



Churchfield Community Association

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

CHAIR'S OVERVIEW

Like last year, this report is necessarily short as many of our events and activities had to be cancelled or curtailed yet again. This report looks back on the few things we have been able to do this year.

I would firstly like to thank all those who serve on the Executive. We lost our lovely social secretary, Susi Kirkwood as she moved out of Acton in September. However, we welcomed back an original founding member and first ever CCA Chair, Susan Hauser. It is great that she has come back. The Exec has continued to meet via Zoom rather than face to face. Let's hope we can get back to normality soon.

We still have a couple of vacancies on the committee and would welcome anyone who wants to get more involved. It will be hard to replace Susi, but in the hope that we can soon organise some face-to-face social events, we do need a new social secretary. If you are interested in finding out more about our Exec committee, please contact me, Chris Hurley on hello@churchfield.org

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 218 households and businesses as members. If your neighbour is not yet a member, why not ask them to join? They can do so online here: <https://www.churchfield.org/how-to-join>

CONSULTATIONS AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Campaigns and activities

Central Acton Police Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel quarterly meetings.

These resumed from April 2021 with 2 virtual sessions and a joint 'face2face'/virtual meeting in Oct 2021. The panel is made up of representatives from community groups including the CCA within Acton Central Ward who have interests in liaising over local issues. Each meeting reviews the results of the MET Police Acton Central

'OWL' survey sent out to approximately 800+ recipients along with quarterly crime statistics identifying a range of local issues. The outcome is that 3 'Promises' are agreed and Newsletters are published via OWL. Promises have included Restore Public Confidence in the footbridge between Perryn Road and Goldsmith Avenue; Proactive Policing targeting theft from motor vehicles including catalytic converter theft; Visible police presence in parks and open spaces. Other issues have included Re-Imaging the Heart Of Acton (The Mount), Pubwatch, Shopwatch, leafleting car owners vulnerable with brands for Catalytic theft.

Planning applications - Primary concerns: Friary Park (Verdean), Acton Central Station Network Rail, Springfield Park/1 Rosemont Rd. CCA has made representation to LBE on these amongst others.

Covid 19 - The CCA has been a member of the Council's Covid-19 Acton Community Task Group during the last year, which involves a wide range of community groups in Acton. We have been active in passing on information and responding to consultations and have put posters about testing centres and vaccinations on our poster board by Acton Central station.

Resurfacing Churchfield Rd- Western end (The Oaks) has seen long awaited resurfacing of the road in June 2021 at approx cost of £150k

LBE Enforcement Officers started in and around Churchfield Rd March 2021

Parking ticket machines No further progress on 'Out of Order' ticket machines on Churchfield Rd displaying 'Out of Order' for 2 years now, other than 1 has been decommissioned and removed opposite the St Marys Burial Ground.

Bike Huts- cycle storage, more were installed on residential roads in March 2021

LTN 25 Churchfield Rd North- was decommissioned Oct 2021 after trial period and local consultation survey voted against making them permanent.

'**Greener Ealing**' street and parks cleaning, generally people express an improvement since GE took over from the outsourced Amey contractor.

Recycling Centre Acton- much regret in the closure of the Stirling Rd Centre Nov 2021 and sale of land for development. Now fear an increase in Fly Tipping in Acton.

Post Office Update - Gunnersbury Lane post office Counter within '**Budgens**' only opened briefly in Spring 2021 before the whole Budgens store closed permanently 21-03-21 now leaving a vacant retail outlet.

Old Library to cinema project

The CCA has been supportive of this project since it was first mooted and last year we donated £500 to help turn it into a cinema for Acton. Teams of volunteers worked on conversion throughout spring and summer with a 75 seat cinema, gallery and Bears Cafe opening in Sept 2021. Just before the cinema opened, the building was

part of "London Open House" this September. Acton History Group took the lead on this event with members from the CCA and MHPRA plus Cinema volunteers helping on the guided tours of the building and exhibition over the Open House weekend when nearly 100 people visited. Preparations are now in place for the bi-centennial celebrations of Passmore Edwards birth in 2023 and second cinema space in future.

Licensing of Alcohol and late-night food

We continued this year to monitor alcohol and late-night food licence applications in the town centre, making representations to the Council, when appropriate, to encourage responsible licensing practices and reduce alcohol-related anti-social behaviour (ASB). Maureen Colledge continues to lead for the CCA, liaising with local licensing officers and the Metropolitan Police when appropriate and working with Ann Brennan of the Mill Hill Park Residents Association (MHPRA) who monitors applications and makes representations for the MHPRA.

Since last November, three representations have been made. The first, in relation to an off licence in Horn Lane, resulted in removal of high strength alcohol and the applicant agreeing to reduce the hours applied for and to accept conditions on the licence. The second was a coffee bar in the High Street applying for a licence in order to serve alcohol with meals. Again conditions were agreed, including one that alcohol could only be served as ancillary to a meal. The third was a pub in Churchfield Road applying to extend the licencing hours for its outside area beyond 11pm. This attracted several representations from nearby residents and from us on noise and infringement of licence grounds, resulting in the applicant withdrawing the application.

Acton Central Station Noticeboard

During the year we maintained the public noticeboard just outside Acton Central Station advertising local classes, concerts, films, our social events and other activities. A phone number is given on the board for community groups or members wanting to have posters put up.

Social Activities:

CCA social events are open to CCA members and their friends, and also to anyone thinking of joining the CCA. The aim is to offer opportunities to meet up socially with others who live and/or work in our neighbourhood. Over the past year, opportunities to run social activities were restricted again by Covid rules and advice on gatherings.

On 26 May 2021, we were able to hold another enjoyable Putt in the Park evening, followed by a mezze meal at L'Oriental in Churchfield Road. It's good to see L'Oriental - it must be one of, if not the longest-running cafes in Churchfield Road – continuing as the CCA and many other residents saved it a year earlier by objecting to a planning application.

Our main social events have been our online quizzes. Many thanks to our indomitable quizmaster Paul Talbot, who, despite moving to Kent, has continued to

run our quiz nights for us. A total of 4 quizzes during the year plus Christmas 2020 and 2021. Please join us as an individual or a team – they are great fun! Also if you have an idea for a social event, please let us know.

CCA Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met 6 times during the year – Jan, Mar, May, Sept and Nov, plus an emergency meeting this month to discuss the AGM which is being held early in January. This is because the invited speaker, Peter Mason who is the new leader of Ealing Council could not make an earlier date. We have checked the rules and it is fine for us to postpone the AGM for a few weeks to accommodate him!

Newsletter

We produced and distributed 3 hard copy Newsletters during the year :Winter 2020 (in December 2020), Summer 2021 (in May 2021) and Winter 2021 (in December 2021). Our thanks go to our continuing editor, Linda Taylor, who maintains a high standard of design and content for us. Thanks also to all contributors to the Newsletter.

Website

The CCA website at <https://churchfield.org> has had a few updates over the year. Probably the most useful is that the Events list has had a makeover. It is now easier for us to update - so tell us of events that you would like to see listed - and it is now possible to load events into your smartphone and computer so that you are less likely to forget them! To export them from the CCA website go to <https://churchfield.org/events> and click on "Export events" at the bottom of the page.

Note - this gives you a snapshot of the events - they do not update automatically from then on - so do check back periodically. This might not work for every combination of computer software and phone - so sorry in advance if it does not for you. The Directory section of the site has been updated with links and other information refreshed. If you have other local organisations that you think should be there or corrections to be made then send an email using the link on that page <https://churchfield.org/directory>

CCA email list

All members can use our email list to communicate with each other. Most CCA members are in the mailing list ... but not all. If you are not a member on the list or your email address has changed, then you might have been missing out on announcements of events in the area or the CCA quiz that has been held online.

To subscribe please use <https://mailmanlists.uk/mailman/listinfo/cca> and fill in your details and submit the form. The email address to send to CCA members en masse if you are looking for a builder, to advertise an event or anything else (within reason of course!) is cca@mailmanlists.uk

Please remember to notify us if your email address changes.

Social media

The CCA has a 'public' **Facebook** page, which now has 281 members and links to many other local groups.

Compiled by CCA Chair Chris Hurley – thanks to Exec members for your contributions

The Executive 2020/21

Chair Chris Hurley
Secretary Maureen Colledge
Treasurer Matthew Stower
Membership, planning and website: Paul Webster
Social activities Susi Kirkwood (to September)
Campaigns David Wootton
Member: Susan Hauser (from November)