>

The last government announced in February that it would make regulations for the establishment of a new mandatory national register of short term let properties and the landlords who own them; properties let for more than 90 days a year will need planning permission. It was reported in August that the new government will go ahead with the scheme, and we look forward to seeing the regulations when they appear.

South Kensington Development

In our last four newsletters we reported on the major planning application submitted by Native Land for a huge and unwelcome development around South Kensington station. Readers will probably have heard that the appeal to develop the site was finally allowed by the Inspector in December 2023.

The development includes a station capacity upgrade (SCU) and the provision of step-free access (SFA) to the station and the Circle and District lines.

The S106 Agreement between the Council and the developer provides that development cannot commence until sufficient funds are committed and available to carry out the SCU and SFA works, and a SFA phasing strategy is approved by the Council. Also, work on the Bullnose and Thurloe Square buildings cannot commence, and the Pelham Street and Thurloe Street buildings cannot be occupied, until the SCU and SFA works have been completed.

In July 2024 it was announced that the developers were “value engineering” the design. This is a euphemism for reducing construction costs, which typically means a reduction in the quality of materials and detailing.

Construction costs have more or less doubled in the past few years, and the application was first submitted 4 years ago. It was always

going to be a very expensive scheme due to the site’s constraints and local campaigners have always been doubtful about its viability. Now that situation has worsened.

Edna O’Brien RIP

We were sad to read of the death of one of our oldest members, the distinguished novelist Dame Edna O’Brien, on July 27 at the age of 93. Edna lived at 2 Ovington Street, back to back with the Old Court House at 1A Walton Street, whose owner made a planning application in 2012 to build a *three* storey basement (with swimming pool, ballroom etc.) beneath this huge property - which already had an existing basement. MISARA launched a campaign to prevent this monstrous development – the subject dominated proceedings at our AGM in 2012 – with successful result. The owner made several further unwelcome applications, which we managed to resist despite the officers recommending *approval*, and we were only able to declare final victory in 2017.

Edna was very distressed at the prospect of living next to a large and noisy building site, and we were glad to have been able to help.

A plaque in her honour was unveiled outside her old home in Ireland in 2007. We hope that English Heritage will agree to installing a Blue Plaque outside her home in Ovington Street 20 years after her death (the earliest date on which such applications can be considered), and that members of MISARA will remember to contact English Heritage when the time comes!

The Chelsea Society

The Chelsea Society launches frequent initiatives for the greater good of Chelsea, and is often helpful to MISARA in supporting our various causes, especially planning matters. In 2015 it established a Planning

Committee which is currently chaired by Sir Paul Lever, who is also the Brompton and Hans Town ward's representative on the committee. So we warmly recommend all our members to join the Chelsea Society. The annual membership subscription is £30 per individual or £40 for two joint members at the same address, and is payable by direct debit on 1 January. The Society is a charity so subscriptions can benefit from Gift Aid. A membership application form can be downloaded from its informative website: <http://chelseasociety.org.uk/>

MISARA Committee

The committee remains unchanged from last year, and the designated responsibilities of committee members likewise. Their contact details will be circulated separately.

The committee works as a team, with meetings in the morning three times a year. Duties are not onerous but we all make a contribution in different ways. Most members have been on the committee since its inception and are now 19 years older; enthusiasm is apt to wane over time. In addition, Richard Grantley has been chairman for 12 years and would like to hand over to someone else. We therefore need to refresh the committee with new members, including a new chairman.

If members of MISARA value the association and wish it to endure and are willing to play a role in helping with the work, do please consider offering to join the committee: please send an email to milnerresidents@pobox.com or (better still) have a word with one of the committee members at the drinks party after the AGM.

Membership

We currently have nearly 250 households on our membership list. Membership is open to residents in Clabon Mews, First Street, Halsey

Street, Hasker Street, Lennox Gardens, Lennox Gardens Mews, Milner Street, Moore Street, Ovington Street, Rawlings Street, Richards Place and St Catherine's Mews.

We have written to non-members in the area inviting them to join and come to the AGM so please encourage your neighbours to join – do contact us if you want an invitation or enrolment form for any of your neighbours or ask them to email us directly at milnerresidents@pobox.com

Subscriptions

MISARA membership is £5 per annum per household payable by Standing Order. The current subscription period starts from 1 October 2024, though if you pay by Standing Order the annual subscription period runs from the anniversary of the first Standing Order payment.

If you have not paid your annual subscription, could you please set up a Standing Order for £5 per annum - our bank details are Metro Bank, a/c name Milner Street Area Residents' Assoc, a/c no. 47104270, sort code 230580, with your name on the payee reference, and send an email to milnerresidents@pobox.com to confirm that you have done so.

If you are unable to do this please send £5 (cash or cheque payable to Milner Street Area Residents' Assoc) to our membership secretary Andrea Sharp at 16 Hasker Street, London SW3 2LG, or if coming to the AGM you can pay at the door.

Newsletter content

We hope that you find the information in this newsletter interesting and helpful. Much of the news is a continuation of events described in our last newsletter:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/5y4rwpgu1upzo1la744yq/MISARA-Newsletter-Autumn-2023.pdf?rlkey=9a1gxuqiomnweqp8j2jmwjq2w&dl=0>

If you have any questions on the newsletter or if there are any subjects which we have not covered and which you would like us to include in future, please let us know. All comments welcome!