

Outer Avenue Residents Association (OARA)

Treasurer's report for period ended 31 December 2016

There have been no changes to the OARA constitution during 2016. The membership card scheme introduced in 2012 was retained in 2016, but the suggested annual fee was raised to £5.00. Card-holders are entitled to various discounts negotiated with local stores. Holding a card is not mandatory for membership which was and continues to be based on residence within the OARA area. Membership fees of £477.00 (£449.00 in 2015) were collected during the year. The OARA Committee membership was elected for the year to 31 December 2015 at the AGM on 26 January 2016. There have been three ordinary general meetings and eight committee meetings during 2016. Membership of the Committee and minutes of all meetings are available on the OARA website at: www.outeravenueresidents.co.uk .

During 2016, the Greening Group has concentrated on maintaining the planters in Avenue Road and Alma Road, the cut-through from Gordon Ave to Westwood Road and the border in Clifford Dibben Mews. The Group has also supplied a number of planted half barrels sited on various property frontages without full front gardens. Some have been co-funded by landlords. The Group planted its 50th signature tree during 2016.

A fifth 'Big Lunch' street party event was held in the summer. OARA also held a 'get to know each other' soup party in October for residents and students. The weather was kind to both events. A Christmas party was held at the Guide Dog Public House. All three events were well attended and benefitted from live music from locally based bands including the Ukofonics. OARA has organised twice-monthly litter collections around the area throughout the year to improve the appearance of the streets. The local police Community unit continues to support OARA. OARA has taken a keen interest in local planning issues, but these have not had financial implications in the accounts.

The Common Ground charter developed by OARA in 2014 aims to maintain the positive aspects of the area to make it a better place for all to live through the identification and promotion of common values amongst residents, local businesses, landlords and the students and others who rent their properties. One landlord has made donations to OARA in return for members keeping the bins of his houses tidy.

In 2013 OARA launched the Bevois Mount History Group which has produced calendars for 2015, 2016 and 2017 with historic photos and pictures of the area. Its 2016 project was to raise funds to finance a locally themed mural on the side wall of "Bitter Virtue", which was completed in July 2016. Fundraising included the "Blue Door" Art Fair in the spring which raised £588 towards the total cost of the mural of £2,981. A second Art Fair was held at the Blue Door in November which raised net funds of £469 for a future project. The Group's Facebook page may be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/bevoismounthistory> .

OARA starts its seventh year of operation and will agree its priorities for 2017 at the AGM on 23 January 2017. OARA holds sufficient reserves to allow it to make bids for grants which require some match-funding.

Andrew Haslehurst,
Treasurer

OARA Income and Expenditure Account to 31 December 2016

	2015	2016
	£	£
Income		
Members' voluntary donations	449.00	477.00
Donations from non-members - to General Funds	-	68.50
Donations from non-members - to Greening Group	33.60	48.00
Greening Group activities	584.62	499.46
History Group activities	940.00	3,809.78
Smart Streets Group - Bin Buddy scheme	852.00	510.00
Other miscellaneous income	73.70	491.30
Grants - S.C.C.	100.00	-
Other Grants - Waitrose for Greening Group	277.00	-
	<u>3,309.92</u>	<u>5,904.04</u>
Expenditure		
Greening Project - Alma/Avenue Road Planters & barrels	299.97	469.86
Greening Project - Signature Trees	272.22	236.30
Greening Project - Waitrose Community Grant	277.00	-
History Group - Calendars and Mural costs	415.00	4,078.18
General fund expenditure	408.98	1,036.69
Grant Expenditure - S.C.C.	100.00	-
	<u>1,773.17</u>	<u>5,821.03</u>
Surplus at 31 December	<u>1,536.75</u>	<u>83.01</u>

OARA Balance sheet for period ended 31 December 2016

	At 31 Dec	At 31 Dec
	2015	2016
	£	£
Assets		
Cash at Bank	3,431.68	3,514.69
Current Liabilities		
Due for calendar costs as at 31 Dec	(132.50)	-
	<u>3,299.18</u>	<u>3,514.69</u>
Members' Funds		
Greening Group	252.52	93.82
History Group	392.50	124.10
General reserve	3,046.66	3,296.77
	<u>3,299.18</u>	<u>3,514.69</u>

Treasurer:



Inspected by:

